

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

**Board of Education Regular Minutes**

Monday, August 14, 2017-6:00 p.m.-Big Hollow Middle School Library

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the Big Hollow Middle School Library.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Cernuska

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Motion to move to Closed Session:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

4. Resume to Open Session:

Open Session began at 7:00 p.m.

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, Enters, Lyons, Mazur, Plescia

Nay: None

6. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Enters to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

7. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

8. Superintendent's Report:

a. Monthly Board Policy Review

Sections 6:240-6:270 were reviewed.

b. Board Policy Update

IASB PRESS Plus policy revision recommendation 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was presented from the March 2017 issue.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Enters to approve the IASB PRESS Plus policy second reading revision.  
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

c. Approve the Citizen's Advisory Council Members for 2017-2018

A list of parents, students, and community members who have volunteered for the CAC for this upcoming school year was presented along with the meeting calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

A motion was made by Mazur and seconded by Kueter to approve the CAC member list.  
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

d. Information on PTO Back-to-School Blast

Information on the back-to-school celebration being planned by our PTO was presented.

e. Information on partnership with Volo SportsPlex

Information regarding a new program that the Volo SportsPlex is offering to Big Hollow families during our early release days was presented. Big Hollow will provide transportation for students from our campus to the SportsPlex for this new program.

f. Follow-up discussion from Solar Energy project proposal as presented by Big Hollow 4<sup>th</sup> grade students during the April Board meeting

Mr. Gold researched projects but found that it would take about 20 years to recoup the cost.

g. Route 12 Property Sale Update

Michael Lescher discussed an update on the sale of the property that BHSD 38 owns on Route 12. Letter of intent from Dunkin Donuts has been received. They are working on other fast food restaurants and possibly a gas station. They have until October, 2017 to find franchises to fill the spots in the first phase.

h. Update on State school funding situation

Mr. Gold gave an update on the current school funding issues that are taking place in Springfield. At this time, there is no general state aid money coming to the schools.

- i. Discussion on future Board meeting times flowing from closed session to open session

Mazur commented that other school Boards start their open session directly after closed session. Kueter commented that the same thing happens where she works. People would have to come at 6:00 and wait for the closed session to be over. Lyons would not like to see people having to wait, particularly the students who come for the academic spotlight. Enters felt it might be hard on the parents as well. Kueter asked about doing it only during the summer when the academic spotlight is not presented. Mr. Gold commented that we could change the order of the agenda if needed. It was decided we could try next summer to have the open session start directly after the closed session for the summer only.

- j. Student registration update

Mr. Gold presented an update on student registration. Glitches in the software caused a delay in the registration process. We plan to switch to Skyward next year.

9. Approve Tentative Budget for SY 17-18 on First Reading:

In preparation of the budget, over 80 revenue codes and nearly 700 expense codes were reviewed. The State requires that a balanced budget be submitted or the District must complete a deficit reduction plan to balance the District's budget within three years. School Board Accounting Procedures and Definition of Terms was presented along with the 2017-2018 Tentative School Budget. A balanced budget was presented. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled before the September Board meeting.

The hearing on the annual budget will be held during our Monday, September 11, 2017 Board of Education meeting in the Big Hollow Middle School Library. The budget has been on display since Thursday, August 10, 2017 in order to meet the 30-day requirement. The legal notice appeared on the August 4, 2017 edition of the Daily Herald.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Enters to approve the Tentative Budget for School Year 2017-2018 on the first reading.  
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

10. Other Action Items:

- a. Approve the July Employment Report

A motion was made by Mazur and seconded by Kueter to approve the July employment report.  
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

- b. Approve the Parent/Student Handbook for 2017-2018

The Student/Parent Handbook for SY17-18 has been updated for all schools. The handbook will be available on the District website. Parents can also request a printed copy of the handbook. The handbook reflects all the revisions to Board Policy that have been previously approved.

A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Enters to approve the Parent/Student Handbook for 2017-2018.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Resignations Accepted:

The following resignations were accepted during the months of July/August:

- Jennifer Beuckman as 2nd Grade Teacher effective 7/18/2017
- Sylvia Geissinger as Elementary Paraprofessional effective 7/18/2017
- Megan March as Primary Speech Language Pathologist effective 7/25/2017
- Kim Rauhut as Middle School Paraprofessional effective 8/1/2017
- Julia Werderitch as Primary School Social Worker effective 8/4/2017
- Angela Furlong as Primary School Paraprofessional effective 8/9/2017

12. Informational Items:

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request

A request for purchasing records was received on July 10, 2017.

- b. Administrator Meeting Agendas

The agenda for the administrator retreat held on July 11, 2017 was presented.

- c. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, September 11, 2017 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:

16. Adjournment:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None