

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2009 7:00 P.M.
BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

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

Board Absent: Bridge

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

School Business Official: Taylor

Guests: Vicky Brown, Kristina Bielak, Eeva Burns, Donna Rousseau, Jill Wright, Sophia Rogalevich, Mark Weiske, Phil Carter, Leticia Carter, Cathy Ralston,

Items of Public Concern:

Phil Carter inquired if the district would be offering additional academic extra-curricular activities.

President Gallichio informed the audience that a parent survey will be utilized to identify program interests.

Superintendent Pazanin added that teachers currently have the opportunity to develop and present extra-curricular activity ideas to the Board.

Cathy Ralston asked if the survey would cover a range of issues; the Board responded affirmatively.

Sophia Rogalevich addressed the Board on behalf of several Big Hollow employees who feel they are under paid. She wanted to know if there is a certain criteria to address this issue.

President Gallichio informed her that it would be an issue discussed under Personnel.

Cathy Ralston asked the Board if the Round Lake Park District is charged for usage of the building for the Cinderella play.

The Board is not aware of such an action, but would check on the situation.

Mrs. Ralston also asked if we would be revisiting school nurse issue on the parent survey; the Board responded affirmatively.

Sophia Rogalevich asked about seventh graders being by the pond. She was informed that a pond study is done by the seventh grade science class.

In School Related Organizations, Heather Janquart informed the Board that 21 people participated in donating their cut hair. "Locks For Love" collected \$120.

Lakes Region Sanitary District Bill of Sale: No action was taken.

Proposed School District 4-H Club: 4-H representative Vicki Brown gave a presentation and information packets to the Board regarding 4-H.

Parent Kristina Bielak has volunteered to be the 4-H leader for Big Hollow.

Motion #1 by Janquart, seconded by Mazur to start a 4-H program at Big Hollow
Aye: Janquart, Mazur, Frank, Gallichio, Kueter, Pedersen
Nay: None

Consent Agenda: There were no questions regarding Consent Agenda.

Motion #2 by Kueter, seconded by Pedersen to approve the Consent Agenda (A. Minutes of the April 20 and 27th School Board Meetings; B. Accounts Payable)
Aye: Kueter, Pedersen, Frank, Gallichio, Janquart, Mazur
Nay: None

The district is holding the J.P. Mechanical bill, until clarifications are made on the bill.

Principals' Reports: There were no questions regarding the Principals' Reports.

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent's Report.

A. Washington, Springfield and Local Updates:

Washington: The district still has not been notified regarding the amount of stimulus money we will be receiving.

Superintendent Pazanin and School Business Official Taylor will be attending a SEDOL meeting regarding special education funding.

Springfield: Superintendent Pazanin hoped that by the end of the month/early June we will be notified of stimulus fund allocations for the district.

Local: The tax bills went up by 3 cents because of the Bonds. The EAV went up to 6.1%.

B. New Reading Textbook Program: The April 23 teacher institute day consisted of reviewing new reading textbook programs with three different vendors. Afterward, the teachers indicated they favored the Scott Foresman program.

C. Discipline: A public discipline meeting was held on April 28. At the August Meet & Greet a document will be available to parents regarding discipline; it will include: the identification of inappropriate behaviors, potential consequences, PBIS and positive behavior rewards.

In Miscellaneous Items, Kirk Homes has been declared bankruptcy.

The projected SEDOL bill for the 2009 – 2010 school year is \$1.7 million. The special education portion of the Big Hollow property tax levy is \$98,000.

The district received our special education report from the state. We passed and met all of the requirements.

Carrie, Miller, elementary school teacher is in the process of reorganizing the school district's recycling program.

Motion #3 by Kueter, seconded by Frank to exit into closed session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel.

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

Nay: None

The Board returned to open session at 9:31 p.m.

Motion #4 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to approve Lisa Torbik as the primary building secretary for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

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

Nay: None

Motion #5 by Gallichio, seconded by Janquart to approve the maternity leave of first grade teacher Amy Longo.

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

Nay: None

Motion #6 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to approve Karen Simon as a 12 month employee for the 2008-2009 school year and to work maintenance, during the summer, at the same hourly pay rate.

The Board gave a directive to Superintendent Pazanin to obtain information about a buildings/ground supervisor.

Hire one additional office person for the summer.

Motion #7 by Janquart, seconded by Gallichio to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

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

Nay: None

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