

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

Board of Education Regular Minutes

April 10, 2017-6:00 p.m.-Big Hollow Library

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Big Hollow School Library.

Roll Call: The following members were in attendance: Joe Cernuska, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

The following members were absent: Jim DeVito

The following Administration were present: Robert Gold

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Motion to move to Closed Session:

A motion was made by Joe Cernuska and seconded by Kevin Lyons to move to closed session. Motion carried.

Aye: Joe Cernuska, Kevin Lyons, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

4. Resume to Open Session:

Open Session began at 7:14 p.m.

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Vivian Kueter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Aye: Kevin Lyons, Vivian Kueter, Joe Cernuska, Heather Janquart, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

6. Academic Spotlight:

Mrs. Kumpula and her Middle School Solo/Ensemble band students demonstrated how technology is used in the band classroom.

7. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Aye: Doug Pedersen, Kevin Lyons, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur, Joe Cernuska  
Nay: None

8. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

9. Superintendent's Report:

a. Monthly Board Policy review

Sections 6:50-6:80 have been submitted to Press Plus for updating.

b. Presentation from 4<sup>th</sup> grade students

Students from Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Coolidge's classrooms presented the results of their finds about solar and wind power and how it could benefit our school to Board members and guests. Each classroom created a book. Mr. Gold will research the cost of solar panels and energy savings.

c. Presentation on what our schools are doing to address bullying

Michelle Dzik along with Lenayn Janusz, Scott Whipple, and Stephanie Meek shared the actions that are being taken to address bullying amongst peers in our schools. Training is held 3 times per year. The focus is on prevention. The definition of bullying was discussed. Expectations are put in place in order to aid the prevention. Legal parameters were also discussed. Consequences were presented according to Board policy. Disrespectful behavior was also discussed along with the protocol the Social Workers are using. Climate and culture is a main focus as well. Senate Bill 100 has changed what the consequences are of behavioral issues. Positive rewards are given (such as an administrator reading a book to the class). Bullying is taken seriously.

d. Meemic Grant

Carrie Miller received a \$500.00 grant from the Meemic Foundation for a "For Our Schools" funding through Office Depot. The money will be used to purchase agility rings which aid in improving acceleration and lateral speed while enhancing balance, rhythm, and body control. Grades K-4 will be utilizing the rings.

e. Warrior Workshops

Mrs. Christine Arndt shared a summary of the Warrior Workshops that were offered to Big Hollow parents/guardians on March 23, 2017. This included a summary of the 4 different presentations, attendance, and survey results from the participants. The workshops were well received with positive feedback.

f. Update of the sale of Rt. 12 property

Bid packets were made available at the District Office starting April 3, 2017. No additional inquiries will be accepted after April 17, 2017. Actual bids must be submitted by April 21, 2017. Bids will be opened and read aloud on April 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The Board will then hold a Special Board Meeting at on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of accepting/rejecting the bid(s) received.

One bid packet has been picked up thus far.

g. Update on BHS 38 Technology Plan

Matt McCulley presented an updated 3-year technology plan for BHS 38. Chromebooks will be the main focus. The WIFI will be updated over the summer of 2017. Over the next 2-3 years, the focus will be on updating the devices, leasing versus purchasing, devices for teachers and professional development. Software will be provided to allow teaching at different levels. The emphasis is on preparation for integrating technology into each classroom.

h. Residency verification process for the 2017-2018 school year

Mr. Robert Gold shared the plan for residency verification as 2017-2018 registration is now open. All current names and addresses have been submitted. Any that are flagged will have to complete Proof of Residency. All new incoming students will also be submitted. Having the entire district do Proof of Residency was also discussed along with the issue of people moving between now and the start of 2017-2018. We will rerun the names and addresses prior to the beginning of the next school year (three weeks prior).

i. Update on registration fee payments received for 2016-2017

Registration fee collection in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 was presented. As of April 6, 2017, BHS 38 has \$19,787.00 of unpaid fees which have gone to a collection agency. Mr. Robert Gold is researching ways to hold items in order to collect the fees. We will arrange a payment plan when needed. Notices have been emailed and sent through the mail.

j. Review a summary of recent Strategic Plan updates

- Staff will do an outreach during the next early release day on May 3, 2017.
- Mrs. Meek met with the Middle School Student Council for feedback from the student leaders.
- Warrior Workshops were held on March 23, 2017.
- There will be a "Transition Camp" for 5<sup>th</sup> graders during August, 2017.
- The 3-year technology plan is under revision.
- An internal technology grant for staff to request classroom technology for 2017-2018 has been created by the District Technology Staff.
- Matt McCulley has been placed on a 12-month contract in order to meet the technology support goals.
- The use of AIMS vs. Fastbridge for benchmarking as part of our RtI planning is currently being evaluated.
- Primary/Elementary schools are evaluating their class schedules for 2017-2018 in order to maximize the use of staff and resources for RtI.
- Additional summer learning opportunities are being offered for students this summer.
- Curriculum committees are meeting at least quarterly to review current resources and to explore areas of need moving forward.

- k. Information on a recent retro-commissioning study and energy assessment that has been completed for BHSD 38

Mr. Robert Gold shared details on a recent study which analyzed our current energy efficiencies and provided a plan for improvement. The study was paid for with a grant from the state. A Preliminary Savings Estimates report was presented. The goal is to complete projects where incentive monies will be rewarded.

- l. Seating of new Board members

The District will receive an abstract of votes from the Lake County Clerk within 21 days of the April 4, 2017 election (April 25, 2017). The Board must seat its new members with 28 days of the consolidated election. A Special Board Meeting must be scheduled prior to Tuesday, May 2, 2017 to meet this requirement. Mr. Robert Gold has recommended that the Special Board Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of seating the new Board members.

10. Other Action Items:

- a. Approve the plan to upgrade the current wireless network

A motion was made by Joe Cernuska and seconded by Doug Pedersen to upgrade the current wireless network during the summer of 2017. Motion carried.

Aye: Joe Cernuska, Doug Pedersen, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Heather Janquart  
Nay: None

- b. Approve the March Employment Report

A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Julia Mazur to approve the March Employment Report. Motion carried.

Aye: Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen, Joe Cernuska, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter  
Nay: None

11. Resignations Accepted:

No resignations for the month of March.

12. Informational Items:

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

There were no FOIA requests to report this month.

- b. Monthly Reports for the Board

Administrator, Lunch Program, Monthly Attendance, and Monthly Discipline Reports.

- c. Meeting Agenda

No comments.

d. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, May 8, 2017 with the closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

13. Motion to move to closed session:

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Joe Cernuska to move to closed session. Motion carried.

Aye: Kevin Lyons, Joe Cernuska, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter  
Nay: None

14. Return to open session:

Did not return to open session.

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

16. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Joe Cernuska to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Aye: Kevin Lyons, Joe Cernuska, Doug Pedersen, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur  
Nay: None

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Heather Janquart, President  
Board of Education

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Doug Pedersen, Secretary  
Board of Education