

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 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, Jahnke, Coolidge, Janusz, Miller

School Business Official: Hassberger

Guests: Kristina Bielak, Deb Knudsen, Jeanette Provo, Donelle Staples, Eeva Burns

There were no Items of Public Concern.

In School Related Organizations Mrs. Bielak informed the Board that Letitia Carter will be co-chairing the 4-H program with her. There will be a family orientation meeting scheduled on September 9, from 6:45p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the University of Illinois Extension in Grayslake. The first scheduled 4-H meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the middle school.

Third grade teacher, Jeanette Provo, gave a presentation to the Board concerning CGC (Canine Good Citizenship Program) and the benefits of therapy dogs in the classroom. The Board asked Mrs. Provo to provide further information.

Mrs. Provo also proposed that the Board consider the instructional strategy “looping” as an option in the district. Once again, the Board requested further information.

Mrs. Provo finally discussed a possible “dodgeball” night in which parents, staff and students would participate.

RTI Facilitator, Donelle Staples, gave a presentation to the Board on RTI planning and development which occurred during the summer.

The Arbor Lunch Program representative will attend the September Board Meeting.

Motion #1 by Mazur, seconded by Janquart to accept the Consent Agenda (a. Minutes of the July 20 School Board Meeting, b. Accounts Payable).

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

Nay: None

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent’s Report.

- a. Start of School: There are currently approximately 130 students not registered. There are 10 sections of Kindergarten.
- b. Springfield and Washington: State and Federal funding programs remain inconsistent.
- c. Technology: Superintendent Pazanin proposed purchasing: computers on the cart per grade level and to provide laptops for each teacher.
- d. Draft of 2009-2010 School Year Budget: A public meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m., on September 21, prior to the regular Board meeting.
- e. Strategic Planning: There will be two meetings scheduled on September 10 and 17. The community will be invited to participate in the district's identification of future goals. These goals will then be shared with the community in an on-line survey.
- f. IASB Press Policy Revision – First Reading: The Board reviewed the policy revisions.

Miscellaneous:

- a. JP Mechanical Proposal: Superintendent Pazanin asked the Board to postpone action on this item and requested that Board member Frank review the proposal. No action will be taken until the September Board meeting.
- b. Snow Removal Proposal: The Board reviewed the snow removal proposals. The lowest bid was submitted by Mitch's Green Thumb.

Motion #2 by Kueter, seconded by Pedersen to accept Mitch's Green Thumb snow removal proposal.

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

Nay: None

President Gallichio announced the district has been designated to receive a Safe-Routes-to-School Grant. This grant would install sidewalks from the Big Hollow Campus to the Grant Township Field of Dreams.

President Gallichio proposed that the Communications Facilitator position be offered to the teachers as a stipend position.

Motion #3 by Janquart seconded by Bridge to exit into closed session to discuss Personnel and Property at 8:33 p.m.

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

Nay: None

The Board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion #4 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to accept, with regrets, the resignations of Business Manager Mary Taylor and Middle School P.E. teacher David Behm.

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

Nay: None

Motion #5 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to extend Jessica Lawson's maternity leave.

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

Nay: None

Motion #6 by Gallichio, seconded by Janquart to hire Jessica Coletto, Fifth grade teacher; and Christopher Jackowiak, Middle School P.E. teacher.

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

Nay: None

Motion #7 by Gallichio, seconded by Frank to hire Lisa Plucinski, Jill Wright, and Cabrina Little for the job share nurse position at \$15.00 an hour for a 90 day review.

Aye: Gallichio, Frank,, Janquart, Pedersen

Nay: Bridge, Kueter, Mazur

Motion #8 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to approve the hiring of : Kerry Hubbard, first grade CCIP aide; Letitia Carter, second grade CCIP aide; and Debbie Bell, middle school CCIP aide.

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

Nay: None

Motion #9 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to approve Jackie Jahnke's request to convert her raise increase to seven vacation days to be utilized during the summer.

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

Nay: None

Motion #10 by Gallichio, seconded by Pedersen to approve Mary Taylor as the school district treasurer.

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

Nay: None

Motion #11 by Gallichio, seconded by Bridge to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Victoria Gallichio, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education

