

## ***Big Hollow School District #38***

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# News Release

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## **School Board Big Hollow Fills School Nurse Position with First Ever Job Sharing Position.**

INGLESIDE, IL – Ingleside, IL – August 23, 2009 - At last month's School Board meeting the Board approved the position of School Nurse. Once the position was posted, three Big Hollow parents stepped forward to propose the hiring of three people to take the position as a job sharing opportunity. Board President Gallichio said, "This is a great opportunity for Big Hollow. The parents stated having a District nurse was their number one priority and to have three parents of the district step forward and present job sharing was something we had not previously thought of. This also gives the District the opportunity to have a nurse, already familiar with the students, available to come in if the scheduled person for that day may be sick or have an emergency." The job sharing position was approved at the August meeting with a vote of 4-3. The three members casting a "no" vote believed a single person filling the position would better serve the District.

- RTI Facilitator, Donelle Staples, gave an overview of scheduling, classroom instruction, and teacher support in regards to the RTI program. Mrs. Staples explained how reading time blocks and the Encore period for Middle School would be scheduled as Tier Intervention time.
- Third grade teacher, Jeanette Provo, presented information on two new programs for future board consideration: the use of therapy dogs in the classroom and "Looping," which refers to the "practice of keeping groups of students together for two or more

years with the same teacher.” She supplied the Board with information and testimonials for both concepts.

Also at the August 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting:

- Grant Township notified the District that the Safe Routes to Schools grant was approved. This means new sidewalks in some parts of our community. It should be noted however that the state has not yet funded the recipients from last year and they do not have a funding source for the project this year.
- The first meeting of the 4-H Club will be Wednesday, October 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Big Hollow School and will meet the third Wednesday throughout the year. Letitia Carter will join Kristina Bielak as Co-Leader. Interested students and parents may also attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension Campus in Grayslake.
- A representative from Arbor, the company who was awarded the contract for our lunch program, will be attending the September Board meeting to answer questions about the new lunch program. Arbor will also have information available at the Meet and Greet, August 25, 2009 from 4:00PM-6:00 PM
- Information about the District’s strategic planning sessions scheduled for September 10 and 17 is posted on the website. Additional notices will also be in local newspapers inviting community participation.
- The Board voted to contract with Mitch’s Green thumb Landscaping Corp. of Spring Grove to provide snow removal for the 2009-10 school year.

The Big Hollow School Board’s next regular meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 21 at the Middle School. As always, the community is invited to attend.