

# **Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041**

## **REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 12, 2018-7:00 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, March 12, 2018 at the Big Hollow Middle School Library.

Roll Call:

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

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 Kueter to move to closed session.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

4. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 7:05 p.m.

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

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Academic Spotlight:

The Big Hollow Middle School STEM club presented information regarding their recent project targeting a re-design of the Middle School playground area. Surveys of the student body were conducted by the STEM club. The data was used to determine their designs.

7. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

The consent agenda items were discussed.

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

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

Nay: None

8. Public Comments:

Student, Zachary P., presented his idea for a Gaga Pit which is his Eagle Scout Project. Zachary is asking the Board to provide \$1,030.00 to pay for the Gaga Pit. He plans to fundraise the additional \$500.00 needed for a wheelchair ramp, plaque (to include donator names) and rule board.

9. Superintendent's Report:

a. Monthly Board Policy review

Sections 7:270-7:290 were reviewed.

b. Calendar for End of SY 17-18

- Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony
  - Discussion on location-possibly using Grant High School or live streaming the event
- Thursday, May 31, 2018: Final day of school for **students** (Pending no more emergency days are utilized)
- Friday, June 1, 2018: Final day of school for **teachers** (Pending no more emergency days are utilized)

c. Presentation on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Mr. Gold shared information regarding the new ESSA plan that has been passed at the State level and how it will impact the Big Hollow schools.

d. 2018 Summer School Learning Opportunities

The following summer school learning opportunities will be available on the Big Hollow campus in June and August:

- Academic Enrichment (fee based)
  - K-8 academic enrichment for students in reading and math
- Special Education Extended School Year (designated by IEP)
  - Based on student need
- English Language Learner Summer Learning (invitation only)
  - Based on student need
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Camp
  - 3-day transition camp for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as a “Welcome to Middle School” experience. Students will have the opportunity to learn and practice their schedules, learn PBIS expectations, become familiar with different technologies, and participate in teambuilding activities. There will also be opportunity for family involvement on the final day.

- e. Approve the final Staffing Plan for 2018-2019

The final Staffing Plan for 2018-2019 was presented. Barb Steinseifer explained the two proposed new full-time Instructional Coach positions. The Board discussed adding the Instructional Coaches and how this would help the long-term curriculum goals.

A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Kueter to approve the final Staffing Plan for 2018-2019.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

- f. PRESS Update

PRESS Plus October, 2017 policy revisions were presented for the second reading.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Mazur to approve on the second reading the October, 2017 Press Plus policy revisions.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

10. Other Action Items:

- a. Approve the February Employment Recommendations

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Kueter to approve the February Employment Recommendations.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

- b. Approve the implementation of an activity bus route at BHMS

The Building/Grounds/Transportation committee is recommending the addition of a new activity bus route for Big Hollow Middle School. The current plan is for a bus to depart BHMS at 4:15 p.m. on days when afterschool activities/clubs are meeting. Another bus will depart at 5:15 p.m. on days when sports teams are practicing. The anticipated bus route was presented.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Enters to approve the addition of a new activity bus route for Big Hollow Middle School.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

- c. Approve further pursuit of installation of a solar panel grid on the Big Hollow campus  
The recommendation is for pursuit of an agreement with Midwest Wind and Solar to install a solar grid with an estimated output of 2,900,000 kWhrs per year. Approval will allow Mr. Gold to begin development of legal agreements and for Midwest Solar to begin the permitting, design, and construction process. A project recommendation letter from Mr. Gold was presented.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Cernuska to approve the further pursuit of installation of a solar panel grid on the Big Hollow campus with Midwest Wind and Solar.  
Motion carried.

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

- d. Approve Administrative Assignments for 2018-2019
- Christine Arndt – Assistant Superintendent
  - Carrie Coats – Middle School Assistant Principal
  - Michelle Dzik – Elementary School Principal
  - Lenayn Janusz – Primary School Principal
  - Matthew McCulley – Education Technology Director
  - Stephanie Meek – Middle School Assistant Principal
  - Ivan Munoz – Primary/Elementary Assistant Principal
  - Erin Pittman – Special Services Director
  - Barb Steinseifer – Director of Curriculum
  - Scott Whipple – Middle School Principal

A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Mazur to approve the Administrative Assignments for 2018-2019.  
Motion carried.

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

11. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted a resignation from Christina Fuchs as Bus Driver effective 2/23/2018.
- Accepted a resignation from Christine Schumacher as Bus Driver effective 3/01/2018.
- Accepted a resignation from Shirlee Hoppe as Lunch Monitor effective 3/07/2018.
- Accepted a resignation from Diane DeMuth as Middle School Library Clerk effective the end of the 2017/2018 school year.
- Accepted a resignation from Emily Buehler as Early Childhood Teacher effective the end of the 2017/2018 school year.
- Accepted a resignation from Marissa Mellen as PreK Teacher effective the end of the 2017/2018 school year.
- Accepted a resignation from Patrick Keclik as Primary Social Worker effective the end of the 2017/2018 school year.
- Accepted a resignation from Robert Levy as Middle School Computer Science Teacher effective the end of the 2017/2018 school year.

12. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

There were no FOIA requests to report.

b. Monthly Reports for the Board

Administrator, Meal Program, Monthly Attendance and Monthly Discipline reports were presented.

c. Meeting Agendas

Agenda for February Administrator meeting was presented along with the CAC agenda from February 26, 2018.

d. The Board needs to discuss setting a date for the next School Board training provided by IASB. The suggested session is a Board Governance Review, which will be a 3-hour training. The following dates are being proposed:

a. April 30

b. May 3, 21, 23, 24, 30

c. June 18, 19

The Board selected May 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for the next School Board training. The availability of this date will be verified with IASB.

e. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, April 9, 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 Cernuska and seconded by Kueter to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

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