



**Our Mission:** *To educate, empower and engage all learners.*

**Our Vision:** *One District - One Community.*

*Growing confident, creative and conscientious learners*

## **REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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>.*

### **Agenda No. 7**

#### **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).
4. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

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

### **Item 4 – Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Item 5 – Added Items/Approval of the Agenda ([Board Policy 2:220](#))**

**Recommendation: Approve –Motion Required**

### **Item 6 – Public Comments ([Board Policy 2:230](#))**

### **Item 7 - Academic Spotlight**

\*The administration and PreK team collaborated with Art and Fashion & Design teachers at Grant Community High School to create a Magnificent Monster Project. Students and staff from both schools will share details on this exciting partnership.

\*7th Grade ELA students from Ms. William’s class are participating in a Problem Based Learning Project where they are investigating the issue of bullying and are developing possible solutions for it. Students will share an update on their research.

### **Item 8 – Accomplishment Recognition ([Board Policy 6:330](#))**

- For the month of December, the administration would like to honor the following individuals who have been nominated and selected by staff for the following awards:
  - Student of the Month Primary: Alayna Antoniewicz, Kindergarten
  - Student of the Month Elementary: Nyla Jackson, 2nd Grade
  - Student of the Month Middle School: Gianna Reyes, 6th Grade
  - Employee of the Month: Sabrina Summers, 3rd Grade Teacher
- Recognition of David Jesmer for his 33 years of service as a Boy’s Basketball Coach at BHMS.

### **Item 9 – Board Member “Code of Conduct” Review**

Item #3: “I will recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a board meeting.”

### **Item 10 – Approve Consent Agenda Items**

**Item 1**            Approve the Closed Session Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Board Meeting to remain in closed status

**Exhibit 1**        Approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting

- Exhibit 2** Approval of the School Treasurer’s Report for December, 2023
- Exhibit 3** Approval of Bills for December, 2023
- Exhibit 4** Approval of Activity and Convenience Fund Reports for December, 2023
- Exhibit 5** Approval of Payroll for December, 2023

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

**Item 11 – Superintendent’s Report**

**a. HumanEx Data Presentation**

**Exhibit 6** consists of the District results for the HumanEx staff survey completed in December 2023.

**b. Approve the proposed school calendar for 2024-2025 ([Board Policy 6:20](#))**

Mr. Gold, in collaboration with BHSD administrators and union leadership, will submit the proposed school calendar for 2024-2025. A few key items to highlight for this calendar proposal are as follows:

- Based on most recent discussions, the first day of school for students is in close alignment with plans for the other 3 districts who feed into GCHS.
- The Winter Break and Spring Break are in alignment with GCHS.
- If no emergency days are utilized, the final day of school will be on Friday, May 30, 2025.

**Exhibit 7** is the proposed calendar along with other important information and dates

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

**c. Grant Community High School feeder district data summary for Fall 2023**

**Exhibit 8** is a data summary provided from GCHS which outlines various performance measures for their students who previously graduated from BHSD38.

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

**Exhibit 9** consists of IASB PRESS Plus policy revision recommendations from issue number 113.

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

**e. 8th Grade Graduation**

The 8th grade graduation will take place on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the BHMS Gymnasium.

## **Item 12 – Other Action Items**

### **a. Approve the Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes**

As per [Board Policy 2:220](#), each July and January the Superintendent 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 is needed to keep all closed meeting minutes in closed status.

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

### **b. Approve the transportation lease agreement for July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2027**

Mr. Gold will recommend signing a 3-year lease agreement with Midwest Transit for the following transportation vehicles:

- 20 71-passenger gas busses (2023)
- 4 27-passenger gas busses (2024)
- 4 22 -passenger gas busses which included a wheelchair lift (2024)

**Exhibit 10** contains the details of a 3-year lease agreement beginning on July 1, 2024 for the transportation fleet.

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

### **c. Approve the December Employment Recommendations**

**Exhibit 11** is the employment report for the month of December, 2023

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

## **Item 13 – Resignations Accepted**

- Accepted a resignation from Mikeely Taylan, Paraprofessional, effective December 11, 2023.
- Accepted a resignation from Margaret Miller, Transportation Driver, effective December 15, 2023.
- Accepted a resignation from James Kidd, Transportation Driver, effective December 21, 2023.
- Accepted a resignation from Troy Foster, Paraprofessional, effective January 9, 2024.
- Offer rescinded for employment of Kathryn Jones, Transportation Driver, due to failure to complete the required School Bus Endorsements in the required time allowed, effective January 10, 2024.
- Offer rescinded for employment of Christine Ramirez, Transportation Driver, due to failure to complete the required School Bus Endorsements in the required time allowed, effective January 10, 2024.

## **Item 14 – Informational Items**

### **a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests**

- a. **Exhibit 12** FOIA Request from December 26, 2023 and January 9, 2024.

**b. Monthly Reports and Agendas**

**Exhibit 13** Administrator Report

**Exhibit 14** Administrator meeting agendas for December, 2023

**Exhibit 15** Monthly attendance report for December, 2023

**Exhibit 16** AAPAC meeting agenda from December 7, 2023

- c. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, February 12, 2024 with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

**Item 15 – Motion to move to closed session**

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

**Item 16 – Return to Open Session**

**Item 17 – Take any necessary action following closed session regarding minutes, employment of personnel, resignations, terminations or leaves of absence.**

**Item 18 – Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn.**