

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SLINGER, WISCONSIN  
March 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, Bruce Hassler and Cherie Rhodes. Also present were administrator and directors: Daren Sievers, Ben Frazer, Karen Hug, Patrick Armstrong, Phil Ourada, Griffin Glapa, Kari Lutter, Rebecca Schneider, Joel Dziedzic and forty-seven (47) in person guests and forty-six (46) 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 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 Feltz, to approve payroll check numbers 58753-58769 and payroll direct deposit numbers 901060714-901061808 totaling \$1,673,497.90 and A/P check numbers 137734-137738, 138080-138253, A/P ACH numbers 212200902-212201026, and wire transfers totaling \$1,780,289.50 (to include any voided transactions as presented). Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Public Comment and Question session was granted. K. Strupp reminded the attendees of the 90 second rule and that there will be no responses from the Board during this session. If a response is warranted, the Board will follow-up at the next meeting. Rhodes also informed the Board of the change in procedure for documenting the Public Comment and Question session based on Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) legal counsel. The District is not required to keep record of this session so the minutes will not reflect individual names or statements going forward.

Correspondence: Nothing at this time.

Sievers presented a report on the recent Slinger Middle School Musical. Musical director and present choir director, Dan Moldenhauer was present to provide a more in depth discussion on the past two very successful performances.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept three (3) letters of resignation; one from Slinger Middle School Special Education Teacher, Josh Taylir upon the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year, one from Asst. Manager of Building and Grounds, Matt Seiser with April 1<sup>st</sup> being his last day in the District, and one from Technology Department Secretary, Annette Bock with last day of work being March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board wishes to thank them for their years of service to the District. Motion by J. Strupp, seconded

by Rhodes, to approve the three (3) letters of resignation as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept a letter retirement from Slinger Middle School Band Director, Kathy Galezio upon the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year. The Board wishes to thank Kathy for her many years of service to the District. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Havey, to approve her letter of retirement as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented on the District's 4K-12 curriculum guides and when these guides were updated. In June of 2021 the District received the request from a parent group and in July the District supplied the guides with both parties knowing they were not up to date. Staff had utilized the October in-service day to update their curriculum guides and in early November the guides were supplied to the parent group. There was transparency and clarity during the whole process.

Sievers presented a follow-up report on the curricular requirements connected with the use of ESSER III federal funding. Documentation from State Representative, Rick Gundrum, and the State of Wisconsin Fiscal Bureau were presented to alleviate the worries brought up at previous meetings that receiving the ESSER funding would open the door for certain curriculum requirements to be taught. The documents address that there are no curriculum requirements for the receipt of funds related to the adoption of a particular curricula or inclusion of topics in curricula or lesson planning.

Sievers presented a report from the most recent Curriculum Committee meeting regarding continuation of on-line learning for the 2022-23 school year and the adoption of new English/Language/Arts programs in grades 4K-2 and grades 3-5. After discussion by the full Board, an administrative recommendation to discontinue the on-line learning option for the 2022-23 school year was presented. Motion by Havey, seconded by J. Strupp, to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried. After discussion and gratitude to those who presented and worked with the new curriculum, an administrative recommendation to approve the new ELA curriculum for the 2022-23 school year was presented. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Rhodes, to approve the curriculum as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept a 5 year contract extension with National Insurance Services (NIS), the District's insurance consulting service. NIS has been with the District for seven years and has saved the District significant dollars by advocating on our behalf. The contract guarantees a 2% increase annually. Motion by Rhodes, seconded by Weninger, to accept the 5 year contract as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented a follow up report from the last Board meeting in regards to questions raised about the 3 year contract extension with TASC Cleaning Services. Sievers then presented an administrative recommendation to accept the 3 year contract extension with TASC Cleaning Service. The rate sheet reflects an overall 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 further discussion by the Board, a motion by Weninger, seconded by Hassler, was made to accept the 3 year contract as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented an update from the most recent contract negotiations with Riteway Bus Company. A transportation committee meeting will not be scheduled prior to the next Board meeting in order to approve next year's contract. The Board agreed to the proposed 5% increase for the 2022-23 school year. The bussing contract will be officially approved at the April meeting.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept and approve resolution 22-8 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. This resolution is regarding the \$750,000 that was added to the fund 39 referendum amount on the Revenue Limit Worksheet that was approved in October to set the tax levy. This amount helped to stabilize the mill rate due to an increase in Equalized

Value. The referendum bonds are first callable in 2026 so these additional funds will sit in an escrow account until then, saving the District approximately \$235,000 on total interest paid. Motion by Havey, seconded by Hassler, to approve resolution 22-8 as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented a report on the status of the Gensman land sale agreement. The deadline to close has now been extended until August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will need to do a budget adjustment with the state due to a significant change in revenue and expenditures. The original budget had a \$2.16M revenue line item with a transfer going to Fund 46. DPI uses the current budget to estimate the following year's July aid payment and we want that to be as accurate as possible.

Sievers presented a report regarding recent critical matters related to COVID-19 during the 2021-22 school year.

**Public Comment and Question session was granted.**

**Future Dates to Remember:**

April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Policy Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Closed Board Meeting (teacher evals)	6:00 PM
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Closed Board Meeting (admin evals)	7:30 PM
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Motion by Hassler, seconded by Rhodes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherie Rhodes, Clerk