

# News Release

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## **Board Accepts One Member's Resignation, Continues Hiring Process for "Director of Technology" Position**

INGLESIDE, IL – January 20, 2009 – The Big Hollow School Board decided Monday night at its regular January meeting to continue the hiring process for the Director of Technology position approved at the December meeting. The Board will soon finish researching other local school districts' compensation programs and determine a salary range for the position, said spokesperson Jan Carsella. Meanwhile, the School District will continue to accept applications and conduct interviews for the position.

Earlier in the meeting, the Board unanimously, and with regret, accepted the resignation of Todd Wright, whose term was set to expire in April. Wright had previously made the decision not to run for reelection. The Board confirmed that subsequent to his December 16<sup>th</sup> letter of resignation, Wright became an applicant for the Director of Technology job. The Board went on to address questions and concerns from community members in attendance regarding the compelling technology challenges faced by the District, the imminent need for a Director of Technology to tackle these challenges, and Wright's candidacy for the job.

School Board President Vickie Gallichio explained that the Director of Technology position is not new, but rather a reinstatement and enlargement of the technology coordinator role last filled during the early phases of construction of the new Elementary and Middle School buildings. When the technology coordinator left the District, Wright—who has an extensive information technology (IT) background—assumed oversight for the District's technology issues on a volunteer basis as a significant extension of his Board duties. In the past few years, the District's technology needs have grown exponentially. Current IT staffing—one full-time contracted consultant and several volunteers, including Wright and Website liaison Carsella—is no longer viable. Gallichio related that with four Board seats open in April, and the knowledge that Wright and Carsella would not be running for reelection, the Board and administration determined it was in the District's best interests to hire a dedicated individual to move the District forward on technology initiatives. A full job description for the Director of Technology

position is available at [www.bighollow.us](http://www.bighollow.us) via the Job Postings link at the bottom of the homepage.

Also at the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- The Board voted to renew its bus-service contract with Jones/Durham for the 2009-10 school year at no cost increase.
- Superintendent Ron Pazanin advised the Board on the upcoming potential need to create two new positions: an RTI facilitator and a buildings-and-grounds manager.
- PTO representatives noted that the annual Spring Zing fundraising gala will take place Saturday, March 21 with proceeds designated for technology upgrades in the District's library system.
- The Board voted to move its regular February meeting from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> to ensure having a quorum of its members present, as February 16 is a school holiday in observance of Presidents Day.

The Big Hollow School Board's next regular meeting will therefore be at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 23 in the Middle School's conference room. Public finance firm PMA will be in attendance to present updated financial projections for Big Hollow School District. As always, the community is invited to attend and provide feedback.