

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 2022

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, June 13, 2022.

Roll Call:

The following member were in attendance: Bennett, Cernuska, Kueter, 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 Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to move to closed session at 6:01 pm
Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:16 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, Janusz, McCulley

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 Plescia to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

"I will encourage and respect free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and will

participate in board discussions in an open, honest, and respectful manner, honoring differences of opinion or perspective.”

7. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

Mr. Gold shared a brief synopsis on the committee meeting reports.

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

9. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

10. Superintendent’s Report:

a. 2022-2027 BHSD38 Strategic Plan

Mr. Gold shared details from the recent strategic planning event that was held over two days that included administrators, teachers, parents, students, and board members.

3 new goals were created with emphasis on standards-based reporting, diversity, social-emotional well being, and operational spending.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

b. Fly-Up Day

All three buildings participated in a fly-up day at the end of May, where all students had the opportunity to “fly-up” to the grade they will be in for the 2022-2023 school year, as well as meet teachers and tour the buildings. Great feedback was received from all that participated!

c. School Safety

Mr. Gold shared ideas for school safety options to begin in the 2022-2023 school year.

*Resource Officer on campus (there is a possibility of sharing this with a local school).

*Hiring of a Safety Paraprofessional to help monitor hallways and restrooms, etc.

More information will be presented to the board at the July meeting.

d. 2022-2023 School Board Meetings

A listing of the 2022-2023 school board meetings was presented. Meetings will remain

in the Middle School Multipurpose Room with closed session beginning at 6:00 pm and open session beginning immediately following. Meetings will be live streamed.

e. 2022-2023 Budget Calendar

The tentative budget for SY22-23 will be presented during the Monday, August 8, 2022 Board Meeting. According to the Illinois School Code, the budget will need to be on display in our office for thirty (30) days prior to the board adopting the final budget. All public school budgets must be approved by September 30th of each year. The budget will be on display at the District office by August 4, 2022.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to accept the recommended Board of Education budget calendar outlined below:

Thursday, August 4, 2022 – Local ad appears in the Daily Herald regarding thirty-day notice of budget on display.

Monday, August 8, 2022 – Board approves Tentative Budget for SY22-23.

Thursday, August 4, 2022 through Monday, September 12, 2022 – Budget on public display at the District office.

Monday, September 12, 2022 – Board adopts budget for 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

f. 8th Grade Graduation

The 2022 8th Grade Graduation program experienced bad weather which led to some discussion on whether or not to continue this program or move the graduation ceremony to inside as in previous years.

An 8th grade parent committee will be organized for the planning of the 2023 graduation ceremony.

g. Insurance Update

The 2021-2022 property/casualty and workers compensation premiums were exhibited. The total cost for these coverages has increased from \$197,155 to \$219,562. However, this cost does not include the approximately \$11,000 that will be added for cyber liability/theft once that bid has been completed.

h. NWEA (MAP) Data

A memo from Dr. King was presented to the board showing Fall 2021 to Spring 2022 MAP results. Numbers are not where the district would like to be and the following will be concentrated on for the upcoming testing year.

*Testing Scheduling

*Testing Environments

11. Other Action Items:

a. May 2022 Employment Report

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Bennett to approve the May 2022 employment report as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

b. Certification of Hazardous Bus Conditions

The Illinois School Code requires that the Board of Education annually review areas within 1½ miles of school where free bus transportation is provided because conditions are such that walking constitutes a serious hazard. Currently, five such areas have been approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation:

- Heading east on W. Nippersink Rd. from the entrance of Big Hollow Middle School
- Heading west on W. Nippersink Rd. from the entrance of Big Hollow Middle School
- Heading north on Fish Lake Rd. from the entrance of Big Hollow Primary/Elementary Schools
- Heading south on Fish Lake Rd. from the entrance of Big Hollow Primary/Elementary Schools
- Heading west on Molidor Rd. from the entrance of Big Hollow Primary/Elementary Schools

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to accept the recommended hazardous conditions in these areas to remain unchanged and that walking continues to constitute a serious hazard to students due to vehicular traffic.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

c. Appointment of Treasurer for the 2022-2023 school year and School Treasurer's Bond

The following exhibits were presented to the board:

A contract with Diane Spakowski to continue to provide business office services once per month, which will include work as the District Treasurer and assistance in bank account reconciliation each month.

The School Treasurer's Bond that will be secured through Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for a total of \$5,000,000.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Bennett to accept the contract for business office services as well as the School Treasurer's Bond.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Resignations Accepted:

*Accepted a resignation from Hayley Vaughn, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

*Accepted a resignation from Lindsey DeBello, Paraprofessional, effective May 31, 2022.

*Accepted a resignation from Colleen Davidson, Paraprofessional, effective May 31, 2022.

12. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

FOIA requests for the month of May were exhibited. No comments or questions.

b. Monthly Reports

The Monthly Administrator Report, Monthly Attendance Report and Monthly Administrator Agenda for the month of May were presented to the board.

c. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, July 11, 2022.

13. Motion to move to Closed Session:

Not needed

14. Return to Open Session:

Not needed

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 Kueter to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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