

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018-7:00 p.m.-Big Hollow Middle School Library

1. Call to Order and Roll:

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Big Hollow Middle School Library.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Enters and Kueter

Enters and Kueter arrived at 6:05 p.m.

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 Plescia to move to closed session.

Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Plescia, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen

Nay: None

4. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 7:00 p.m.

The following administration were present: Gold, Pittman, Janusz, Dzik, Whipple, Meek, Coats, Munoz

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Academic Spotlight:

The Middle School Audition Choir, led by Julie Dee, shared with the Board the details of their recent tour in the community as well as the preparation required to participate in this event. They concluded by performing one of their favorite songs, *Blue Skies*.

7. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

The consent agenda items were discussed.

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

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

Nay: None

8. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

9. Superintendent's Report:

a. Monthly Board Policy review

Sections 7:180-7:210 were reviewed.

b. Solar Energy Project

Mr. Gold has been talking for the past several months with Midwest Wind and Solar, LLC. Mark from Midwest Wind and Solar presented to the Board a possible solar project that BHSD 38 could be part of in the very near future.

c. Retro-Commissioning Update

In 2016-2017, BHSD participated in a retro-commissioning study through a grant received from the State of Illinois. The results of the study showed twelve projects that could lead to energy and cost savings for the school district. Nine of those projects have been completed thus far. Mr. Gold shared with the Board an update on the recent verification report that was completed by the Cyclone Energy Group. He also presented an energy cost comparison for July 1st-December 31st from the past three years which indicates a substantial improvement in energy costs.

d. Financial analysis update from PMA

PMA recently completed an annual cash flow analysis for BHSD. Mr. Gold reviewed the findings with the Board.

e. Kindergarten Registration Information for 2018-2019

On January 30, 2018 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. 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 annual license agreement with A Child's Place was presented for Board approval. The lease amount was questioned by the Board therefore approval will be delayed until the February 12, 2018 Board meeting.

g. Approve School Calendar for 2018-2019

The 2018-2019 School Calendar was presented with the following changes:

- Monday, April 22, 2019 will be changed from a non-attendance day to an attendance day
- Friday, April 19, 2019 will be changed from an Early Release day to a non-attendance day

A motion was made by Mazur and seconded by Enters to approve the School Calendar for 2018-2019 with the proposed changes of moving the Monday, April 22, 2019 non-attendance day to Friday, April 19, 2019 and removing Friday, April 19, 2019 as an Early Release Day. Motion carried.

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

h. Promoting BHSD

Mr. Gold shared with the Board a new BHSD 38 promotional video which was completed by a Big Hollow parent and supporter, Dan Lopatowski.

10. 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 on closed status.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Kueter that current closed minutes should remain on closed status.
Motion carried.

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

b. Approve the December Employment Recommendations

Employment Report:

- Approve the employment of Val Reil as Middle School Spelling Bee Facilitator for 2017/2018 school year.

The following item was added on:

- Personnel change for Amy Orr from Transportation Substitute Bus Driver to 20 Hour Transportation Bus Driver

A motion was made by Mazur and seconded by Kueter to approve the December, 2017 Employment Report with the add-on of Personnel Change for Amy Orr from Transportation Substitute Bus Driver to 20 Hour Transportation Bus Driver.
Motion carried.

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

11. Resignations Accepted:

There were no resignations for the month of December, 2017.

12. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

The following FOIA requests were received:

- Parent's Foundation for Education

- The Daily Herald
- SmartProcure

- b. Monthly Reports for the Board
Administrator, Meal Program, Monthly Attendance and Monthly Discipline reports were presented.
- c. Administrator Meeting Agendas
Agenda for the December Administrator meeting was presented.
- d. The Board needs to schedule a time to complete the Superintendent evaluation.
The Special Board Meeting for the Superintendent Evaluation was scheduled for February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- e. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, February 12, 2018 with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

13. Motion to move to closed session:

Closed session not needed.

14. Return to Open Session:

Not needed.

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

None

16. Adjournment:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None