

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JULY 21, 2008 7:00 P.M.
BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Board Present: Carsella, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Pedersen, Wright

Board Absent: DeVito

Administration Present: Pazanin, Arndt

Guests: Daniella Allen, Eeva Burns, Donna Rousseau, Michael Fosnot, John Mazur, Rob Kretzschmar, Tim Lata, Cathy Ralston, Sophia Rogalevich, Melissa Grant

There were no Items of Public Concern.

In School Related Organizations, P.T.O. representative Daniella Allen informed the Board that the organization has budgeted \$100 for each classroom teacher. They are also allotting \$700 per building for assemblies. The Principal Fund will be based on how many students are in each building (\$1.75 per students). PTO meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

St. Bedes principal Michael Fosnot addressed the Board requesting bussing service from the district.

The Board discussed possible issues pertaining to the request. The Board will contact St. Bedes with their decision.

The public finance firm PMA presented an updated 5 – year financial projection for Big Hollow School District.

Board President Gallichio updated the Board regarding Post-Referendum Considerations.

The Board discussed their payment options for SEDOL building bonds.

Motion #1 by Wright, seconded by Carsella to make a \$335, 649 payment to SEDOL before August 1.

Aye: Wright, Carsella, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Pedersen

Nay: None

Motion #2 by Carsella, seconded by Pedersen to approve the Consent Agenda (1. Minutes of June 23 School Board Meeting, B. Accounts Payable, C. 2008 – 2009 School Board Meeting Calendar, D. Hazardous School Bus Route Resolution).

Aye: Carsella, Pedersen, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Wright

Nay: None

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent's Report.

A. Springfield: The Proposed 2008 - 2009 the General State Aid will be increased \$225 per pupil. There has been discussion of the pros and cons of a constitutional convention.

B. The Board reviewed the HVAC proposals.

Motion #3 by Gallichio, seconded by Wright to approve the J.P. Mechanical proposal including itemized communication with J. P. Mechanical.

Aye: Gallichio, Wright, Carsella, Frank, Kueter, Pedersen

Nay: None

C. RTI : The August 25 Teacher Institute Day will be an all day workshop regarding discipline.

In Miscellaneous Items, Board member Carsella informed the Board that planning for the district newsletters has started.

Motion #4 by Wright, seconded by Pedersen to exit into closed session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss Personnel.

Aye: Wright, Pedersen, Carsella, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter

Nay: None

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

Motion #5 by Gallichio, seconded by Wright to hire Lyn Bigelow – Fifth Grade; Denise Jackson – Fifth Grade Pull-Out; Megan Olsen – Sixth Grade Pull-Out; Jane Wiorkowski – Fifth/Sixth Grade CCIP; Ginny Madden – Seventh Grade Inclusion; Maureen Combs – Seventh Grade Pull-Out; Cristin Casteneda – Eighth Grade Language Arts; Christy Bell – Eighth Grade Reading; Eden Mosoff – Creative Writing

Aye: Gallichio, Wright, Carsella, Frank, Kueter, Pedersen

Nay: None

Motion #6 by Pedersen, seconded by Frank to accept the resignations of Sherida Luck – Seventh Grade Pull-Out Teacher and Sarah Dontsov – Elementary Special Education Teacher with regrets.

Aye: Pedersen, Frank, Carsella, Gallichio, Kueter, Wright

Nay: None

Motion #7 by Wright, seconded by Gallichio to extend Superintendent Pazanin's contract through the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Aye: Wright, Gallichio, Carsella, Frank, Kueter, Pedersen

Nay: None

Motion #8 by Carsella, seconded by Pedersen to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Aye: Carsella, Pedersen, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Wright

Nay: None

Victoria Gallichio, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education