

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 8, 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, May 8, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Kueter, Lyons

The following administration was present: Gold

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Dollinger 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, Lyons, Pedersen, Plescia

The following members were absent: Kueter

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Cernuska to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Accomplishment Recognition

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

o Student of the Month: William Teplan, 8th Grader

William was nominated by his teacher, Lisa Romero, for being a kind, thoughtful and caring person. He does not let setbacks keep him down and is not afraid of some hard work. He works hard every day to learn and grow.

o Employee of the Month: Lorene Power, Primary School Paraprofessional
Eileen was nominated by Mrs. Zonsius, for having an easy go-with-the flow personality and having great ideas for the classroom. Lorene's compassion and patience shine when working with students with special needs.

o Golden Apple Award Recognition. Big Hollow is very proud of our very own 4th grade teacher, Andrea Woods, for being selected as one of 10 teachers from the state of Illinois to win The Golden Apple Award for 2023.

A brief video was shown of the surprise award ceremony which took place on Friday, May 5th in the elementary school.

8. Retirement Recognition

Girl Scout Troop #45856 provided the board with an update on the projects they have worked on over the past 2 years, one being a butterfly garden that they will be planting at the Big Hollow Nature Center in honor of Christine Arndt, Assistant Superintendent.

9. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

Item #5: "I will abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

10. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Superintendent's Report:

a. Retiree Honored

We honored Christine Arndt, Assistant Superintendent, who is retiring at the end of the 2022-2023 school year after 25 years of service. Christine was presented with a plaque and a video was shown. The video featured pictures of Christine over the years with fellow staff members as well as messages from old and new staff members wishing her well.

b. Citizen Advisory Council Bylaws

Mr. Gold provided a summary of the CAC meetings from this current school year and shared an exhibit showing updated bylaws. Minor changes included the removal of officers and the addition of a 4th meeting.

c. Water Main Construction Project

Mr. Gold provided an exhibit detailing the installation of a water service line as part of the Village of Volo's Water Main Project, which was agreed upon during the annexation to Volo Village in 2021. The work is set to begin during the summer of 2023.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Plescia to move forward with the water main project as recommended by Mr. Gold.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

d. Board Policy Update

IASB PRESS Plus Policy Issue 111 revisions were exhibited.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Cernuska to approve on 1st reading the revision recommendations from PRESS Plus Issue 111.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

e. IASB Resolutions

Information regarding submitting IASB resolutions was exhibited. Our IASB Resolutions representative is Vivian Kueter.

- f. Summer Office Hours
A minimum of one main office will be open each day on campus throughout the summer on Monday – Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Staff will be available for appointment only on Friday's from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- g. 8th Grade Graduation
The 2023 8th Grade Graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Big Hollow Middle School.

12. Other Action Items:

- a. Summer Maintenance Project List
An outline of the various summer maintenance projects that have been planned in collaboration with the Board Building/Grounds/Transportation committee was exhibited.
A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Cernuska to approve the summer major maintenance project list
Motion carried.

Aye: Plescia, Cernuska, Bennett, Lyons, Dollinger, Pedersen
Nay: None
- b. Education Support Staff Handbook for 2023-2024
The updated ESP Handbook for 2023-2024 with changes noted was exhibited.
A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Pedersen to approve the 2023-2024 Education Support Staff Handbook as presented.
Motion carried.

Aye: All
Nay: None
- c. Big Ideas Math
A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Dollinger to approve the adoption of Big Ideas Math as a math curriculum resource for Big Hollow Middle School on second reading.
Motion carried.

Aye: All
Nay: None

d. HealthSmart

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Dollinger to approve the adoption of HealthSmart as a Health curriculum resource for Big Hollow Middle School on second reading.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

e. Extra-curricular assignments for 2023-2024

A listing of extracurricular positions for the 2023-2024 school year as well as recommendations for 2023-2024 was exhibited. All vacancies will be posted.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Dollinger to accept the extra-curricular assignments for 2023-2024 as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

f. April 2023 Employment Recommendations

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pedersen to approve the employment report as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

13. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation from Gale Homuth, Transportation Driver, effective April 30, 2023.
- Accepted resignation from Tammy Maxwell, Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- Accepted resignation from Michael Gorelick, 8th Grade Science Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

14. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

No FOIA requests were received in April 2023.

- b. Monthly Reports for April 2023 were presented to the board
 - a. Monthly Administrator Report
 - b. Monthly Attendance Report
 - c. Administrator Meeting Agenda
 - d. AAPAC Meeting Agenda from May 4, 2023
 - c. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, June 12, 2023 with closed session beginning at 6:00 pm.
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 Cernuska and seconded by Dollinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.
Motion carried.
- Aye: All
Nay: None

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