

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 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: Hassberger

Guests: Mark Weiske, Jill Matoka, Sophia Rogalevich, Renee Diedrick, Laura Malmberg, Todd Wright, Gina Arbay, Kristina Bielak, Amanda Hernandez, Amy Orr, Elizabeth Warden, Angela Bujan, John Jared, Tom Knudsen

In Items of Public Concern, Gina Arbay read a prepared statement from Michael Rogalevich regarding his concerns with his child's school bus and a request for a bus change. The Board members received a copy of the letter.

President Gallichio informed Mrs. Arbay and Mrs. Rogalevich that a copy of the letter had been provided to the bus company for review.

Mr. Tom Knudsen addressed the Board regarding two incidents with busses on field trips. One incident involved the bus driver allegedly falling asleep and the second incident regarded the bus crossing railroad tracks with the crossarm coming down.

Durham Bus Company representative, Ronald Brandt, addressed the Board and audience regarding the railroad crossing incident. Mr. Brandt said the company's initial report was that the driver stopped at the tracks, opened the door and there were no lights and warning bells. The bus proceeded through the crossing and then the bells and lights activated. The gate did hit the bus as it was going through. Mr. Brandt stated the incident will be investigated further. He also stated he was unaware of the first incident, but would seek information about the matter.

In School Related Organizations, a copy of the PTO newsletter was distributed to the Board and the audience. A PTO representative will try to attend future Board meetings; if no one can attend a copy of the PTO newsletter will be provided.

Motion #1 by Kueter, seconded by Pedersen to approve the proposed 2009 Tax Levy.

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

Nay: None

School Bus Transportation: The Board reviewed the Bus Route #5 Lakemoor run that was discussed at the October Board meeting. President Gallichio asked the Board members if they drove the route and had any suggestions or comments. The Board members were polled and supported the current bus route.

JP Mechanical Proposal: The Board discussed the JP Mechanical Proposal and requested additional information.

Facility Usage: The Board discussed the current facility usage fee schedule and procedures. Last school year \$1,790 was collected in building usage fees. The Board directed School Business Official Hassberger to provide an itemized report at the December Board meeting.

Strategic Planning: The Board is seeking volunteers to develop business partnerships to help generate revenue.

Board members Kueter and Mazur are developing the strategic planning survey that will be available on-line for community participation.

Motion #3 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to amend the Consent Agenda to add an item C. Illinois Association of School Board's Policy Update.

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

Nay: None

Motion #4 by Kueter, seconded by Janquart to accept the Consent Agenda (A. Minutes of the October 19 Regular School Board Meeting and the November 5 Special School Board Meeting; B. Accounts Payable; C. First Reading of the proposed Board Policy updates.

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

Nay: None

Technology Director Todd Wright presented a power point presentation on the district's use of Technology.

The Board discussed options to implement the automated library book check-in/check-out system. President Gallichio directed the administration to post the position and organize the implementation of the automated library system.

Principals' Reports. Board member Kueter asked Principal Arndt what was being done to address the ISAT scores of students that were below grade level. Principal Arndt responded that this information, along with AIMS/WEB and MAP testing results, were used to identify students for the tiers in RTI. A Teacher Institute is scheduled that will focus on Writing and extended responses for ISAT testing.

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent's Report.

A. Springfield: Superintendent Pazanin reported that the State Board of Education is planning a revision of the State Learning Standards that will align with National and International Standards/Goals.

In Miscellaneous Items, Third grade teacher Casper Provo will be submitting information regarding previously discussed items to the Board.

The Board will revisit the 2008 – 2009 end-of-the-school year survey results.

Board members interested in sharing information from the IASB Conference will have the opportunity at the December Board meeting.

PMA will provide a financial presentation at the January or February Board meeting.

The Board briefly discussed Board e-mails. In-coming Board e-mails will be forwarded to all Board members. The e-mails will be answered by President Gallichio.

Motion #5 by Bridge, seconded by Janquart to exit into closed session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss Personnel.

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

Nay: None

The Board returned to open session at 10:25 p.m.

Motion #6 by Kueter, seconded by Gallichio to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Victoria Gallichio, President
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