

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 9, 2021

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 9, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: None

The following administration was present: Gold

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Dollinger to move to closed session at 6:01pm
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:13 pm.

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

The following members were absent: None

The following administration were present: Gold, Arndt, Biancalana, Hetrovicz, Janusz, King, McCulley, Pitman

The meeting was available via live stream.

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 as written.
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Board Member “Code of Conduct” Review:

_____ Item #8: “I will be sufficiently informed about and prepared to act on the specific issues before the board, and remain reasonably knowledgeable about local, state, national, and global education issues.”

7. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

8. Public Comments:

No public comments were presented.

9. Superintendent’s Report:

_____ a. Review the vendor expense report for 2020-2021

An exhibit was shared of a listing of vendors who were paid more than \$5,000 in 2020-2021.

Questions were addressed on a few line items. The amount paid to SEDOL was questioned and addressed by Mr. Gold and Dr. Pittman. More information will be provided to the Board at a later date.

b. Approve the Citizen’s Advisory Council Members for 2021-2022

Mr. Gold presented the board with a listing of parents, students and community members who have volunteered for the CAC for this upcoming school year, a listing of the CAC meetings for the 2021-2022 school year, and the draft objectives that the CAC will be discussing in the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Dollinger to approve the Citizen’s Advisory Council Members for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

c. Board Policy update on 1st reading

Press Plus Issue 107 was presented and discussed.

Board policy 2:270, which is a newly presented policy, was discussed in detail. Many questions were raised on how this policy will be enforced and tracked and the wording of the policy. The board would like this policy, as well as policy 8:25, revisited with the

intent of the policy changes to say that the Big Hollow logo, etc, cannot be used for personal gain and/or endorsements.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Kueter to approve on 1st reading the recent Board Policy update Issue 107

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

d. Student Registration Update

Mr. Gold provided a short update on the status of the registration for the 2021-2022 school year. We are currently at approximately 80-85% of the previously existing students being registered. Approximately 159 kindergarten students to date, this is lower than past numbers.

e. Curriculum and Instruction Update

Dr. Hetrovicz and Dr. King shared an exhibit updating the various initiatives that the Curriculum and Instruction department are preparing for.

They will be implementing Common Core as it was intended. Standards based grading will be broken down into specifics using a point system. This will be implemented beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, beginning first in middle school and then gradually at the elementary and primary levels. This will align with Grant High School's grading system

Dr. Hetrovicz also briefly discussed the updates to spelling instruction and how it will correlate to students' reading level.

10. Tentative Budget for SY 21-22 First Reading

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. The hearing on the annual budget will be held during our Monday, September 13, 2021 Board of Education meeting in the Big Hollow Middle School Multi Purpose Room. The budget has been on display since Monday, August 5, 2021 in order to meet the 30-day requirement. The legal notice appeared on the August 5, 2021 edition of the Daily Herald.

Mr. Gold detailed the tentative budget addressing questions from the board.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Pedersen to approve the SY 21-22 Tentative Budget.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Other Action Items:

a. July Employment Report

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Kueter to approve the July employment report with the addition of Kirsten Wilhelm, 4th grade Teacher and 8th grade girls basketball coach.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

b. 2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook

The Student/Parent Handbook for SY21-22 has been updated for all schools and includes an addendum for COVID-19 related items. 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 Bennett to approve the updated version of the current Student/Parent Handbook

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

c. Strategic Planning Process Proposal from Educational Leadership Solutions

A proposal was presented to the board detailing the steps that will be taken to review the district's current Mission, Vision, Beliefs and Goals to determine to what extent each of these are still valid, in use, in practice and/or serving a purpose within the district.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Dollinger to approve the proposal as submitted by Educational Leadership Solutions

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

d. Closed Meeting Minutes

Each July and January, Mr. Gold is to report to the Board of Education any closed session minutes that have been closed to the public that should be released. Mr. Gold is recommending that current closed minutes should remain in closed status.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Bennett to keep all closed meeting minutes in closed status.

Aye: All

Nay: None

12. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation from Kristina DeNapoli, Bus Driver, effective July 20, 2021.
- Accepted resignation from Christy Niernberg, 10 Month Primary School Secretary, effective July 27, 2021.
- Accepted resignation from Jason Watt, 8th Grade Special Education Teacher, effective August 3, 2021.
- Accepted resignation from Lynn Wingard, 8th Grade Math Teacher, effective August 3, 2021.
- Accepted resignation from Kennedy Vilt, Primary School Music Teacher, effective August 3, 2021.

13. Informational Items:

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests
No FOIA requests were received for the month of July.
- b. Monthly Reports
The Monthly Administrator Report from July was presented to the board.
- c. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 13, 2021.
- d. An IASB Board Member training will take place on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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 Kueter and seconded by Plescia to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.
Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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