

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

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 10, 2023

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023.

Roll Call:

The following member were in attendance: Bennett, Cernuska, Lyons, Pedersen, Plescia

The following members were absent: Dollinger

The following administration was present: Gold

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Kueter to move to closed session at 6:01 pm

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:53 pm.

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

The following members were absent: Dollinger

The following administration were present: Gold, Biancalana, Cornwell, Hetrovicz, Janusz, McCulley, Pittman

4. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Academic Spotlight

Big Hollow Middle School STEM Club leaders, Adrian Peyrot and Stephanie Cullotta presented to the board something they have been working on to help students understand the design process. Each student's goal was to design a board game from scratch creating rules, pieces, and the game boards. STEM found it was hard to find a way to create a lasting game board that can be played over and over again. STEM Club received a 3D laser cutter and engraver, Glowforge, from the PTO. Currently the STEM Club is piloting the use of the Glowforge, and once mastered, it will be rolled out for enrichment activities during EPIC or the use for curriculum. Keepsake keychains, which were created by students using the Glowforge, were distributed to the board members.

8. Accomplishment Recognition

John Von Hoene, 8th Grade Student, was recognized for qualifying for the 2023 IESA Wrestling State Finals.

For the month of March the administration honored the following individuals who have been nominated and voted upon by staff for the following awards:

- o Student of the Month: Rachele Motino, 1st Grader  
Rachele was nominated by Mrs. Zonsius for being kind and coming to school everyday with a smile on her face. She tries her best, even if the skill might be difficult. Rachele is a great role model for her peers.
- o Employee of the Month: Eileen Upton, Occupational Therapist  
Eileen was nominated by the Kindergarten and 1st Grade teams for being hardworking and dedicated to her students. She works tirelessly in all three buildings and always gives 100% in everything she does. Eileen is patient and offers empathy, encouragement and support to all her students.

9. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

Item #4: "I will take no private action that might compromise the board or administration and will respect the confidentiality of privileged information."

10. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Superintendent's Report:

a. Retiree Honored

We honored Maria Finn, 4th Grade Teacher, who is retiring at the end of the 2022-2023 school year after 15 years of service. Many staff members were on hand to show their appreciation for Maria!

b. 3 Year Technology Plan Update

Mr. McCulley, Director of Technology, shared an exhibit which details work completed to date as well as the expected updates for the next 3 school years.

c. Big Hollow School District Safety Committee

Mr. Gold provided the board with information on a newly developed Safety Committee which will work on an action plan, which was exhibited. He is working on the grant writing process to obtain funds for school safety projects.

12. Other Action Items:

a. Intergovernmental Agreement with Gavin School District 37 for shared servicing of Food Service Coordinator. This shared position has been working well for both districts for the past 5 years.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gavin School District 37 for shared servicing of Food Service Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

b. License Agreement with Premier IL Volo LLC

Premier IL Volo LLC (previously A Child's Place) returned to Big Hollow providing before and after school care in January 2023 after a break in service.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Kueter to approve the license agreement with Premier IL Volo LLC (previously A Child's Place) for the use of

facilities for providing before and after school programming for Big Hollow students for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

c. Big Ideas Math Curriculum

Dr. Hetrovicz and Sylvia Garcarz, 7th Grade Math Teacher, answered questions and shared information on the Big Ideas math curriculum. This program offers teachers more planning resources and incorporates all levels of student learning. A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Bennett to approve the adoption of Big Ideas Math as a math curriculum resource for Big Hollow Middle School on first reading.

Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Bennett, Pedersen, Plesica, Kueter, Lyons

Nay: None

d. HealthSmart Health Curriculum

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cernuska to approve the adoption of HealthSmart as a health curriculum resource for Big Hollow Middle School on first reading.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

e. Summer Technology E-Rate Project

An exhibit was presented detailing the summer technology work to be completed at Big Hollow. This project is funded 50% through the E-Rate program.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Bennett to accept the quote presented for the summer technology E-Rate project.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

f. March 2023 Employment Recommendations

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Kueter to approve the employment report with the additions of Dariana Ortiz, Middle School Social Worker; Maria Gomez-Contreras, Transportation Driver as well as the contract for Barb Steinseifer as part-time Curriculum & Instruction and EL Director. Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

13. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation from Jessica Green, Paraprofessional, effective March 29, 2023.
- Accepted resignation from Daisy Orellana, Multilingual Services Facilitator, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- Accepted resignation from Deonna Klobe, Middle School Math Teacher, Athletic Director and Middle School Softball Coach, effective April 14, 2023.
- Accepted resignation from Jessica Lardizabal, Elementary Certified School Nurse, effective April 3, 2023.

14. Informational Items:

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests  
FOIA requests received in March 2023 were exhibited. No questions or comments.
- b. Monthly Reports for March 2023 were presented to the board
  - a. Monthly Administrator Report
  - b. Monthly Attendance Report
  - c. Administrator Meeting Agenda
  - d. AAPAC Meeting Agenda from April 6, 2023
- c. The board discussed the schedule for the superintendent evaluation for Mr. Gold. The following timeline as approved for the completion of the evaluation process:
  - a. May 1, 2023 - Deadline for Mr. Gold submit his self-evaluation
  - b. May 31, 2023 - Deadline for the Board to submit individual evaluations of Mr. Gold
  - c. June 12, 2023 - Board reviews the consolidated evaluation data after the regularly scheduled Board meeting (Proposed).

d. June 30, 2023 - Deadline for the Board or Board president to review and sign-off the evaluation with Mr. Gold.

d. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 8, 2023 with closed session beginning at 6:00 pm. This meeting will serve as a reorganization meeting following the certification of the April 2023 election results.

15. Motion to move to Closed Session:

Not needed

16. Return to Open Session:

Not needed

17. Take any necessary action following closed session regarding minutes, employment of personnel, resignations, terminations or leaves of absence:

None

18. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Pedersen to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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