

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

Board of Education Regular Minutes

June 15, 2015 – 6:00 pm – Big Hollow Library

In attendance: LaDon Schneider (Teacher), Mary Yoho (Parent/Paraprofessional), Melissa Grandt (Teacher), Lori Pappas (Inclusion Facilitator), Virginia Ferretti (Teacher), Kim Christesen (PTO)

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 15, 2015 by Heather Janquart at the Big Hollow School Library.

Roll Call: The following members were in attendance: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Doug Pedersen. The following members were absent: Joe Cernuska. The following Administration were present: Robert Gold, Christine Arndt.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Added Items/Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Vivian Kueter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

4. Closed Session: For the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Dismissal, Litigation, Negotiations, and Property. At 6:01 pm a motion was made by Doug Pederson and seconded by Jim DeVito to move to Closed Session. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

5. Return to Open Session: A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Jim DeVito to return to Open Session at 7:09 pm. Motion Carried  
Mazur arrived during Closed Session.

6. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the June 1, 2015 Board Meeting to remain in closed status.
  - b. Approval of the Minutes of the June 1, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.
  - c. Approval of the School Treasurer's Report for May 2015.

- d. Approval of Bills for May/June 2015.
- e. Approval of Activity Report for May 2015.
- f. Approval of Payroll for May 2015.
- g. Approval of IESA membership dues for SY 2015-2016.
- h. Approval of the District Treasurer for SY 2015-2016.

Questions raised regarding Consent Agenda

- Bill #3/page 2/2:27 pm/dated 6.11.15. \$2,346 was spent in purchasing iPads. Why were these purchased and what are they for? Pat Syens returned answer that these iPads were purchased through use of the TBE/TPI grant. The five iPads purchased back in May were to replace older devices in the cafeteria.
- On Page 5 - Why was \$5,594 spent on Mimio training and not included in original purchase price. Pat Syens indicated that the initial cost was for hardware/software only and it was not sure why training costs were not included. 2/3 of the system was paid for regular students and 1/3 paid for Special Ed.
- Would like to see report on costs of custodial supplies. District pays for general custodial supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels. Citywide pays for cleaning supplies. Working on inventory control on products and amount being ordered.
- Costs associated with Stanton Mechanical
- Costs associated with Dena Deny. Heather Janquart would like to see a report on what was paid to Dena Deny and Psychologist.

A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Julia Mazur to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.

Ayes: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

7. Public Comments:

- a. Mrs. LaDon Schneider thanked the PTO, Administration, School Board and Union for their support.
- b. Kim Christesen welcomed Mr. Gold and expressed her concerns for the decrease in custodial staff and front office secretaries.

8. Superintendent's Report:

- a. IASB Dues - A motion was made by Julia Mazur and seconded by Doug Pedersen to approve the payment of IASB Dues for the 2015-2016 School Year. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen

Nay: None

- b. Board Meeting Dates - The Board was presented with a list of Board meeting dates mirroring past practices. The Board was also presented with a second

option consisting of 1 Board meeting per month with committees to be structured in July. President Heather Janquart unofficially polled the Board and discussed the options.

A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Vivian Kueter to move to 1 Board meeting per month with committees to be held on the second Monday of the month.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

- c. Full Recognition Status - Notification that Big Hollow has received Full Recognition status from their audit for the 2014-2015 school year.
- d. Dropbox - Presented the Board with the option to go digital with the Board packets through the use of Dropbox. Everyone should have received login instructions. Any Board members that would still like a hard copy should let us know and one will be printed.
- e. Week #1 summary – Mr. Gold expressed that everything is going well and he is settling in. He thanked staff for being supportive in his transition by providing him with information and the space he needs to settle in.

9. Other Action Items:

a. Reading Grant

Information regarding a \$600 grant received from Greenwald-Haupt Charitable Foundation for implementation of a summer reading program with identified Title I students.

A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Doug Pedersen to approve the \$600 Reading Grant for implementation of a summer reading program with identified Title I students. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

b. Employment Recommendations

Exhibit 12 - A motion was made by Jim DeVito and seconded by Kevin Lyons to approve the employment of Leeanna Knauff as District Secretary. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

Exhibit 13 - A motion was made by Doug Pedersen and seconded by Kevin Lyons to approve the employment of Kristen Bordonaro as the Director of Special Services. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

Exhibit 15 - A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Vivian Kueter to approve the employment of Molly Battaglini as the School Psychologist. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

Exhibit 16 - A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Julia Mazur to approve the employment of Megan Stavnes as the Speech Pathologist: Early Childhood. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

Exhibit 14 - A motion was made by Jim DeVito and seconded by Julia Mazur to table the paternity leave request for Mike Vukovics. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

Exhibit 17 - A motion was made by Jim DeVito and seconded by Doug Pedersen to table the extended unpaid parental leave request for Virginia Ferretti. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

c. Salary/wage Increase

Administration - A motion was made by Kevin Lyons and seconded by Doug Pedersen to freeze wages for administration and benefits to stay the same. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur,  
Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

Support Staff - A motion was made to freeze wages for support staff with \$6,000  
insurance reimbursement. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur,  
Doug Pedersen  
Nay: None

10. Informational Items: There will be a special Closed Session Board Meeting scheduled  
for June 22, 2015. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2015 with  
Closed Session beginning at 6 pm followed by Open Session at 7 pm.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Jim DeVito and seconded by Julia Mazur to adjourn the meeting  
at 7:41 pm. Motion Carried.

Aye: Jim DeVito, Heather Janquart, Vivian Kueter, Kevin Lyons, Julia Mazur, Doug  
Pedersen  
Nay: None

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Heather Janquart, President  
Board of Education

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Doug Pedersen, Secretary  
Board of Education