

# News Release

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## **Board Approves “Director of Technology” Position**

INGLESIDE, IL – January 1, 2009 – Big Hollow School District’s present and future technology needs extend far beyond current staffing levels. In light of the District’s recent enrollment growth and pressing technology issues, the School Board at its December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting created and on the 16<sup>th</sup> posted a “Director of Technology” position.

Despite a student population of 1,550, more than 120 faculty and staff, a complex technology infrastructure and a host of short-term and long-term projects, the District has, since the 2006-07 school year, employed no technology staff, instead relying on volunteers and one full-time, contracted consultant to support all of Big Hollow’s technology needs. The District’s ratio of one IT support person to nearly 1,800 users far surpasses both industry recommendations and typical support ratios for an education setting. The Board concluded that adding the Director of Technology position was an appropriate next step.

Also at the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Superintendent Ron Pazanin briefed the Board on several developments, including:

- The likely addition of two 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade sections for the 2009-10 school year to ensure class sizes remain within desired parameters. This is because of a “bubble” in enrollment in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade cohort.
- The upcoming purchase of a new reading curriculum for K-5 and perhaps one that covers K-8 if a suitable program exists; a team of faculty and administrators are presently evaluating several viable options.
- The imminent deadline for School Board candidates to submit their packets for verification. The filing period runs January 20-26, 2009. Packets submitted the first day are considered simultaneous submissions. Thereafter, candidates’ names will be placed on the ballot in the order packets are received.

The Big Hollow School Board’s next regular meeting is at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 19 in the Middle School’s conference room. As always, the community is invited to attend and provide feedback.