

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT
SLINGER, WISCONSIN
March 20, 2023
High School IMC**

Routine Business:

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

Members answering roll were: Ken Strupp, Roman Weninger, Jody Strupp, Joe Havey, Bruce Hassler, and Gary Feltz. Cherie Rhodes called in by phone. Also present were administrator and directors: James Curler, Kristi Brooks, Karen Hug, Patrick Armstrong, Ben Frazer, Gail Recker, Phil Ourada, Griffin Glapa, Becky Schneider, and (18) eighteen in person guests.

Curler affirmed the public notice.

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

Hug 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 Feltz, seconded by J Strupp, 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 Havey, to approve payroll check numbers 58836-58841 and payroll direct deposit numbers 901068599-901069342 totaling \$1,142,740.53 and A/P check numbers 140454-140662, A/P ACH numbers 222300954-222301134, and wire transfers totaling \$2,564,857.55 (to include any voided transactions as presented). Motion carried.

New Business:

Public Comment and Question session was granted. K Strupp reminded the audience of the Board's guidelines for this portion of the meeting.

Correspondence: None

Superintendent's Update:

- Recognition of board member Bruce Hassler. Hassler has served the community by being a school board member for the past 33 years and has decided to retire from the position.

Curler presented an administrative recommendation to accept a letter of retirement from Slinger Elementary instructional assistant, Nancy Koehler, beginning with the 2023-24 school year. The Board wishes to thank her for her 21 years of service to the District. Curler also presented an administrative recommendation to accept a letter of retirement from Allenton Elementary art teacher, Patrice Wetak, beginning with the 2023-24 school year. The Board wishes to thank her for her 31 years of service to the District. Motion by Hassler, seconded by Weninger, to accept the two letters of retirement as presented. Motion carried.

Curler presented an administrative recommendation to approve a new technology firewall purchase that is over the purchasing threshold pursuant to district policy number 672. Armstrong explained the larger

purchase and reasoning for going with a different vendor. The new contract has a 5 year license renewal cycle. Motion by Havey, seconded by Feltz, to approve Fortinet as the new firewall provider. Motion carried.

Curler presented an administrative recommendation from the Building and Grounds committee meeting to approve a soccer team room and storage area within an existing shed near the high school football field and close to the existing soccer field. Bid from R.A. Pinno & Sons Construction, Inc came within budget at \$165,000. Motion by Hassler, seconded by J Strupp, to approve the renovation project as presented. Motion carried.

Curler presented an administrative recommendation from the Human Resource/Budget committee to approve the addition of a middle school special education teacher for the upcoming school year. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Feltz, to approve the new middle school position as presented. Motion carried.

Curler presented Resolution 23-5; 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 \$2.5M 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. 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. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hassler, to approve Resolution 23-5 as presented. Motion carried.

Curler presented an administrative recommendation from the Transportation committee meeting to approve a 5% increase to the Riteway contract for the 2023-24 school year. Motion by Hassler, seconded by Weninger, to accept the transportation increase as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment and Question session was granted.

Updated future meeting dates confirmed:

April 24 th	Curriculum Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
April 24 th	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
May 15 th	Closed Meeting	5:30 PM
May 15 th	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting	6:45 PM
May 22 nd	Policy Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
May 22 nd	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Motion by Havey, seconded by K Strupp (as Hassler was passed the gavel and block), to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherie Rhodes, Clerk