

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SLINGER, WISCONSIN  
February 28, 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, Gary Feltz, Jody Strupp, Roman Weninger, Joe Havey, and Cherie Rhodes. Bruce Hassler was excused. Also present were administrator and directors: Daren Sievers, Jim Curler, Ben Frazer, Karen Hug, Patrick Armstrong, Cheri Day, Phil Ourada, Griffin Glapa, Kari Lutter, Rebecca Schneider and twenty-three (23) in person guests and twenty-six (26) on-line/phone guests.

Sievers affirmed the public notice.

After review and discussion of the minutes presented, motion by Weninger, seconded by Rhodes, to approve the four (4) 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 Weninger, seconded by Feltz, 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 Rhodes, seconded by Havey, to approve payroll check numbers 58746-58751 and payroll direct deposit numbers 901059996-901060713 totaling \$1,099,356.35 and A/P check numbers 137724-137733, 137845-138079, A/P ACH numbers 212200760-212200901, and wire transfers totaling \$2,199,406.21 (to include any voided transactions as presented). Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Public Comment and Question:

In Person:

Bill Brewer – Would like the Board of Education to be pro-active in having a policy on CRT, race, stereotypes, and gender. He will provide a draft policy for review.

Laurel Harmon – Unrealistic to think CRT will not surface in Slinger.

Comments Sent In: None at this time.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Sievers requested that the report on the recent Slinger Middle School Musical be postponed and rescheduled for the March meeting when Dan Moldenhauer, musical director, can be present.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept a letter of retirement from Addison Elementary special education teacher Jenny Marchewka upon the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year. The Board wishes to thank Jenny for her many years of service to the district. Motion by J. Strupp, seconded by Feltz, to approve her letter of retirement as presented. Motion carried

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept a letter of retirement from High School biology teacher Mike Graff to conclude with the 2021-22 school year. The Board wishes to thank Mike for his many years of service to the district. Motion by Weninger, seconded by J. Strupp, to approve his letter of retirement as presented. Motion carried

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept a letter requesting a one year childrearing sabbatical from Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher Anna Koepke for the 2022-23 school year. Motion by Rhodes, seconded by Havey, to approve the childrearing sabbatical request as presented. Motion carried

Curler presented a report on the Assistant Superintendent hiring process and introduced Kristi Brooks, the newly hired Assistant Superintendent starting with the 2022-23 school year. A warm welcome was given to Ms. Brooks.

Hug presented an administrative recommendation to open a savings account at Forte Bank for the benefit of fund raising through utilizing the Square for point of sale and on-line purchases. PBO groups are now a part of the District bookkeeping and a separate account needs to be set up outside the general account. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Feltz, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept a 3 year contract extension with TASC Cleaning Service. The rate sheet reflects a 5% increase for the first year of the contract 2022-23, 3% increase for the second year of the contract 2023-24, and 2.5% increase for 2024-25. After discussion by the Board, there was a request to have this topic tabled and have Tony Goodenough, TASC owner, be present at the next Building and Grounds committee meeting in March to discuss the contract in more depth.

Sievers and Curler presented a report on the federal ESSER funding dispersed by the state thus far and a recap of the public forum held earlier in the evening to include community input on the spending of ESSER III funding. Motion by Feltz, seconded by Weninger, to approve the spending plan of ESSER III funds as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented a report on the status of the Gensman property sale. The district's attorney advised that the district accept a thirty-day extension to the closing date. The thirty-day extension was granted.

Sievers presented a report regarding recent critical matters related to COVID-19 plans for the 2021-22 school year. The number of positive cases overall are the most favorable since March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. After discussion, a motion by Havey, seconded by Weninger, to discontinue the daily emails to staff and parents but continue to update the dashboard on the district website was presented. Motion carried

Rhodes presented a report from the most recent Budget/HR committee resulting in Sievers presenting recommendations to accept coaching/advising pay raises to Appendix A of the Teacher Handbook, resolution 22-6 support staff salary increases, and resolution 22-7 teacher salary increases for the 2022-23 school year. Motion by Rhodes, seconded by Havey, to accept the increases to the coaching/advising pay raises to Appendix A of the teacher handbook as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Rhodes, seconded by Feltz, to accept the support staff increases as presented on resolution 22-6. Motion carried (Weninger and Havey both abstained from voting due to conflict of interest). Motion by Weninger, seconded by Havey, to accept the teacher salary increases as presented on resolution 22-7. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment and Question Period:**

In Person:

Laura Landvatter - Recognition is worthy of all state athletes.

Kristina Mueller – Thank you for hosting the community special needs basketball game.

**Future Dates to Remember:**

March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Policy Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

The board will go into closed session under state statute 19.85 (1)(f) to have follow up discussion on expulsion of a student. Motion by Feltz, seconded by Weninger, to move into closed session at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Havey, seconded by Jody Strupp to re-enter open session at 8:55 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhodes, seconded by Feltz to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Rhodes, Clerk