

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT
SLINGER, WISCONSIN
March 18, 2024
High School IMC**

Routine Business:

The meeting was called to order by President Roman Weninger at 7:00 PM in the High School IMC.

Members answering roll were: Roman Weninger, Ken Strupp, Gary Feltz, Cherie Rhodes, Jodi Strupp, Brenda Lighthizer, and Heidi Lofy. Also present were administrator and directors: Jim Curler, Kristi Brooks, Karen Hug, Patrick Armstrong, Gail Recker, Phil Ourada, Kari Lutter, Joel Dziedzic, Griffin Glapa, Becky Schneider, and twenty (20) in person guests.

Curler affirmed the public notice.

After review and discussion of the minutes presented, motion by Feltz, seconded by Lofy, to approve the two (2) sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Hug reviewed the highlights of the financial report and asked if there were any additional questions regarding the information presented. After discussion, there was a motion by K Strupp, seconded by Rhodes, 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 Feltz, seconded J Strupp, to approve payroll check numbers 58862-58863 and payroll direct deposit numbers 901076930-90107307 totaling \$593,727.12 and A/P check numbers 142846-142998, A/P ACH numbers 232401112-232401243, and wire transfers totaling \$1,827,205.67 (to include any voided transactions as presented). Motion carried.

New Business:

Public Comment and Question session was granted. Weninger reminded the audience of the District procedure for this part of the meeting.

Correspondence: None

Superintendent's Update:

Washington County Police Dept will be using our Addison building on June 18th for training.

Mike Daniels will be moving from Athletic Director to Associate Principal at the High School beginning July 1, 2024.

ACT testing is complete and Forward testing will begin soon.

Curler introduced Heather Peters, Adam Kieckhafer, and Graham Wesley, High School band/choir teachers, to present on the next band/choir trip to Hawaii in November-December 2025. This request occurs every 3 years and students wait for this opportunity. Motion by Rhodes, seconded by Lighthizer, to accept the trip as presented. Motion carried.

Curler presented an administrative recommendation to approve a letter of resignation from High School Associate Principal, Kevin Bryant. The Board would like to thank Bryant for his three years of service to the

District and his initiative on Project Adam. Motion by J Strupp, seconded by K Strupp, to approve the letter of resignation as presented. Motion carried.

Hug presented Resolution 24-5; Authorizing the transfer of funds, the establishment of an escrow account with respect to and the defeasance of certain of the general obligation corporate purpose bonds, dated May 3, 2016. The defeasance of \$400,000 was approved in fall as part of the tax levy/revenue limit calculation in order to stabilize the mill rate due to an increase in equalized value and maintain levy control. The referendum bonds are first callable in 2026 so these added funds will sit in an escrow account until then, saving the District on total interest paid and shortening the duration of the 2016 bonds. Final debt payment is in 2033. Motion by Feltz, seconded by Lofy, to approve Resolution 24-5 as presented. Motion carried.

Curler and Recker gave a quarterly update on the District's new health insurance platform for 2023-24. As of the end of February the District has a favorable balance of \$630,000. With six months in and a couple glitches due to changes in carries and providers, the plan is off to a great start.

Curler presented an administrative recommendation to approve recently submitted bids for the summer locker room construction project. After discussion, there was a motion by K Strupp, seconded by Feltz, to approve and accept the bid from JP Cullen as presented. Motion carried.

Weninger introduced Jim Bednar from Algoma Hardwoods, Inc. Bednar presented a recommendation to do a selection harvest on the District owned land located south of Hwy 60 and east of Hwy 41. This tree harvesting method would preserve the good trees that are there (60%) and promote new growth for sustainability and forest management. After discussion, the Board requested a reference list to learn more about the success of such a project before deciding. The District could profit approx. \$16,000 if approved.

Rhodes presented an update from the Consortium of State School Boards Association. Hot topics include AI (artificial intelligence), DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion), parental rights, and school safety. School safety and security is a concern and the development of a safety committee at the Board level will be discussed further. A shift to a committee as a whole vs individual committees will also be discussed.

Public Comment and Question session was granted.

Future Dates to Remember:

March 21 st	Transportation Committee Meeting	7:00 AM
April 22 nd	Policy Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
April 22 nd	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
May 13 th	Special Board Meeting-Closed	5:30 PM
May 20 th	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
May 20 th	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Motion by J Strupp, seconded by K Strupp, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Rhodes, Clerk