

**Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041**

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 12, 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, October 12, 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 Kueter to move to closed session at 6:01 pm  
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:42 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, Pittman

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 Bennett and seconded by Kueter to approve the agenda as written.  
Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

6. Accomplishment Recognition

For the month of September, the administration would like to honor the following individuals who have been nominated by staff and selected by the administration for the following awards:

- Student of the Month: Tyler Hays
- Employee of the Month: Matt Newborn

7. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

"I will strive for a positive working relationship with the superintendent, respecting the superintendent's authority to advise the Board, implement Board policy, and administer the District."

8. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

9. Public Comments:

There were no public comments this month.

10. Superintendent's Report:

a. Dr. Valorie Donnan, Superintendent of SEDOL, presented an overview of the programs and support provided by SEDOL, specifically highlighting how BHSD38 is utilizing their services. She shared with the Board details on all of the programs as well as the number of students utilizing them. SEDOL currently has 31 member districts. Dr. Donnan explained the bullet points that SEDOL follows in the mission and vision:

- Climate and Culture
- Student Instruction
- Social Emotional Wellness

She also gave a financial breakdown on how IDEA funds have been distributed in the past versus currently.

b. Dr. Vicki King shared an update with the Board on local assessments that have been completed. Her presentation explained the grade level RIT score compared to the national average. Some 7th and 8th grade students are now taking math assessments specifically targeted to either Algebra or Geometry course work. Kindergarten and PreK are still gathering data. All students are monitored regularly to ensure correct placement. The drop in scoring from fall-winter versus the increase from winter-spring was discussed in detail.

- c. BHSD Principals; Dr. Vicki King, Dr. Vinni Biancalana, and Lenayn Janusz, shared a summary of the 2021-2022 school improvement plans. These have been developed with the assistance of building leadership teams and goals have been combined between the 3 buildings instead of separate goals for each building. Goal #1 will focus on areas of highest need and Goal #2 focuses on empathy and sense of belonging at Big Hollow.
- d. Mr. Gold updated the Board on the following pandemic-related topics:
- Current Cases
  - Quarantine vs. Test-to-Stay
  - Remote Learning
  - Vaccination
  - Civility
- The majority of quarantine cases within the district are reported from lunch time, when masks are off. We continue to watch and report the county and local zip code numbers. Parents will be surveyed to determine the need for a vaccination clinic for all ages. It was also mentioned how everyone is working hard to follow the state guidelines and asked parents to be patient and understanding with the quarantine guidelines.
- e. Mr. Gold provided the Board with an 8th grade Graduation update. As noted when the Board approved the 2021-2022 calendar, the date for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be Wednesday, May 25, 2022. At this time, if no emergency days are utilized, the last day of school for students will be on Friday, May 27, 2022. Once again this year, BHMS has secured the McHenry Outdoor Theater for the ceremony.
- f. The following board members were recognized:  
Lauren Plescia for receiving Level II Board Member Status  
Vivian Kueter for achieving Master Board Member Status  
Doug Pedersen for achieving Master Board Member Status

11. Other Action Items:

- a. September Employment Report  
A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Dollinger to approve the September employment report as presented.  
Motion carried.
- Aye: Plescia, Dollinger, Lyons, Bennett, Kueter, Cernuska, Pedersen  
Nay: None
- b. BHMS Library Upgrade  
A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Plescia to approve the Big Hollow Middle School Library Upgrade proposal.  
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

12. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted a resignation from Janice Hoffman, Food Service Worker, effective September 16, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Sue Haas, Elementary Lunch Monitor, effective October 1, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Lisa Swiderski, Middle School 12 Month Secretary, effective October 8, 2021.

13. Informational Items:

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests  
FOIA requests received during the month of September and October were presented to the board.
- b. Monthly Reports  
The Monthly Administrator Report and Monthly Attendance Report were presented to the board.
- c. Meeting Agendas  
The Administrator agendas and CAC meeting agenda from September were presented to the board.
- d. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, November 8, 2021.

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 Dollinger and seconded by Kueter to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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