

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009 7:00 P.M.
BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Board Present: Carsella, Gallichio, Kueter, Pedersen

Board Absent: DeVito, Frank

Administration Present: Pazanin, Arndt, Webb, Smith, Jahnke, Coolidge

Guests: M. Hechmann, Marion Amberg, Cathy Ralston, Heather Janquart, Sophia Rogalevich, Jody Jared, Gina Arbay, Mukeya Matoka, Joe Bridge, Julia Mazur, Kristina Bielak, Maria Cahill, Jen Thibault, Kerry Hubbard, Kris Scimeca, Jim Jochheim

In Items of Public Concern, Sophia Rogalevich asked the Board to please have a revised district/discipline handbook available next school year.

Maria Cahill addressed the Board regarding concerns with current procedures pertaining to the elementary lunch/recess. Mrs. Cahill expressed that the main issue is the safety of the students.

President Gallichio proposed that Mrs. Cahill and the lunch monitors meet with Mr. Pazanin and Ms. Smith to resolve any issues.

Mrs. Kristina Bielak addressed the Board regarding starting an after school 4-H program in the district.

In School Related Organizations, PTO president Heather Janquart informed the board that Spring Zing is this Saturday. The middle school's book fair was successful. The clothing resale and pet rescue expo will be held in April. There are two openings on the PTO board; First Vice President and Second Vice President.

The Board did not take action on the Lakes Region Sanitary District Bill of Sale.

Registration Fees: The Board discussed registration fees for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Motion #1 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to implement the following registration fees for next school year: first child would be \$150, second child \$100, and additional children \$50 each. The fees will increase an additional \$50.00 after July 15.

Aye: Gallichio, Kueter, Carsella, Pedersen

Nay: None

Motion #2 by Carsella, seconded by Pedersen to accept the Consent Agenda with the addendum to the Accounts Payable: Communication Facilitator Invoice: (A. Minutes of the February 23 School Board Meeting, B. Accounts Payable).

Aye: Carsella, Pedersen, Gallichio, Kueter

Nay: None

There were no questions regarding the Principals' Reports.

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent's Report.

A. Washington, Springfield, Local: Superintendent Pazanin reported that President Obama has identified Early Childhood as his number one education priority. He also indicated that expansion of charter schools, teacher merit pay, a longer school day and school year and implementation of enhanced learning standards will be items for consideration.

Specific school district allocations from the Stimulus Bill have not been reported.

The district intends to use this money to purchase items which will provide long-term student use and benefits.

The criteria/accountability for the money will be reported on the website:

www.recovery.illinois.gov.

Governor Quinn will present his budget speech this Wednesday.

The district has not received the new EAV. The Special Education Profile and the Annual School District Financial Profile will be posted on the ISBE website.

B. RTI/Discipline Committee Meeting: There will be a public meeting on discipline held during the last week of April. The meeting date and time will be posted on the school district's website. There will be a template provided to the meeting's participants regarding RTI/Discipline.

In Miscellaneous Items: The district will advertise for 2009-2010 lunch bids.

Map Testing will be administered three times next school year. The time allotment for the tests will decrease from 55 to 25 minutes.

Mrs. Bielak asked the Board to please consider food allergies associated with dyes, peanuts, etc. when looking at various food vendors.

Mrs. Cahill asked if there will be recess for grades 5-8 next year. Superintendent Pazanin stated that there is currently a proposed bill mandating a 10 minute recess for middle school students.

Superintendent Pazanin stated there is a proposed bill regarding changing the starting age for Kindergarten. If students are in a state-certified pre-school program, and will be five years old before December 31, they would be able to enroll for Kindergarten.

Mrs. Thibault asked if we would be implementing an enrichment program for next year. Superintendent Pazanin said that enrichment is a component of RTI.

Board member Carsella reminded everyone that the second edition of the “Chalkboard” has been published and distributed. There is one more district newsletter planned for the current school year.

Board member Carsella said that the newsletter is not only funded by the district but a great deal of the work is done on a volunteer basis.

Motion #3 by Pedersen, seconded by Carsella to exit into closed session to discuss Personnel at 8:07 p.m.

Aye: Pedersen, Carsella, Gallichio, Kueter

The Board returned to open session at 8:23 p.m.

Motion #4 by Carsella, seconded by Pedersen to hire Todd Wright for the Director of Technology position.

Aye: Carsella, Pedersen, Gallichio, Kueter

Nay: None

Motion #5 by Carsella, seconded by Kueter to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Aye: Carsella, Kueter, Gallichio, Pedersen

Nay: None

Victoria Gallichio, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education