

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2009 7:00 P.M.
BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Board Present: Bridge, Frank, Gallichio, Janquart, Kueter, Mazur, Pedersen

Board Absent: None

Administration Present: Pazanin, Arndt, Smith, Janusz, Miller

School Business Official: Sharon Hassberger

Guests: Raymond Arff, Kristina Bielak, Eden Mosoff, Julie Dee, Maria Finn, Ronald Repa, Tracy Repa, Mark Weiske, Amy Orr, Amanda Hernandez, John Jared, Kirsten Innes, Dennis Whison, Michael Lojdl, Phil Lockhart, Sophia Rogalevich, Eeva Burns

Motion #1 by Janquart, seconded by Kueter to exit into closed session to discuss Property.

Aye: Janquart, Kueter, Bridge, Frank, Gallichio, Mazur, Pedersen

Nay: None

The Board returned to open session at 7:04 p.m.

There was no action taken regarding agenda Item #4 Property.

In Items of Public Concern, President Gallichio read an e-mail from a parent of a former Big Hollow School graduate regarding her academic successes.

Amanda Hernandez addressed the Board regarding Bus Route #5. Mrs. Hernandez reported that the bus delivers students home late, sometimes anywhere from 3:55 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. Mrs. Hernandez presented the Board with a petition signed by 36 parents requesting the route be changed.

Kim Frost, a representative from Durham Bus Company, provided the Board with hand-outs regarding bus delivery times for all the current routes. Ms. Frost said that Lakemoor is the furthest stop of all the routes.

President Gallichio will be providing Board members with a copy of the Route #5 sheet so that they can drive the route. She also asked Kim Frost to look into the report that students are allowed to leave the bus for "potty breaks".

Kristina Bielak asked that the American Flags displayed at the schools be taken down each night or lights installed.

In School Related Organizations, Kristina Bielak reported that the 4-H meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, at 6 p.m. in the Middle School.

Board member Janquart reported that PTO still needs volunteers for Spring Zing. Interested people should contact Tammy Cernuska. The Book Fair Chairperson Beth Cabano is also looking for volunteers.

Tracy Repa and Eden Mosoff presented the Board with their proposal for a Middle School Speech Team.

Julie Dee presented the Board with a proposal for a Choral Program at the Middle School.

#7 Facility Usage: The Board members received copies of the current facility usage form. The Board discussed re-evaluating the criteria and fees.

Board member Bridge inquired where the fee money goes and how much revenue is generated annually.

Superintendent Pazanin replied that the fee money goes into the General Revenue Fund. He will check on the amount received last school year.

President Gallichio will add Facility Usage to the agenda for the November Board meeting.

#8 Consent Agenda:

Motion #2 by Frank, seconded by Kueter to accept the Consent Agenda (a. Minutes of the September 21 Regular School Board Meeting and September 28 Special School Board Meeting, B. Accounts Payable, C. Illinois Library Grant, D. Recognition of Schools Application) with the changes to the September 21 minutes.

Aye: Frank, Kueter, Bridge, Gallichio, Janquart, Mazur, Pedersen

Nay: None

#9 Principal's Report : Board member Janquart asked Assistant Principal Smith to explain how students are chosen for the mentoring program. Assistant Principal Smith said that the students are chosen by teachers and a parent signature is required on a permission slip to finalize participation.

#10 Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent's Report.

a. ISAT Test Results:

b. Strategic Planning:

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Board with a power point presentation on ISAT scores for school years 2005 – 2009. Superintendent Pazanin also reviewed the original 2003 Strategic Planning District Goals.

President Gallichio reported that the Board will implement a community survey regarding the goals that were identified during the Strategic Planning process.

c. Proposed Levy: Superintendent Pazanin reported that the proposed levy is based on the assumption of an EAV increase of 15%.

d. Rescheduled November or December School Board Meetings: The November 16 School Board meeting has been rescheduled to November 23.

In Miscellaneous Items, President Gallichio reminded the Board members to contact Superintendent Pazanin if they are interested in attending the IASB conference.

The Board will meet on January 11 for a School Board Self-Evaluation facilitated by an IASB representative.

Kirsten Innes complimented the district on the RTI brochure sent home to the parents.

Motion #4 by Pedersen, seconded by Janquart to go into closed session to discuss Personnel at 8:23 p.m.

Aye: Pedersen, Janquart, Bridge, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Mazur

Nay: None

The Board returned to open session at 9:23 p.m. Board President Gallichio exited during Closed Session.

Motion #5 by Kueter, seconded by Pedersen to hire Miriam Feliciano as a bilingual aide.

Aye: Kueter, Pedersen, Frank, Janquart, Mazur

Nay: None

Abstain: Bridge

Motion #6 by Pedersen, seconded by Bridge to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Aye: Pedersen, Bridge, Frank, Janquart, Kueter, Mazur

Nay: None

Victoria Gallichio, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education

