



**Our Mission:** *Inspiring a diverse school community to be passionate and empathetic learners.*  
**Our Vision:** *Big Hollow School District #38 will be a model of student achievement for elementary school districts across the State of Illinois.*

## **REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Monday, September 13, 2021

6:00 p.m. Closed Session

Open Session immediately follows Closed Session

Big Hollow Middle School Cafeteria

*This board meeting can be viewed live virtually. By 6:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting, a live meeting link will be added to the following location on our website: <https://www.bighollow.us/board-of-education>.*

*For public participation opportunities, we ask that you submit your public participation statement to Melissa Morley ([melissamorley@bighollow.us](mailto:melissamorley@bighollow.us)) by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021.*

### **Agenda No. 3**

#### **Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call**

#### **Item 2 – Motion to move to Closed Session ([Board Policy 2:200](#)) (roll call vote)**

1. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
2. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
3. Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

#### **Item 3 – Resume to Open Session**

#### **Item 4 – Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item 5 – Conduct Hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget (Board Policy 4:10)**

A **motion**, **second**, and **vote** are required to enter into the budget hearing and the **same** is required to close the budget hearing prior to adopting the SY 20-21 budget.

**Motion to enter Budget Hearing (voice vote)**

**Exhibit 1** Revenue and Expenditure History

**Exhibit 2** Analysis of the fund balances over the past few years

**Exhibit 3** is the updated School District Budget Form which states the estimated revenue and expenses for SY 21-22.

**Motion to close the Budget Hearing (voice vote)**

**Item 6 – Added Items/Approval of the Agenda (Board Policy 2:220)**

**Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (voice vote)**

**Item 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.”

**Item 8 – Approve Consent Agenda Items**

**Item 1** Approve the Closed Session Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Board Meeting to remain in closed status

**Item 2** Approve the Closed Session Minutes from the August 24, 2021 Special Board Meeting to remain in closed status

**Item 3** Approve hourly wage adjustments for select education support staff as discussed in the closed session.

**Exhibit 4** Approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

**Exhibit 5** Approval of the School Treasurer’s Report for August, 2021

**Exhibit 6** Approval of Bills for August/September, 2021

**Exhibit 7** Approval of Activity and Convenience Fund Reports for August, 2021

**Exhibit 8** Approval of Payroll for August, 2021

**Exhibit 9** Approval of the Annual Salary and Benefits Report for FY2021

**Exhibit 10** Approval of Finance Committee Report from September 2, 2021

**Exhibit 11** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between ELC and Big Hollow SD38

**Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (roll call)**

**Item 9 – Public Comments**

**Item 10 – Superintendent’s Report**

**a. Introduction of new Big Hollow District 38 certified staff members**

**PRIMARY:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Katie Boyd	PreK Teacher
Barbara Gomez	Music Teacher
Aneta Luszczyk	Social Worker

**ELEMENTARY:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Amanda Bergquist	ELL Teacher
Shannon Byker	3rd Grade Teacher
Missy Carr	2nd Grade Teacher
Sabrina Fortunski	3rd Grade Teacher
Vicki Stewart	3rd Grade Teacher
Kirsten Wilhelm	4th Grade Teacher

**MIDDLE:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Thelma Allen	Bilingual Teacher
Nicole Buschek	6th Grade ELA Teacher
Bradley Doherty	6th Grade Social Studies
Kim Hanson	5-8 Electives Teacher
Heather Kolaski	5th Grade ELA Teacher
Chloe Kotiw	7th Grade Social Studies Teacher
Amanda McDonough	5th Grade Math Teacher
Catherine Polglaze	8th Grade Math Teacher
Jodie Ruden	6th Grade Science Teacher
Thomas Schorsch	8th Grade ELA Teacher
Ashleigh Wonsil	ELL Teacher

**b. Honoring of certified employees who have received tenure beginning in the 2021-2022 school year ([Board Policy 5:110](#))**

We would like to congratulate the following certified employees for achieving tenure status after serving four successful school years here at Big Hollow School District 38:

- Hannah Ball (2nd Grade Teacher - Big Hollow Elementary)
- Douglas Erickson (6th Grade Math Teacher - Big Hollow Middle School)
- Heather Fischer (Math Specialist - Big Hollow Middle School)
- Kimberly Frazier (Speech Pathologist - Big Hollow Primary School)
- Kristen Glover (3rd Grade Teacher - Big Hollow Elementary School)
- Michael Gorelick (8th Grade Science Teacher - Big Hollow Middle School)
- Traci Hoos (Special Education Teacher - Big Hollow Primary School)
- Kristina Lancaster (2nd Grade Teacher - Big Hollow Elementary School)
- Sarah Loessl (7th Grade Science Teacher - Big Hollow Middle School)
- Sofia Mantzoukis (Bilingual Teacher - Big Hollow Elementary School)
- Sarah Nettis (School Psychologist - Big Hollow Elementary School)
- Erin Peska (5th Grade Science Teacher - Big Hollow Middle School)
- Kristina Vanderwerff (Social Worker - Big Hollow Elementary School)
- Bonny Walters (5th Grade Math Teacher - Big Hollow Middle School)

**c. Return-to-School Discussion**

Mr. Gold will discuss how the school year has started and will take questions from the Board.

**d. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Update ([Board Policy 6:65](#))**

Jessica M. Oladapo has provided service and training to Big Hollow School District over the past year, and will update the Board on work that is planned for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Vicki King will also share her role in leading various school and district teams through this important work.

**Exhibit 12** consists of the presentation summary slides.

**e. Approve the recent Board Policy update on 2nd reading. ([Board Policy 2:240](#))**

**Exhibit 13** consists of IASB PRESS Plus policy revision recommendations from issue number 107.

**Recommendation: Approve on 2nd reading –Motion Required (*voice vote*)**

**f. Approve new Board Policy 2:270**

**Exhibit 14** is a new policy (2:270) as revised based on discussions of the Board at the August 2021 meeting.

**Recommendation: Approve –Motion Required (*voice vote*)**

**g. Analysis of Enrollment**

**Exhibit 15** is the Big Hollow School District sixth day enrollment summary from SY 06-07 to SY 21-22.

**Exhibit 16** is a classroom enrollment summary for BHSD Primary/Elementary Schools.

**Item 11 – Other Action Items**

**a. Approve the August Employment Report**

**Exhibit 17** is the employment report for the month of August.

**Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (roll call)**

**b. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education of Big Hollow School District and the Big Hollow Federation of Teachers for COVID-19 related issues for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Exhibit 18** is the MOU which was agreed upon by our teacher evaluation committee

**Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (roll call)**

**c. Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget**

Approval of the 2021-2022 Annual Budget as presented during the budget hearing.

**Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (roll call)**

**d. Approve the lease of an additional school bus for the purpose of transportation of students requiring handicap accessibility.**

**Exhibit 19** is a lease agreement for a 2017 Chevy Collins 19 passenger bus with wheelchair lift included.

**Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (roll call)**

**Item 12 – Resignations Accepted**

- Accepted a resignation from Tad Grabnik, Middle School Graphics Arts Teacher, effective August 10, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Amanda Masini, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective August 11, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Carrie Miller, Boys Soccer Coach, effective August 17, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Renee Lynk, Transportation and Lunch Monitor, effective August 27, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Mary Lavanholi, Lunch Monitor, effective August 23, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Gail Peterson, Middle School Paraprofessional, effective August 23, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Annamarie Houghton, Food Service worker, effective August 23, 2021.

**Item 13 – Informational Items**

**a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests**

No FOIA requests have been received since the last Board meeting.

**b. Monthly Reports for the Board**

a. **Exhibit 20** Administrator Report

b. **Exhibit 21** Administrator meeting agendas for August, 2021

c. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and open session beginning immediately following closed session.

**Item 14 – Motion to move to closed session**

For the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal, litigation, negotiations, and property.

**Item 15 – Return to Open Session**

**Item 16 – Take any necessary action following closed session regarding minutes, employment of personnel, resignations, terminations or leaves of absence.**

**Item 17 – Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn. (*voice vote*)**