

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 14, 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, August 14, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Lyons

The following administration was present: Gold

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:

A motion was made by Dollinger 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 6:15 pm.

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

The following members were absent: Lyons

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 Plescia and seconded by Kueter to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

Item #9: "I will respectfully listen to those who communicate with the Board, seeking to understand their views, while recognizing my responsibility to represent the interests of the entire community."

8. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

9. Superintendent's Report:

a. Vendor Expense Report

A listing of vendors who were paid more than \$5,000 in the 2022-2023 school year were exhibited.

b. ECRA

ECRA presented to the Curriculum Committee a proposal for Big Hollow SD38 to provide us with a secure online school intelligence platform containing school improvement and strategic dashboard applications. A discussion was had amongst the board members and Mr. Gold on this agreement.

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Kueter to accept the proposed agreement with ECRA.

Motion carried.

Aye: Dollinger, Kueter, Pedersen, Cernuska, Plescia

Nay: Bennett

c. Citizen Advisory Council

A CAC member list, the meeting dates for the 2023-2024 school year and the draft objectives were presented to the board.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Plescia to approve the Citizen Advisory Council Member list for the 2023-2024 school year.
Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

d. Facilities Department

Two upcoming projects were discussed; stage lighting replacement and gym partition at Big Hollow Middle School.

10. Tentative Budget

In preparation of the budget, over 80 revenue codes and nearly 700 expense codes were reviewed. The State requires that a balanced budget be submitted or the District must complete a deficit reduction plan to balance the District's budget within three years. School Board Accounting Procedures and Definition of Terms along with the SY 23-24 Tentative Budget were exhibited.

The hearing on the annual budget will be held during our Monday, September 11, 2023 Board of Education meeting in the Big Hollow Middle School Multi Purpose Room. The budget has been on display since Thursday, August 10, 2023 in order to meet the 30-day requirement. The legal notice appeared on the August 9, 2023 edition of the Daily Herald.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pedersen to approve the tentative budget for SY 2023-2024 on First Reading.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Other Action Items:

a. July 2023 Employment Recommendations

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Plescia to approve the employment report as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

b. Stage Lighting Replacement

A memo and summary of the proposed replacement of the current stage lighting

system were presented to the board.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the proposal for state lighting replacement at BHMS.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

c. Parent/Student Handbook

The Student/Parent Handbook for SY23-24 has been updated for all schools. Feedback was received from a parent/teacher discipline advisory committee along with the Board Culture/Climate committee. The handbook will be available on the District website. Parents can also request a printed copy of the handbook. The handbook reflects all the revisions to Board Policy that have been previously approved.

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Kueter to approve the updated

version of the current Student/Parent Handbook.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

12. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation of Terrance Spurlin, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, effective July 11, 2023.
- Accepted resignation of Amanda Bergquist, 2nd Grade Teacher, effective July 13, 2023.
- Accepted resignation of Dan Knowles, Middle School Band Director, effective August 3, 2023.
- Accepted resignation of Jeffery Beller, Elementary School Paraprofessional, effective August 5, 2023.
- Accepted resignation of Holly Gold, Transportation Driver, effective August 8, 2023.
- Accepted resignation of Brittany Otrembiak, Primary School Paraprofessional, effective August 8, 2023.
- Accepted resignation of Julie Bonhotal, Middle School Speech Pathologist, effective August 10, 2023.

13. Informational Items:
- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests
FOIA requests received in July 2023 were exhibited.
 - b. Monthly Administrator Report for July 2023 was presented to the board.
 - c. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 11, 2023 with closed session beginning at 6:00 pm and open session immediately following. The board will be holding a special meeting focusing on Strategic Planning on Thursday, August 31st starting at 4:30 p.m. in the BHMS Library.
14. Motion to move to Closed Session:
Not needed
15. Return to Open Session:
Not needed
16. Take any necessary action following closed session regarding minutes, employment of personnel, resignations, terminations or leaves of absence:
None
17. Adjournment:
A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Kueter to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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