

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SLINGER, WISCONSIN**  
**February 22, 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, Gary Feltz, Jody Strupp, Roman Weninger, and Cherie Rhodes. Excused absence: Bruce Hassler. Also present was administrator and directors: Daren Sievers, Jim Curler, Patrick Armstrong, Karen Hug, Ben Frazer and 6 in person guests and 17 guests on the phone.

Sievers affirmed the public notice.

Motion by Havey, seconded by Weninger, to approve the set of minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Feltz 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 J. Strupp, seconded by 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 Feltz, seconded by Rhodes, to approve payroll check numbers 58681-58682 and payroll direct deposit numbers 901052724-901053084 totaling \$526,529.34 and A/P check numbers 135388-135581, A/P ACH numbers 202100718-202100829, and wire transfers totaling \$1,797,405.35. Motion carried.

New Business:

Public Comments and Questions:

**In Person:** None

**On Phone:** None

Correspondence: None

Sievers and Mike Daniels, HS Athletic Director, presented a report on the success of the high school's winter sports and activities during very challenging times.

This month's celebration is on the efforts of our athletic department, coaches, parents, athletes, and competitors for their efforts in a successful fall and winter season. All were engaged in the activities and promoted a more positive attitude towards masking, phasing, transitioning, and enforcing the rules.

Sievers presented a report/update on the Slinger Middle School Principal hiring process. 61 applicants applied for the position. The pool of candidates was narrowed down to 6 (2 internal and 4 external) and will be in for the first round of interviews this Thursday, February 25th. The plan is to introduce the new SMS principal to the Board at March's monthly meeting.

Sievers presented a report regarding recent critical matters related to COVID-19 impacting the 2020-21 school year.

1. Slinger School District Dashboard: <https://www.slinger.k12.wi.us/district/covid19.cfm>.  
Armstrong pulled up the District dashboard and Sievers went over the numbers as of the current point in time. The District has zero positive staff. The county dashboard is reviewed daily and continues to show the lowest numbers since August in all ages/resident counts.
2. Update from Health Department
  - Masking- continue the course until further review
  - Update on vaccine dispersal plans – 1A candidates are complete; 16 total participants for the District. 1B is much slower to roll out. 2,000 vaccines requested by the county each week, receiving only 200. 6,500 educators waiting for vaccines in the Oz/Wash area. The mass educator vaccine clinic is still being planned for the Fair Park location for March. Stay tuned as we inch forward.
  - Concerns about second dose and potential absences – half of the vaccinated individuals are experiencing sickness after the second dose. The District cannot afford this high of a rate for absences; our sub pool is not that deep. As the second dose date gets closer, the Board may/will have more information in order to address this at the next meeting.
  - CDC guidance for schools – 2 weeks after the vaccine participants are waived from quarantining for the next 90 days. This may encourage staff to get the vaccine. If not enough vaccines for all we may have to prioritize who gets it first. The newly published CDC guidance for opening schools is exactly what we have been doing since August; successfully.
3. Federal COVID relief monies (ESSR) - \$200,000 to \$500,000 possible
  - 90% of the monies will continue to be divided up by using the Title I formula (with a minimum distribution amount)
  - Senator Stroebel wants to reward districts that have been open with the remaining discretionary 10%. This will take some time to sort out; stay tuned.
4. Fall Intentions Survey: Staffing impact – The District will be sending out a parent survey soon to see what parent intentions are for fall. Do we need our virtual teachers to stay on? COVID funds are good through September of 2023. New parameters will be in place next year; still working on the details.
5. School Events for Consideration
  - Euro-trip (delayed)
  - Peru-trip (June)
  - SHS Musical (June) - smaller cast and shorter rehearsal times from the past but want to give the seniors an opportunity to perform. Not announcing the performance title at this time.
  - SMS Musical (January 2022) - Lion King Jr.
  - Spring Concerts (limited capacity) - 2 guests per member of choir/band; same ratio as athletic programs to stay within the limits.
  - Honours, Inc. (limited capacity) - same as above; 2 guests per member.
  - Prom (pending) - recommendations will be brought to Board in March; not looking promising; checking with other districts.
  - History Night (pending) - may stay within guidelines.
  - Graduation (planning for outdoor event) - very similar to last year.
  - Elementary Events (follow up from last month)

- Tend to be “all-school” events – always max capacity so limiting 2 guests would be way over the limit.
- Recording whenever possible
  - Allenton Wax Museum (Recording)
  - Addison monthly assembly (Zoom)
  - District Art Show (slide show presented to all staff/parents)
  - Talent Shows, etc...

Review the above school events for updates monthly.

**Public Comments and Questions:**

**In-Person:**

Bill Brewer – coach. What message should be delivered to the coaches regarding the vaccine? Sievers requested patience as the staff will be first but as soon as we can get enough vaccines for all we will notify all. Brewer extended his appreciation to the District for the opportunity to be on the list.

Amy Campbell – volunteer for Prom. Could the Board consider having the event in a different venue with different activities where the kids could be spread out for more social distancing (much like post prom). Do Hartford Rec Center?

**On Phone: None**

**Future Dates to Remember:**

February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Closed Board Meeting	6:00 PM
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Policy Committee Meeting	6:00 PM
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Motion by Joe Havey, seconded by Roman Weninger, to go into closed session at 7:55 PM

Motion by Gary Feltz, seconded by Jody Strupp, to come out of closed session at 8:25 PM

Motion by Joe Havey, seconded by Gary Feltz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Rhodes, Clerk