

News Release

Big Hollow Welcomes New Administrators; Board Approves Adding School Nurse

INGLESIDE, IL – July 23, 2009 – The Big Hollow School Board approved the hiring of two new administrators and a new business manager at its regular monthly meeting, Monday, July 20.

April Miller, formerly an assistant principal in Cary, joins Big Hollow as Principal of the Middle School, replacing Margaret Webb. Lenayn Janusz steps into the role of Assistant Principal of the Elementary School, replacing Dawn Smith, who has moved to the Primary School. The Board also approved the hiring of Sharon Hassberger, who comes from the Winfield school district, to replace Mary Taylor as the District's Business Manager and Julie Dee for the role of Middle School music teacher.

The Board also directed Superintendent Ron Pazanin to begin the hiring process for a newly created position of School Nurse. This decision followed informational presentations on the school-nurse role by the District's attorney, Robert Kohn, and Cameron Trout, a certified school nurse from Libertyville. In a Big Hollow parent survey conducted in early June, respondents ranked adding a school nurse to the District as their highest priority.

Other decisions and announcements at the July 20th Board meeting:

- The Board voted unanimously to contract with Arbor Management Inc. to provide the District's lunch program for the 2009-10 school year. An Arbor representative will attend the August Board meeting to answer questions. The Board approved a price per hot lunch, including milk, of \$2.50.
- The Board gave direction to Mr. Pazanin to post openings for classroom aides and a 5th-grade teacher.
- The Board determined that a salary increase for administrators and all non-certified support staff shall reflect a 2% increase over the '08-'09 budget for those salaries.
- School District strategic-planning sessions will take place from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 10 and Thursday, September 17. A representative of the Illinois

Association of School Boards will facilitate the sessions. Interested Big Hollow community members are encouraged to participate.

- Classroom assignments and bus schedules for all registered students will be sent home via U.S. mail during the week of August 10.
- Big Hollow's fledgling recycling program has kicked off with placement of two recycling bins on the Fish Lake Campus, one in the Elementary School parking lot, the other in the Middle School parking lot. The bins are available for community use as well as school use.

The Big Hollow School Board's next meeting takes place at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 17 at the Middle School. As always, the community is invited to attend.