

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SLINGER, WISCONSIN**  
**October 25, 2021**  
**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, Joe Havey, Bruce Hassler, Gary Feltz, Jody Strupp, Roman Weninger and Cherie Rhodes. Also present were administrator and directors: Daren Sievers, Jim Curler, Ben Frazer (on-line), Karen Hug (on-line), and 21 in person guests and 58 on-line/phone guests.

Sievers affirmed the public notice.

After review and discussion of the minutes presented, motion by Weninger, seconded by Hassler, to approve the four (4) sets of minutes as discussed/presented. Motion carried.

Havey and Sievers reviewed the highlights of the financial report and asked if there were any questions on the financial report. After discussion, there was a motion by Feltz, seconded 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 58722-58730 and payroll direct deposit numbers 901057126-901057866 totaling \$1,164,105.49 and A/P check numbers 137002-137279, A/P ACH numbers 212200251-212200396, and wire transfers totaling \$1,755,479.98. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Public Comments and Questions:**

**In Person:**

Rick Gundrum – Thank you for your cooperation with the parent group. Recommend that the Slinger School Board set policy that mirrors the State Legislature’s intent of Assembly Bill 411.

Laurel Harmon – Supports parent group looking into CRT entry into district curriculum; District needs a clear policy not to allow CRT into the curriculum.

Kelly Erkkila – Thankful for the way we are handling COVID quarantine this year. Children are now in school instead of at home. Vaccines should not be given at school, should be at a medical facility.

Pam Watson-Konrath – Began reading a letter that was sent to all district staff from the parent group.

Robyn Hora – Continued reading letter Ms. Konrath started.

Christy Burg – Opposes the process being utilized to address the parent group’s CRT concerns and she also does not believe the group has identified any instances of CRT to date.

**Comments Sent In:**

April Zimmer – Supports masking being optional / Supports no CRT in district curriculum

Rob Herda – Supports masking being optional / Supports no CRT in district curriculum

Sievers shared a follow up from last month’s meeting regarding an elementary school concern on a presidential/political view that was discussed in class. The parent and administration followed the current policy and a resolution was reached that was favorable for all involved.

#### Correspondence:

Chris Hitler, owner of storage units adjacent to school property, has concerns about potential damage to his property from foul balls off the JV baseball field. He is asking for netting to be installed by the District. Estimate of \$14,000 to \$16,000 was presented for 30 ft minimum coverage. Further discussion needed.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept a letter of retirement from Slinger Middle School art teacher, Gail Hefti. The Board wishes to thank Hefti for her 24 years of service to the district. Motion by Weninger, seconded by Hassler, to approve the letter of retirement to begin January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Motion carried.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to approve the Dual Credit Course requests for college attendance for second semester. Motion by Hassler, seconded by Rhodes, to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers and Feltz presented a report from the Budget Committee regarding the topics discussed at the most recent meeting. Multiple tax levy scenarios were presented to the Board to aid in deciding on the District tax levy for 2022. Due to a favorable equalized valuation and state aid amount the District has the ability to make an additional principal payment on debt without increasing school taxes. This decision will need to be finalized in order to submit the levy to the municipalities by November and set the 2021-22 final budget.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to approve resolution 22-5 to set the 2021-22 budget and 2022 tax levy. Motioned by Weninger, seconded by Feltz. Motion carried.

Curler presented an administrative recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 academic calendar as presented. Motioned by Rhodes, seconded by Havey. Motion carried.

Sievers and Curler presented a report from the Curriculum Committee Meeting regarding the topics discussed at the most recent meeting. HS teachers, Grimm and Wolf, did a great job explaining how they teach their curriculum/subject area. Course guides are not quite up to date due to COVID and trying to teach the students in person and on-line but Curler assured the board that the guides will be posted and up to date soon. Sievers went over the current curriculum policy for parents to follow if they do not agree with the teachings of the course/teacher. The process should be more productive going forward for all involved.

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

#### 1. Slinger School District Dashboard and County Dashboard for 2021-2022

- Current County conditions (as of Friday, Oct. 22) - lowest the burden rate has been since Sept 4 (the start of school) and lower today than a year ago.
- Current District conditions – same today as one year ago and a decline today from last week

#### 2. Current School Safety Mitigation Practices

- Masking not required at this time
- Quarantine of all positive cases (vaccinated or not)
- Quarantine of all in-family close contacts (unless vaccinated and symptom free)
- Expanded 6-12 notification process – Per Board guidance from last month's meeting, the buildings are notifying parents via group email (and not personal phone call) for contact tracing. The process takes the same amount of time but it is well received.
- Thresholds for increased mitigation efforts? Sievers provided an overview of options if the board should want to implement thresholds. After discussion, the Board will continue current practice and will be available for any last-minute recommendations due to changing information.

#### 3. Other

- County expects 5–12-year-old access to vaccine very soon
- Additional items? None at this time

**Public Comments and Questions:**

**In-Person:**

Bill Brewer: Recent October curriculum meeting was a learning experience. Clarification that the parent group is not accusing teachers of teaching CRT. Thankful for the cooperation.

Kelly Erkkila: Question on Lexia software brought up in voucher review. Curler to follow-up.

Megan Pedersen: Appreciative of curriculum review effort to be proactive. Supports parent group looking into CRT entry into district curriculum.

Pam Watson –Konrath: Dual credit options is a great opportunity for our students.

**Future Dates to Remember:**

November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	HR Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Policy Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	WASB Convention	8:00 AM
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

The board will go into closed session under state statute 19.85 1(f) to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion by Hassler, seconded by Weninger to move into closed session pursuant to state statute 19.85(1) (f) to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Strupp, seconded by Hassler to re-enter open session at 8:45 PM. Motion carried.

Motion by Havey, seconded by J Strupp to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Rhodes, Clerk