

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 14, 2019-6:00 p.m.-Big Hollow Middle School Library

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Big Hollow Middle School Library.

Roll Call:

The following members were in attendance: Enters, Cernuska, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Plescia

The following members were absent: None

The following administration were present: Gold

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Motion to move to Closed Session:

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Enters to move to closed session.

Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Enters, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Plescia

Nay: None

4. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Cernuska, Enters, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Plescia

The following members were absent: None

The following administration were present: Gold, Janusz, Hertrovicz, Whipple, McCulley, Meek

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Plescia to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

Aye: Pedersen, Plescia, Cernuska, Enters, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur

Nay: None

6. Academic Spotlight:

The BHMS Student Leadership Board shared information about their recent activities. Michele Stanger from the Community Care Center voiced how appreciative she is of the students help.

The students are currently seeking donations for their upcoming Student Leadership trip to Chicago to hand out care packages and engage with those in need. Any extra items will be kept in the school office and used to help our school community.

7. Board member “Code of Conduct” Review:

The Board reviewed Item #1: “I will represent all school district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups.”

8. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Mazur to approve the consent agenda items.
Motion carried.

Aye: Enters, Mazur, Kueter, Lyons, Pedersen, Plescia, Cernuska

Nay: None

9. Public Comments:

Guidelines were reviewed by Mr. Lyons prior to the public comments.

Renee Diedrick voiced her concerns regarding the solar project.

Tom and Kathy Faber voiced their concerns regarding the solar project.

Kelly Goudreau voiced her concerns regarding the solar project.

10. Approve the Resolution Honoring the Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Booster Club:

A resolution highlighting the many accomplishments of the Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Boosters over the past several months was presented to their representatives by Mr. Lyons.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Enters to approve the Resolution Honoring the Big Hollow Middle School Fine Arts Booster Club.

Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Enters, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Plescia

Nay: None

11. Superintendent’s Report:

a. Monthly Board Policy review

Sections 3:40-4:10 were reviewed.

b. Strategic Plan Update

Goal #5: Ensure long-term financial stability of the District with resources aligned to priorities.

Mr. Gold shared an update on the progress towards this goal.

c. Solar Energy Project

Representatives from Midwest Wind & Solar provided the Board with answers to recent concerns brought forth by local residents as well as to discuss current updates on the status of the solar energy project.

- d. Approve Board Policy Update
IASB PRESS Plus policy revision recommendations from issue 99 and additional recommendations were discussed by Mr. Gold and the Board.

A motion was made by Mazur and seconded by Enters to approve IASB Press Plus Policy 99 recommended revisions and additional recommendations on the first reading.
Motion carried.

Aye: Mazur, Enters, Lyons, Pedersen, Plescia, Cernuska, Kueter
Nay: None

- e. Kindergarten Registration Information for 2019-2020
On March 19, 2019 a Kindergarten information night will be held at Big Hollow Primary School at 6:00 p.m. This event will be promoted on our website, digital marquees, and through email blasts to parents of current students.
- f. 6th Grade Athletic Offerings
In recent months, the Board approved the move to a new athletic conference for Big Hollow Middle School. At that time, the Board requested the pursuit of additional athletic offerings for our 6th grade students. Mr. Gold provided an update by reviewing the following items:
- All scheduling for new conference will take place in the spring of 2019
 - Our goal is to add 6th grade boys/girls basketball
 - 6th grade students can already participate in track, CC, wrestling, soccer
 - Coaching openings will be posted in March
 - New coaching positions will need to be negotiated with the union leadership
- g. Route 12 Property Sale Update
Mr. Gold provided an update on the status of the sale of the Route 12 property. There is no contract and we are not under any realtor obligation at this time. Mr. Gold will look into whether or not the property should be listed with a realtor and the MLS. Mr. Lyons would like the Graphic Arts teacher to make a sign for the property. Updates will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- h. ISBE Audit Update
The ISBE Federal and State Monitoring staff recently completed an audit of the Big Hollow Transportation (regular and special education), Title I, Title II, and Title III programs. The results of the audit were discussed.
- i. Discussion on the possibility of adding a school resource officer for 2019-2020
Mr. Gold was asked by the Board to research the costs associated with the addition of a school resource officer to serve on the Big Hollow campus. He provided an update for the Board on possible cost. Additional research will need to be completed and discussed at the next Board meeting.

12. Other Action Items:

- a. Approve the review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes

As per Board Policy 2:220, each July and January the Superintendent is to report to the Board of Education any closed session minutes that have been closed to the public that should be released. Mr. Gold recommended that current closed minutes should remain in closed status.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Plescia to approve keeping the current closed minutes in closed status.

Motion carried.

Aye: Pedersen, Plescia, Mazur, Cernuska, Enters, Kueter, Lyons

Nay: None

- b. Approve School Calendar for 2019-2020

The proposed 2019-2020 school calendar was discussed. This calendar was developed with input from administrators, union leadership, and staff. Included in this exhibit is a listing of all regularly scheduled Board meetings for 2019-2020.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Enters to approve the School Calendar for 2019-2020.

Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Enters, Pedersen, Plescia, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur

Nay: None

- c. Approve annual License agreement with A Child's Place for use of facilities for providing before and after school programming for Big Hollow students

The licensing agreement was presented.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the annual License agreement with A Child's Place.

Motion carried.

Aye: Plescia, Pedersen, Cernuska, Enters, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur

Nay: None

- d. Approve the December Employment Recommendations

The December Employment Report was exhibited.

A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Cernuska to approve the December Employment Report.

Motion carried.

Aye: Enters, Cernuska, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Plescia

Nay: None

13. Resignations Accepted:

There were no resignations for December, 2018.

14. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

There were no FOIA requests during December, 2018.

b. Monthly Reports for the Board

The Administrator, Meal Program, Attendance and Discipline Reports were presented.

c. Administrator Meeting Agendas

The December Administrator meeting agenda was exhibited.

d. The Board needs to schedule a time to complete the Superintendent evaluation.

The Board will meet on April 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to complete the Superintendent evaluation.

e. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, February 11, 2019 with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

15. Motion to move to Closed Session:

Not needed.

16. Return to Open Session:

Not needed.

17. Take any necessary action following closed session regarding minutes, employment of personnel, resignations, terminations or leaves of absence:

None

18. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Mazur to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Mazur, Enters, Kueter, Lyons, Pedersen, Plescia

Nay: None