

Big Hollow School District #38, Ingleside, IL 60041
Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 7, 2014 – Big Hollow School Library
6:00 p.m. Closed Session
7:00 p.m. Open Session

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Guests: Donelle Staples, Dawn Lucas, Caroline Snook, Peggy Silverblatt, Carrie Nack, Maria Finn, Kim Christesen, Nancy Ward, Britt Axelsson, Patrick Ashbrook, Jennifer Govea, Jamie Plumeri, Alexis Sterbenz, Linda Merrill, Vickie Biarnesen, Eric Wolters, Kirk Denz, LaDon Schneider, Melissa Grandt, Karen Granat, Rick Engstrom, Bill Schufreider, Lenayn Janusz

A. Call to Order: President Gallichio called the meeting to order at 6:02 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” Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Heather Janquart, Doug Pedersen

Absent: Vivian Kueter, Kristina Lancaster, Julia Mazur

Board members Vivian Kueter and Julia Mazur arrived at 6:03 p.m.

D. Added Items/Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Heather Janquart and seconded by Doug Pedersen to approve the agenda.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Heather Janquart, Doug Pedersen, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur

Nay: None

E. Closed Session: For the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Dismissal, Litigation and Negotiations. A motion was made by Heather Janquart and seconded by Jim DeVito.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays. (6:04 p.m.)

Aye: Heather Janquart, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

- F. Return to Open Session: A motion was made by Jim DeVito and seconded by Julia Mazur to return to open session.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays (6:57 p.m.)

Aye: Jim DeVito, Julia Mazur, Vickie Gallichio, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

- G. Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2014 Regular board Meeting Closed Session.
3. Approval of Bills for March/April 2014

A motion was made by Julia Mazur and seconded by Vivian Kueter to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Julia Mazur, Vivian Kueter, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Heather Janquart,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

- H. Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

- I. Introduction of Guests/Presentations:

1. Juliann Baron – Baron Insurance – Ms. Baron shared informational packets with the Board. If a business has 50 + employees they must offer affordable health care to all of its full time employees. The District could incur penalties for offering a health plan that is not affordable for all employees and for not offering a health plan. The District needs to find a plan that is affordable. The penalties should start in 2015 but there has not been a clarification of when they would officially start.

The packet included a comparison chart of the District's current health plan coverage with plans from United Health Care that was reviewed. United Health Care has you designate a Primary Care Physician but you can use other specialists that are not in your Primary Care with HMO.

Board President Vickie Gallichio inquired about the Cadillac plan. Ms. Baron explained the Cadillac plan is a tax.

Ms. Baron mentioned some of the other Health plan options which included:

- Dental plan with Oral Cancer Screening , rollover benefits, preventive program for pregnant women
- Life Insurance
- Vision

- The cost savings to the District would be \$111,231.84

J. Reports

1. Mr. Engstrom Business Manager:

- a) Levy Update: The final numbers for the levy adjustment: 4.36 rate for this year; last years was 3.81.
- b) Outside Storage Trailer: We are in the process of emptying out the trailer. It was suggested to possibly try and sell some of the items during the PTO 5K Run. Other options suggested were to bring in an auctioneer and to contact area schools to see if they would be interested in some of the items.
- c) Internet/E-Rate Net 56: The District is moving from 20 to 500 megabytes starting June 1. The cost will be \$1,443 a month.
- d) Maintenance Grant – Round 2: The District received the matching grant. We will be receiving \$28,000. This money is allotted to resurface the parking lots. Mr. Engstrom is looking for permission to go out for bid on the resurfacing of the parking lots.
- e) Traffic Flow/Entrance/Exit School Parking Lots: Dr. Demory and Mr. Engstrom met with an engineer to view the traffic flow. The engineer reviewed the different traffic patterns (exits and entrances). He gave some suggestions for the Primary/Elementary parking lot. He is going to be presenting a proposal/plan for the District.

Board member Julia Mazur inquired if this would be done before or after the resurfacing of the parking lots. The traffic flow/entrance/exit issues would not be addressed this year, it would be for the future.

- f) Bid Results
 - 1) Lighting upgrades (DECO-Grant): The District received two bids for the lighting upgrades. Mr. Engstrom is recommending Enerlight. The cost would be \$54,270 but with the Grant will be \$36,423. This project will focus on the lighting in the gym and cafeteria areas in the Primary/Elementary buildings.
 - 2) Technology – Computers: The District received six bids. Mr. Engstrom is recommending CDW for purchasing the HP computers at a total cost of \$114,312. Mrs. Donelle Staples shared the pros and cons of purchasing the HP computers vs. some of the other proposals.

School Board President Vickie Gallichio stated that the District needs to have a plan in place instead of piece-meal buying technology for the District. She would like to see the Board presented with a plan. The Fund 60 money will not always be there. Dr. Demory shared that the District does have a Technology Plan, which the District uses to obtain E-Rate reduction. The Plan will be updated and shared with the Board.

3) Pressure Tank: The District has received two bids. Mr. Engstrom is recommending Mosele at a cost of \$10,350.

- g) Insurance: The District is talking to various brokers. Dr. Demory contacted Mike Parrott of Gallagher Insurance broker. He, along with Lisa Yefsky and Dennis Donahue from Gallagher Insurance met with Dr. Demory and Rick Engstrom to review the District's needs. After discussion, it was learned that new members to NIHIP, a self-funded insurance cooperative, would need to have at least 125 members participating in the plan. As such, Big Hollow does not meet the criterion that is mutually beneficial. It is recommended that district withdraw from NIHIP and seek insurance programs independent from NIHIP.
- h) Formal action withdrawing from NIHIP would need to take place at the next scheduled School Board Meeting on April 22.
- i) Home Schooled Itinerant Registration Fees: Currently the District has 11 pre-K students receiving speech services. The District recommends charging a \$50.00 fee for Home Schooled Itinerant services.

2. Superintendent's Report:

- a) Delegate Assembly IASB: Dr. Demory expressed appreciation to Vivian Kueter for being our designated Delegate for the IASB Delegate Assembly.
- b) School Calendar 2014 – 2015 School Year: Dr. Demory reviewed and shared calendar survey results. As a result, she recommended Parent Teacher Conferences for February 19 and 25 vs. April 9 and 15. Dr. Demory shared both tentative calendars with the Association and all staff. Tentative calendar recommendations were determined from survey input. All staff members have the opportunity to share other calendar ideas, should they have them. The calendar will be an action item at the April 22 School Board Meeting.
- c) Summer Maintenance Projects: A rotation schedule will be developed regarding the painting of classrooms and cleaning of storage areas. General repairs to the roof will be taking place once the District receives more information from the restoration company. Mr. Engstrom is conducting weekly Friday meetings with the Maintenance team to prepare and prioritize what projects need to address.
- d) Summer School ESY – ELL – Beginning Band Camp: ESY and ELL summer school will be from June 9 – June 27. Beginning Band Camp proposal will be shared at the next School Board meeting.
- e) School Registration and Residency: The District plans to have on-line registration available by May 1. July 23 and 24 has been designated as Registration/Residency Check days. Times have yet to be determined.

K. Business Recommended Action Items: Consider Motions To:

1. Award Contract Bid for Lighting Upgrades: A motion was made by Heather Janquart and seconded by Julia Mazur to approve the Lighting contract bid to Enerlight for \$54,270.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Heather Janquart, Julia Mazur, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Vivian Kueter,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

2. Award Contract Bid for Technology – Computers: A motion was made by Julia Mazur and seconded by Heather Janquart to approve the contract bid for HP computers to CDW for \$114, 312.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Julia Mazur, Heather Janquart, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Vivian Kueter,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

3. Award Contract Bid for Primary/Elementary Pressure Tank: A motion was made by Julia Mazur and seconded by Heather Janquart to approve the contract bid the Primary/Elementary pressure tank to Mosele for \$10,350.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Julia Mazur, Heather Janquart, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Vivian Kueter,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

4. Approve letting of Bids for Sealing Parking Lot: A motion was made by Doug Pedersen and seconded by Heather Janquart to approve letting bid for sealing and striping of the parking lot.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Doug Pedersen, Heather Janquart, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio,
Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur

Nay: None

5. Approve Home School Itinerant Registration Fees for the 2014 – 2015 School Year in the Amount of \$50.00: A motion was made by Vickie Gallichio and seconded by Heather Janquart to approve the Home School Itinerant Registration fees for the 2014 – 2015 School Year in the amount of \$50.00.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Vickie Gallichio, Heather Janquart, Jim DeVito, Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

6. Approve Actions from Closed Session
7. Approve Resignation of Teacher: A motion was made by Heather Janquart and seconded by Vivian Kueter to approve the resignation of Middle School PE Teacher Scott Krasinski effective April 4, 2014.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Julia Mazur,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

8. Approve Employment of Part-time Paraprofessional: A motion was made by Heather Janquart and seconded by Vivian Kueter to approve Becky Conway for the part-time Paraprofessional Position.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio, Julia Mazur,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

9. Approve Postings for Employment: A motion was made by Heather Janquart and seconded by Doug Pedersen to approve the following postings for employment: 2 Psychologists, Social Worker, MS Math Teacher, MS PE Teacher, MS ELL Teacher, Director of Special Services/Special Education.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Heather Janquart, Doug Pedersen, Jim DeVito, Vickie Gallichio,
Vivian Kueter, Julia Mazur

Nay: None

L. Closed Session:

For the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Dismissal, Litigation, and Negotiations. The Board did not require a second Closed Session.

M. Return to Open Session:

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

N. Other /Comments/Announcements:

No items were added for the next Regular School Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Closed Session/ 7:00 p.m. Open Session Big Hollow Middle School Library.

O. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Vickie Gallichio and seconded by Julia Mazur to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Upon roll call vote the motion passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Aye: Vickie Gallichio, Julia Mazur, Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter,
Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

Victoria Gallichio, President
Board of Education

Doug Pedersen, Secretary
Board of Education

