

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

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 10, 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 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Big Hollow Middle School Library.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Mazur

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 Enters to move to closed session.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

Mazur arrived at 6:05 pm.

4. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 7:00 p.m.

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

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Academic Spotlight:

Ms. Melissa Grandt presented information about how she uses Read Naturally as an intensive reading intervention with our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. She has seen a lot of growth using this and feels it motivates the students.

7. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

The consent agenda items were discussed.

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

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

Nay: None

8. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

9. Superintendent's Report:

a. Monthly Board Policy review

Sections 7:10-7:50 were reviewed.

b. Approve 2016-2017 Audit Report

John Albanese from our auditing firm, Eder, Casella & Co. shared a summary of the audit that was recently completed for Big Hollow School District 38 along with the process of conducting the audit.

A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Mazur to accept and approve the SY 16-17 Annual Financial Report as submitted.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

c. Property Sale Update

The most recent developer with an accepted bid on the Route 12 property has now backed out of the purchase agreement. Jeff Bell, Broker/Associate from RE/MAX, presented to the Board the most recent update on the status of the property sale. A three-mile radius study was done regarding the surrounding land and income of local residents. According to Mr. Bell, this study has adversely affected the development of the land. Cost of developing the land and bringing in enough high end tenants was also an issue. Not enough cross traffic was discussed as well. Mr. Bell suggested another appraisal based on today's market.

d. BHSD #38 School Improvement Planning for 2017-2018

Executive summary reports, created by building level leadership teams, were presented by each building administrator. At the conclusion of the school year, the administration will report back to the Board the progress made in each of the action plans.

e. PRESS Update

IASB PRESS Plus policy revision recommendations from the July, 2017 issue were presented.

A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Mazur to approve the IASB PRESS Plus policy revision recommendations on the First Reading.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

f. IASB Board Training Update

On Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards will provide a 3-hour training for our Board at Big Hollow Middle School. This training will serve as a time for self-evaluation on the governance of the Board. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. and will include a working dinner.

g. Technology Support Update

Mr. Gold presented an update on the technology support that is being provided by St. Benedict Technology Consortium (SBTC).

h. Graduation Date

The date for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be Wednesday, May 30, 2018. At this time, if no emergency days are utilized, the last day of school will be on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

10. Other Action Items:

a. Employment Recommendations

Employment Report:

- Approve the personnel change for Consuelo Cervantes from Bus Monitor to Bus Driver 20 hours per week effective 10/10/2017.
- Approve the employment of Sharon Merriman as Title I Paraprofessional effective after Board approval and pending fingerprint results.
- Approve the employment of Maria Lardizabal as Middle School Paraprofessional effective after Board approval and pending fingerprint results.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to approve the Employment Report.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Resignations Accepted:

The following resignations were accepted during September and early October:

- Accepted a resignation/retirement request from Peggy Silverblatt as Elementary Technology Teacher effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Accepted a resignation from Becky Hiles as Title I Paraprofessional effective 9/15/2017.
- Accepted a resignation from Chuck Kramer as Middle School Lunch Monitor effective 10/06/2017.

12. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

- Request submitted on 10/05/2017-all requested information has been delivered

b. Monthly Reports for the Board

Administrator, Meal Program and Monthly Attendance reports were presented.

- c. Meeting Agendas  
Meeting agendas for the September administrator meeting and the Citizen's Advisory Council meeting were presented.
- d. The Board will convene again on November 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for a training provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards.
- e. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, November 13, 2017 with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

13. Motion to move to closed session:

For the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Enters to move to closed session to conduct a student expulsion hearing.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

14. Return to Open Session:

A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Plescia to return to open session.

Motion carried.

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

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 Plescia to adjourn.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

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