

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT
SLINGER, WISCONSIN
January 24, 2022
High School IMC

Routine Business:

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Strupp at 7:00 PM in High School IMC.

Members answering roll were: Ken Strupp, Bruce Hassler, Gary Feltz, Jody Strupp, Roman Weninger, Joe Havey, and Cherie Rhodes. Also present were administrator and directors: Daren Sievers, Jim Curler, Ben Frazer, Karen Hug, Patrick Armstrong, Phil Ourada, Griffin Glapa, Joel Dziedzic, Kari Lutter, Rebecca Schneider and twenty (20) in person guests and eighteen (18) on-line/phone guests.

Sievers affirmed the public notice.

After review and discussion of the minutes presented, motion by Weninger, seconded by Feltz, to approve the three (3) sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers reviewed the highlights of the financial report and asked if there were any questions regarding the information presented. After discussion, there was a motion by Hassler, seconded Weninger, to dispense with the reading of the financial statement and approve as presented. Motion carried.

After discussion and clarifications of the voucher report, there was a motion by Weninger, seconded by Feltz, to approve payroll check numbers 58737-58745 and payroll direct deposit numbers 901059293-901059995 totaling \$1,061,028.07 and A/P check numbers 137627-137844, A/P ACH numbers 212200627-212200759, and wire transfers totaling \$1,665,691.04 (to include any voided transactions as presented). Motion carried.

New Business:

Public Comments and Questions:

In Person:

Bill Brewer – Encourages the Board to review vaccinated vs unvaccinated status in the return to school plans. Thanks the Administration for posting additional COVID information on the District website but to please utilize district/community medical talents for additional information.

Laurel Harmon – Would like to see a policy created around CRT and requests the Board to do their homework on how CRT can enter the curriculum.

Robin Hora – Would like an update on the ELA curriculum review cycle currently in progress.

Kelly Erkkila – Should be an unknown as to whether students are vaccinated or unvaccinated; students should be treated equal.

Comments Sent In: None at this time.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Sievers presented a report on his most recent Business Owner Meeting held by the Village of Slinger. A “State of the Village” and “State of the School District” was given to a group of 50-70 business leaders. It was a perfect opportunity to inform the community of the great condition our Board has the District for now and the future. Viewed the promotional video created by the Village.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept three letters of resignation; two from Slinger Middle School educational assistants, Jim Vielbaum and Jamie Frazer, and one from Slinger High School educational assistant, Carrie Jorgenson. The Board wishes to thank them for their years of service to the district. Motion by Rhodes, seconded by J Strupp, to approve the three letters of resignation. Motion carried

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept two letters of retirement from Addison Elementary health room assistant, Cindi Brewer and Allenton Elementary Teacher, Karen Hau to begin with the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year. The Board wishes to thank them for their years of service to the district. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hassler, to approve the two letters of retirement as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers, Curler, and Hug presented a report on the federal COVID funding dispersed by the state thus far. Sievers asked for community input on the spending of ESSER III funding in the amount of \$476,789 as per federal requirements. The Administrative team is requesting the funds to be used for replacement of the elementary curriculum that will allow a more user friendly virtual option for prolonged absences and close learning gaps at all grade levels as well as a chiller in the Addison Elementary gym and Slinger Elementary gym for better air quality.

Public comments:

Laurel Harmon –Be sure CRT is not in the new curriculum and do progress monitoring on skills for learning loss.

Kelly Erkkila – Clarification on Equity. Inquired about GEERS funding (Slinger does not qualify).

Robin Hora – Read recommendations on ESSER funding and asks Board to be extra vigilant not to bring in CRT.

Bill Brewer – Would like to have the ESSER sheet of the funds and would like to be sure our 20% of ESSER III is for everyone. Requesting to have public input on safety plan.

After further discussion, the Board scheduled a follow up meeting (inviting the public) to finalize the decision on the ESSER III expenditures. The meeting will be held Monday, February 28th at 6:00PM.

Sievers presented a report on the status of the Gensman property sale. This line item will be tabled to next month as three acres of the land have restrictions tied to it and more information is needed before the closing can take place.

Sievers presented a revision of the fencing project (approved at the 11/22/2021 Board meeting) located by the JV baseball diamond to a more permanent solution. Original proposal was \$22,000 (5-8 year life of the netting); revised proposal for a more permanent fencing solution is \$30,000 (50 year life). Board agreed to go with the more permanent solution.

Curler presented a report from the most recent Policy Committee meeting and conducted the one required reading of the following policies:

The following policies were reviewed and no changes were made:

346- Testing programs

347- Student Records

347 Rule- Guidelines for confidentiality

351- Summer School

352- Field Trips

352 Rule 2- Extended Field Trips/Foreign Study

361.1- Selection of instructional materials

361.1- Rule- Guidelines for selection of instructional materials

361.1- exhibit- Request form for reconsideration of instructional materials

361.3- Selection of films/other media

361.5- Copyright

- 362..1- Interlibrary loans
- 363.3- tech for students with special needs
- 371- Student organizations
- 374- Student fundraising
- 374 rule- student fundraising guidelines
- 375.1- Student/teacher participation in state and national competitions
- 377- Interscholastic athletics
- 381.1- Teaching about religion
- 383- Animals in schools
- 383.1 Service/companion animals on school premises.

The following policies were reviewed and changes were made to these policies:

- 345.62- Participation in Commencement- Change made for first semester graduates
- 352 rule 1-Field trip guidelines- Change made from will pay- to may pay to allow for flexibility. Allow for non-bus transportation if proper protocol is followed
- 364- Guidance and counseling program- added sentence on other legally protected classifications and status'
- 370- Extracurricular activities/programs- added sentence on other legally protected classifications and status'

Motion by Rhodes, seconded by J Strupp, to accept the policies as presented. Motion carried.

Curler reviewed December's annual report on the District's open enrollment capacity and where we currently stand for the 2022-23 school year. This is a two month process per DPI requirements. Motion by Havey, seconded by Weninger, to accept the enrollment limits as presented. Motion carried.

Rhodes presented a report on the most recent WASB (WI Association of School Boards) Delegate Assembly from the State Convention. WASB held their 101st state convention last week in person. 2300 participants. Thanked the board for their participation and shared the results from the Delegate Assembly. All 10 resolutions did pass. Rhodes was thankful for her opportunity network, attend sessions and to represent Slinger as the Region 15 Director for the WASB Board.

Sievers presented a report regarding recent critical matters related to COVID-19 plans for the 2021-22 school year. Review of the Slinger School District Dashboard and County Dashboard for 2021-22.

Public Comments and Questions:

In Person:

William Crawley- Has Slinger adopted a sex ed program for our elementary students and if yes do we require parent consent? Curler corresponded that the optional program is after school and parents are in attendance with their student.

Kelly Erkkila – CRT bill currently at the State Assembly, clarify funds from sale of Gensman property, buy a prom dress for this year?

Laurel Harmon – Very grateful for Sievers and his years of service with the District.

Bill Brewer – Applaud the WASB's stance regarding withdrawing participation with NSBA, National School Board Association, and would like a copy of the Policy & Resolutions book presented about by Rhodes. Reiterated request to track vaccinated vs. unvaccinated absence rates with the information provided to the school by families.

Future Dates to Remember:

February 16 th	HR/Budget Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
February 28 th	Open Forum for ESSER III Funding	6:00 PM

February 28 th	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
March 28 th	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
March 28 th	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
April 25 th	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Motion by Weninger, seconded by Rhodes to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Rhodes, Clerk