BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 7:00 P.M.
BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

President Galilchio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Present: Carsella, DeVito, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Pedersen, Wright
Board Absent: None
Administration Present: Pazanin, Arndt, Webb, Smith, Jahnke
School Business official: Taylor
Guests: Kim Freund, Beth Paz, Cathy Ralston, Steven Lanham, Deb Knudsen, Aimee Gagliardone, Sophia Rogalevich, Jill Matoka, Gina Arbay, Julia Mazur, Jeanne Menon

In Items of Public: Sophia Rogalevich asked the Board if the staff will be wearing i.d. badges?

Superintendent Pazanin replied that anyone visiting the building must wear a visitor's identification badge.

Beth Paz and Kim Freund addressed the Board regarding their perceived need for a school nurse.

Steven Lanham told the Board he is grateful for the school year changes that have been made due to the passing of the referendum.

Mrs. Gagliardone asked why the school day was extended.

President Gallichio replied it was part of the Collective Bargaining agreement so that students would receive more instruction per day.

Gina Arbray informed the Board that the fifth grade parents were told last year that fifth graders would be sitting in the front seats of the school busses. However, fifth grade students are currently not sitting in assigned seats.

President Gallichio will contact the bus company and address the issue.

Debbie Knudsen asked the Board how much money the district received from the company that backed out of the sale of the Route 12 property. President Gallichio said it was $19,000 and that it was placed into the Education Fund. The Board also said the property was back on the market.

There were no School Related Organization presentations.

Motion #1 by DeVito, seconded by Kueter to accept the proposed 2008 – 2009 school year budget.
Aye: DeVito, Kueter, Carsella, Frank, Gallichio, Pedersen, Wright
Nay: None

Motion #2 by Carsella, seconded by Pedersen to accept the 2008 – 2009 school year pay-to-play fee of $50 per sport with a $250 family cap.
Aye: Carsella, Pedersen, DeVito, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Wright
Nay: None

Board member Gallichio gave a presentation on "Adopt –An- Island".

Motion #3 by Carsella, seconded by Wright to approve the Adopt-An-Island program, not to exceed $500.00 and require signed waivers from all participants.
Aye: Carsella, Wright, DeVito, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Pedersen
Nay: None

Motion #4 by Gallichio, seconded by DeVito to accept the Consent Agenda (A. Minutes of August 18, School Board Meeting ; B. Accounts Payable).
Aye: Gallichio, DeVito, Carsella, Frank, Kueter, Pedersen, Wright
Nay: None

There were no questions regarding the Principal's Reports.

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent's Report.

A. Start of School: Our current enrollment is 1,550 students. The grade level breakdowns are included in the Superintendent's Message on the school district's website.

B. Springfield: The House has agreed to the leasing of the lottery. The Senate will not return to discuss this issue until November.

Illinois Senate President Emil Jones is retiring. The Constitutional Convention question will be on the ballot of the November 4 election.

Industrial Appraisals will be appraising the property, all three buildings, and their contents the last week of September.

In Miscellaneous Items, President Gallichio shared with the Board St. Bede's request to have its students, who live in the district, be bussed to Big Hollow School. The students would be supervised by a St. Bede employee until St. Bede's transports them to their school. At the end of the day, St. Bede's will transport these students back to Big Hollow where they would ride the busses home with the Big Hollow students.

St. Bede's is discussing this proposal with their parishioners. St. Bede's will contact Big Hollow with a response.

President Gallichio presented the Illinois Joint Purchasing Program for vehicles to the Board.

This item will be the topic of a special school board meeting on Monday, September 22 at 6 p.m.

"Visitor" and "10 minutes only" signs will be posted in the parking lots of all three buildings.

Board member Carsella informed the Board that the draft of the first of three community newsletters will soon be available for Board review.

Motion #5 by Pedersen, seconded by DeVito to enter into closed session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Property and Collective Bargaining.
Aye: Pedersen, DeVito, Carsella, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Wright
Nay: None

The Board returned to open session at 8:53 p.m.

Motion #6 by Gallichio, seconded by Pedersen to hire Amanda Cebueka, middle school aide; Gretchen Bergen, Speech two days a week; Melissa Kalas, fourth grade inclusion aide.
Aye: Gallichio, Pedersen, Carsella, DeVito, Frank, Kueter, Wright
Nay: None

Motion #7 by Gallichio, seconded by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.
Aye: Gallichio, Wright, Carsella, DeVito, Frank, Kueter, Pedersen
Nay: None

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Victoria Gallichio, President Board of Education	Doug Pedersen, Secretary Board of Education