

News Release

PMA Projects Big Hollow May Operate “In The Black” Through 2011

INGLESIDE, IL – February 28, 2009 – Big Hollow School District may be able to operate “in the black” through 2011, according to updated projections presented by public finance firm PMA at the Big Hollow School Board’s regular meeting on Monday, February 23. By 2012, projections suggest, Big Hollow will be running a deficit again, although much smaller than earlier anticipated.

“The projection was better than expected given the state of the economy,” notes Board spokesperson Jan Carsella. “Of course, it is a projection and we all know that the assumptions used in the model may or may not actually happen. We are cautiously optimistic.”

The Board also met in closed session to discuss personnel issues. In open session, the Board again deferred action on the Director of Technology position. “We are still accepting applications and interviewing candidates,” explains Carsella, adding that the Board may be prepared to take action at its March meeting.

Other announcements at the February 23rd meeting:

- No candidates have applied to fill the seat vacated upon Todd Wright’s resignation. The Board accepted Wright’s resignation with regret at its January meeting. Wright’s seat and three others are up for election on April 7.
- Seven Big Hollow community members will vie for those four open School Board seats on April 7. In the order their names will appear on the ballot, the candidates are: Joe Bridge, Julia Mazur, James C. Jochheim, Heather Janquart, James DeVito, Margaret A. Mallahan and Victoria A. Gallichio.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2009-10 school year takes place from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, March 18-19 at the Primary School. To be eligible, the child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2009. Three proofs of residency and the child’s original county-recorded birth certificate are required.

- In April, the District will host a meeting open to staff, parents and community members to discuss the behavior and discipline components of the RTI process. More information is forthcoming.

The Big Hollow School Board's next regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 16 in the Middle School's conference room. As always, the community is invited to attend and provide feedback.