

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041
Special Board of Education Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015
Big Hollow Middle School Library
7:00 p.m. Open Session

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Guests: Gretta Adams

- A. Call to Order: President Janquart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Roll Call: Christine Arndt called the roll with the following members answering “present” Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kristina Lancaster, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen
- D. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Doug Pedersen to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.
Aye: Kevin Lyons, Doug Pedersen, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kristina Lancaster, Julia Mazur
Nay: None
- E. Public Comment: There was No Public Comment.
- F. Reports:
 - 1. TAWS – Resolution authorizing the issuance of approximately \$4,000,000 Taxable Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2014 by the District for educational purposes.

Business Manager Pat Syens shared information with the Board about the TAW’s. She shared that Downer’s Grove High School is lending us the money. The money will be received in two increments and repaid with two payments from taxes.

Board member Kevin Lyons had emailed several questions. Business Manager Syens provided the Board with a historical financial profile informational sheet used to address his questions.

Historically, the District has been spending more money than revenue expected. The District’s past practice has been deficit spending. We can’t continue to rely on TAW’s.

The District needs to establish a positive budget a couple of years in a row.

It was suggested that the District try and cut one million from the budget.

The District has money allotted in Working Cash that could be transferred to the Education Fund, if needed. We also have money in the O&M fund that could be transferred as well.

The administrative team will be meeting to discuss and review class sizes and be prepared to share class size scenarios for the Board to consider in an attempt to balance expenses with revenues. All staff reductions, including administration, will be reviewed.

There is money parents owe the District. A list of parents who have not paid their registration fees for this school year is being reviewed. Parents will be receiving a bill from the District.

2. Technology Improvements – Interactive Projector Installation Proposal
Education Technology Director Donelle Staples shared copies of her proposal with the Board.

The proposal is for all rooms to have an interactive projector, except for the Music rooms in the Primary and Elementary buildings since these rooms are on a stage. A mobile solution may be used in these areas. The proposal includes construction costs for labor and materials for facility changes in the Science rooms at the Middle School.

It was asked why the Board didn't receive an all-inclusive proposal from the very beginning. Mrs. Staples shared that the focus has been on the core instructional classrooms. Feedback from teachers and staff was that everyone wanted the interactive projects.

The proposal includes projectors in the conference rooms and also the middle school pods. Mrs. Staples shared a complete proposal for interactive projectors that advocated the desires of staff for the best interest of students and long range planning.

G. Business Recommended Action Items: Consider Motions To:

1. Approve Resolution authorizing the issuance of approximately \$4,000 Taxable Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2014 by the District for educational purposes.

A motion was made by Heather Janquart and seconded by Vivian Kueter to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of approximately \$3,915,000 Taxable Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2014 by the District for educational purposes. Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 5 ayes, 1 nay.

Aye: Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kristina Lancaster, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

Nay: Kevin Lyons

Board President Janquart asked Mrs. Syens what would have happened if the Board had not approved the Resolution. Mrs. Syens said that we probably would run out of money before March.

Board member Kevin Lyons shared that we should have had a plan in place and then voted on the TAW's.

2. Approve Technology Improvements

A motion was made by Vivian Kueter and seconded by Kristina Lancaster to approve 12 interactive projects and installation not to exceed \$55,000 from Fund 60. Upon roll call vote the motion failed. 1 aye, 5 nays.

Aye: Vivian Kueter

Nay: Heather Janquart, Kristina Lancaster, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Julia Mazur to approve 9 interactive projectors and installation not to exceed \$46,000 from Fund 60. Projectors will not be installed in the Middle School pod areas. Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 4 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstain

Aye: Heather Janquart, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

Nay: Kristina Lancaster

Abstain: Vivian Kueter

H. Closed Session: For the purpose of Pending Litigation

A motion was made by Julia Mazur and seconded by Kevin Lyons to exit into Closed Session for the purpose of Pending Litigation. Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays. (8:45 p.m.)

Aye: Julia Mazur, Kevin Lyons, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kristina Lancaster, Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

I. Return to Open Session: A motion was made by Julia Mazur and seconded by Kristina Lancaster to return to open session. Upon roll call vote the motion passed.

6 ayes, 0 nays. (9:45 p.m.)

Aye: Julia Mazur, Kevin Lyons, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kristina Lancaster, Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

J. Other/Comments/Announcements:

1. Regular School Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Closed Session/
7:00 p.m. Open Session

K. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Kristina Lancaster to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call vote the motion passed.

Aye: Julia Mazur, Kevin Lyons, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kristina Lancaster,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

Heather Janquart, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education