

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2009 7:35 P.M.
BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board waited for quorum, resulting in the meeting starting at 7:35 p.m.

President Gallichio called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Board Present: Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Pedersen

Board Absent: Carsella, DeVito

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

School Business Official: Taylor

Guests: Julia Mazur, John Mazur, Heather Janquart, Steven Lanham, Cathy Ralston, Sophia Rogalevich, Mr. Toth, Eeva Burns, Donna Rousseau, Phil Carter, Joe Bridge, Kelly Whitney, Jerry Sandness, Kim Frost

In School Related Organizations, PTO president Heather Janquart informed the Board that the PTO raised \$3,500 during their clothing resale and that their pet rally was well attended. Spring Zing earned \$15,000 that will be used to purchase the Destiny program. This week the students are participating in activities during No TV Week.

There were no Items of Public Concern.

Kim Frost from Durham Transportation gave a presentation to the Board regarding changes in transportation for the 2009 – 2010 school year. The company will be using the Versatran computer program for scheduling bus stops. They will also be able to track calls from parents and the number of calls they are receiving at any given time.

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

The Board reviewed the proposed 2009 – 2010 school year calendar.

Motion #1 by Frank, seconded by Pedersen to keep the first day of school a full day.

Aye: Frank, Pedersen, Gallichio

Nay: Kueter

Motion #2 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to approve the 2009 -2010 school year calendar.

Aye: Gallichio, Kueter, Frank, Pedersen

Nay: None

The Proposed School District 4-H Club proposal will be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion #3 by Pedersen, seconded by Kueter to approve the Consent Agenda (Minutes of the March 16 School Board Meeting, B. Accounts Payable, C. Resolution to allow IMRF service credit for military service)

Aye: Pedersen, Kueter, Frank, Gallichio

Nay: None

In Principals' Reports, Board member Kueter asked Principal Webb about the number of students listed for possible retention. Principal Webb said this is just a watch list to monitor students that are having difficulty.

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent's Report.

A. Washington, Springfield and Local Updates: We have been allocated \$311,000 for the IDEA (Special Education) of the Stimulus Bill. We are awaiting further information on how the funds can be spent.

In Springfield, Governor Quinn has proposed that stimulus money be put into General State Aid payments. This would mean a \$130 increase, rather than \$100, per pupil. The proposed Kindergarten bill regarding eligibility age requirements will only apply to Chicago Public Schools.

In Local news, our EAV is larger than originally expected; it is a 6% increase. At this time we are not receiving any state funding other than state aid.

B. Discipline Meeting: The Discipline meeting will be on April 28, 6-8p.m., at the Middle School.

Superintendent Pazanin would like the final community newsletter to focus on all the positive activities that have occurred throughout the school year.

Motion #4 by Pedersen, seconded by Gallichio to exit into closed session to discuss Personnel at 8:17 p.m.

Aye: Pedersen, Gallichio, Frank, Kueter

Nay: None

The Board returned to open session at 9:09 p.m.

Motion #5 by Gallichio, seconded by Pedersen to approve the non-re-employment of Maureen Combs, middle school special education teacher.

Aye: Gallichio, Pedersen, Frank, Kueter

Nay: None

Motion #6 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to approve an additional one year leave of absence to Heather Hallman

Aye: Gallichio, Kueter, Frank, Pedersen

Nay: None

President Gallichio and the Board directed Superintendent Pazanin to employ a RTI Facilitator and an additional assistant principal.

Superintendent Pazanin informed the audience of the following changes for the 2009 – 2010 school year: Christine Arndt will be K – 4 Principal; Dawn Smith will be Asst. Principal of the primary building; Superintendent Pazanin, Margaret Webb and Deborah Coolidge will be the administrative team at the middle school.

In Miscellaneous Items, Superintendent Pazanin reported the soccer fields are up and running.

An Interest Poll will be distributed to the Middle School students regarding a possible summer sports activities program.

Congratulations to Dr. Eeva Burns and Dr. Donna Rousseau. Both middle school teachers successfully completed their doctoral programs.

President Gallichio reported that 5 adopt-an-island applications have been submitted.

President Gallichio also asked the Board members to provide her with any information they would like compiled to share with the new Board members.

Monday, April 27, at 7pm in the Middle School will be a Special Board Meeting. At that time there will be the seating of new board members and the re-organization of the Board.

Motion #7 by Kueter, seconded by Gallichio to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.
Aye: Kueter, Gallichio, Frank, Pedersen
Nay: None

Victoria Gallichio, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education