

BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2010 7:00 P.M.
BIG HOLLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

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

Board Absent: Bridge, Frank

Administration Present: Pazanin, Arndt, Smith, Janusz, Miller

School Business Official: Hassberger

Guests: Mark Weiske, Tammy Cernuska, Amanda Hernandez, Amy Orr, Casper Provo, Daniella Allen

There were no Items of Public Concern.

In School Related Organizations, PTO Vice President Daniella Allen informed the Board that the organization has contacted the Harlem Wizards, to play basketball against the staff, as a district-wide fundraiser. There will be a concession stand and souvenirs sold. Tickets will be sold prior to the two-night event.

Mrs. Casper Provo updated the Board about the Therapy Dogs Program. There was discussion and concerns regarding allergies and liabilities.

Mrs. Provo removed her request for this school year.

President Gallichio asked her to approach the Board again next school year.

Board member Kueter reported that 134 people responded to the community survey regarding Strategic Planning. The results will be discussed at the February School Board meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2008 – 2009 Parent Survey results:

Item #1: Nurse: The district hired a nurse for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Item #2: Additional Technology: The district would like to use federal stimulus money to purchase computers/carts for the school buildings.

Item #3: Expand the Pay-To-Play Activities: This year the district is offering; soccer, choir, speech/drama, Girls-On-The-Run, morning intramural activities and 4-H.

Item #4: Explore Alternate Energy Sources: The Board will be scheduling companies to present wind power options during the summer.

Item #5. Summer School: This is teacher initiated.

Item #6: Paperless Newsletter: There was little interest in this item.

Item #7: Birthday treats: Treats are addressed in the district's wellness policy.

Item #8: Promote volunteerism. Many opportunities currently exist for parents to become involved.

Item #9: Continue publishing the Chalkboard community newsletter. The district has a teacher interested in working on press releases and the newsletter until a communications facilitator can be secured.

Item #10: Improve maintenance of landscape: The adopt – an – island program was implemented.

President Gallichio asked the Board to start thinking of questions for this year's end-of-the-year survey.

Part II:

If additional class space is needed what should the district do: The responses in priority order were:

1. Build an Early Childhood/Kindergarten Center
2. Add an addition to the Middle School
3. Mobile classrooms
4. Re-open the old school(s) on the Route 12 property.

The Board directed Ron to contact the architect for information pertaining to these items.

Part III:

Organic Food Choices

The district will solicit lunch program bids for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Board member Mazur will compile questions for a lunch program-related survey.

Motion #1 by Kueter, seconded by Pedersen to accept the Consent Agenda (A. Minutes of the December 21 Regular School Board Meeting, B. Minutes of the January 11 Special School Board Meeting, C. Accounts Payable, D. SEDOL Contracts for the 2010-11 School Year

Aye: Kueter, Pedersen, Gallichio, Janquart, Mazur

Nay: None

There were no questions regarding the Principals' Reports.

Superintendent Pazanin presented the Superintendent's Report.

A. Federal and State Items: Superintendent Pazanin reported the district has received \$170,000 in federal stimulus IDEA money. \$160,000 was used towards the purchase of the school district's new reading program. \$10,000 is being allotted for a special education electronic IEP program.

There is discussion, in Springfield, about a potential decrease in general state aid next school year. The State will not be offering the Textbook Loan Program next school year.

B. Registration for School Year 2010 – 2011: Kindergarten registration has been scheduled for April 14 & 15. The district will implement a residency check for all registrants. The Board will need to decide the registration fee for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

In Miscellaneous Items: PMA will present their financial report and projections at the February School Board Meeting.

RTI Facilitator Donelle Staples will present at the March School Board Meeting.

The Heart Development Company had demolition companies inspect the Route #12 property.

Laura Malmberg will start the coding process for the Follett electronic library system starting next week. We are waiting to hear back from another person who has been contacted to work with Laura.

Durham Transportation is going through an organizational restructuring.. The district has not received details, in writing, from Durham at this time.

Bussing may become a personnel issue for the district depending on the restructuring of Durham.

The district will be soliciting bids for bus transportation for the 2010- 2011 school year.

Motion #2 by Janquart, seconded by Kueter to exit into closed session to discuss Personnel and Students Discipline at 7:58 p.m.

Aye: Janquart, Kueter, Gallichio, Mazur, Pedersen

Nay: None

The Board returned to open session at 8:53 p.m.

Motion #3 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to approve the hiring of Amanda Driscoll for Early Childhood speech

Aye: Gallichio, Kueter, Janquart, Mazur, Pedersen

Nay: None

Motion #4 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to approve the hiring of Angela Russano as Middle School Clerk.

Aye: Gallichio, Kueter, Janquart, Mazur, Pedersen

Nay: None

Motion #5 by Gallichio, seconded by Kueter to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Aye: Gallichio, Kueter, Janquart, Mazur, Pedersen

Nay: None

Victoria Gallichio, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education

