

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SLINGER, WISCONSIN**  
**August 23, 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, Patrick Armstrong, Ben Frazer, Karen Hug, and 25 in person guests and 61 on-line/phone guests.

Sievers affirmed the public notice.

After review and discussion of the minutes presented, Havey had a correction to the July regular board minutes. Motion by Weninger, seconded by J. Strupp, to approve the corrected two (2) sets of minutes as discussed. 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 Rhodes, seconded Weninger, 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 Hassler, seconded by Feltz, to approve payroll check numbers 58712-58713 and payroll direct deposit numbers 901056620-901056694 totaling \$89,105.42 and A/P check numbers 136652-136756, A/P ACH numbers 212200048-212200110, and wire transfers totaling \$1,998,806.96. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Public Comments and Questions:**

In Person:

Bill Brewer – Thank you to the administration for cooperation with CRT concerns. Thank you to Ben Frazer for the upkeep of the school grounds

Sherrie Meyer-Peter – Supports masks should not be required. Thank you to the board and administration for cooperation with CRT concerns.

Karl Wolf – Thanked the Board for their continued support of the awesome band and athletics programs.

Heather Rahlf – Supports masks should be required.

Robynn Hora – Supports masks should not be required.

Kristina Mueller – Supports masks should be required.

Laura Kusko – Supports masks should not be required.

Dr Michelle DeFere – Supports masks should not be required.

On Phone:

Carrie Broman – Supports masks should be required.

Correspondence:

- Sievers presented a letter from community member/parent Candi Martin regarding the accessibility of board meetings. Martin is requesting to have a recorded, audio, or video option rather than going

back to in-person only for transparency purposes.

- Sievers also asked the Board to discuss the emails that were forwarded by him to the Board regarding the 90 second public comment rule that should be expanded to 3 minutes and the gifting away of 90 seconds to another person in order for the next person to say more.
- Sievers publicly thanked Janet Augustine for her generous donation of \$4,000 to the band program.

Sievers presented a letter of resignation from Sueann Frisch, head cook at Addison Elementary. Motion to approve the letter of resignation beginning with the 2021-22 school year by Havey; seconded by J. Strupp. Motion carried.

Sievers presented a letter of resignation from Rachel Horton, instructional assistant at the Middle School. Motion to approve the letter of resignation beginning with the 2021-22 school year by Havey; seconded by Weninger. Motion Carried.

Sievers presented a report from Sue Weisse, current Special Education Director, regarding the District's annual reporting requirement of student seclusion and restraint numbers. Three seclusion cases were reported last year; three were spec ed students. Three restraint cases were reported last year; two were spec ed students.

Sievers presented a report regarding the most recent Curriculum Committee meeting. The minutes were approved earlier in tonight's meeting agenda but a review of what was discussed warranted a separate line item on the regular board agenda.

Sievers provided an administrative recommendation to allow Hartford to join the Slinger Equestrian team as part of a Co-op. This is an unfunded club for a few students whose parents take care of everything. They simply use our mascot and name and a few Hartford students want to join the fun. Motion by Weninger; seconded by Feltz, to allow the Equestrian team to become a co-op with Hartford. Motion carried.

Sievers presented for approval the agenda and resolutions for the 2021 Annual Meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Rhodes; seconded by Feltz, to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting agenda and resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to accept an offer from Neumann Developments, Inc. of \$2,616,000 for 65.36 acres of District land (also known as the Gensman property). 60 acres currently owned by Hetzel Family is being sold separately as well so the total of 125 acres was more attractive for buyers. Mike Hickman, District lawyer, walked through the offer document with board over the phone. Motion by Havey; seconded by Rhodes, to accept the offer as presented. Motion carried.

Board assigned Sievers as executer of the closing process with all contract changes and updates sent to the Building and Grounds committee prior to execution. Motion by Weninger; seconded by J. Strupp, to accept Sievers as executer and communication to the committee as stated. Motion carried.

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

#### 1. Update from Health Department

- Dashboard- Oz/Wash Health Dept has now continued weekly website updates
- Most Recent County Guidance- Sievers and Curler are in frequent communication with the County
- Current local 12 and under rates- Oz/Wash Health Dept does not have the capability to report this information
- Summative transmission rates from last year- Oz/Wash Health Dept cannot provide student to student transmission rate

## 2. Slinger School District Dashboard 2021-2022

- Daily Updates, or as needed
- Vaccine Progress of Staff (80%+) – This is not required to report to District, voluntary reporting only.

## 3. Current Safety Mitigation Practices

- Masking not required at this time
- Quarantine of all positive cases (vaccinated or not)
- Quarantine of all in-family close contacts of positive cases (unless proof of vaccinated and symptom free)
- Notify/inform of all close contacts
- Enhanced cleaning
- Improved air quality over summer in all District buildings- same air quality as hospitals.
- Symptom Sheet Reminder for 2021-2022 will go out soon
- WIAA: Host school's rules apply – if masks are required by host district we follow the host rules

## 4. Other Mitigation Considerations

- Transportation
  - Masking on Buses – Federal requirement so they will do the best they can to inform riders of the requirement but their job is safety first.
  - Enhanced bus sanitizing- continue same process as last school year
- Visitor Process
  - Allowed? Yes and follow all rules of visitors COVID screening for all buildings; K-12.
  - K-8 restrictions? No, same rules District wide
  - IEP's via Zoom- Successful last year so will continue process as it is easier/better for all parties involved.
- Infection rate impact on masking decision? Board will monitor on-going concerns/conditions and will call a special meeting if need be to discuss current policies and if changes need to be made.
- Need for Special Board Meetings-if deemed necessary
- Field Trips? Yes. Just like masking, it is optional for families to participate. Mask rules must be followed at all venues.

Sievers presented an administrative recommendation to renew the District's DPCR (District Provided Covid Relief) for employee absences related to the coronavirus for the 2021-22 school year. The District granted a 10-day COVID bank prorated to each employees' hours per day for the 2020-21 school year. The 10-day DPCR empowered staff to stay home when they need to for their own quarantine or that of their children. If approved to continue for 2021-22 the District can use COVID funding for this expense. Motion by Rhodes; seconded by Hassler, to grant the DPCR to employees for the current school year only. Motion carried with Weninger opposing until data from Sievers is provided. The data collected will be from other businesses in a 15 mile radius to see what they are doing with employee time-off due to COVID reasons.

Sievers presented a proposal from the District's cleaning service, TASC, for an adjustment to their 2021-22 contract to include a retention bonus program. TASC is struggling to hire and retain good employees just like other companies/organizations during the pandemic. Cost is \$28,000 and would come from COVID funds. Motion by Weninger; seconded by Havey, to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried with J. Strupp opposing.

Hear a discussion regarding future school board meeting formats and processes; a topic postponed from last month's Board meeting. Further discussion on topics from the correspondence section earlier in the

meeting agenda was completed. Motion by Feltz; seconded by Weninger, to accept board meeting formats and processes as follows; audio only for on-line listeners, no public comments unless in person, 90 second rule for comments and questions to continue for in-person participants only, and no gifting of 90 second comment time to another participant. Motion carried.

**Public Comments and Questions:**

**In-Person:**

Jill McLaughlin – WIAA masking rules; can these be communicated to athletes and parents as so as possible, prior to up-coming events.

Scott Stortz – Congratulations on the sale of the land. Village is already working with the buyer. It is a win/win for all.

Shannon Smith – District insurance broker can give data on what companies are doing in regards to COVID time off. Consider revisiting current policy for sick days instead of granting extra COVID time.

Revisit current policies regarding field trips and masking to stay up to date with practices.

Bill Brewer – Disagrees with decision to continue with district policy to allow 90 seconds per person during the Public Comments/Questions section of the agenda. Requesting the ability to review committee meeting minutes prior to the board meetings they are “approved” during. Doesn’t support the district asking staff about their vaccine status.

Pam Konrath – Consider a focus on topics around illness prevention strategies and promoting healthy habits. Thank you for partnering with the parent group on the curriculum review project.

Julie Ayers – Please announce masking plans for fall sports as they have away games this week already.

Ann Fahrenheit – What is the policy for masking on district vehicles/vans?

Laura Kusko – Are plexi-glass barriers being used this year? - No

**On Phone: None**

**Future Dates to Remember:**

August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Day with all Staff	7:30 AM
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Day of School	
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Budget/Finance Meeting	6:00 PM
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meeting	7:00 PM
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Policy Meeting	6:00 PM
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Motion by Hassler, seconded by Feltz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Rhodes, Clerk