

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

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 9, 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, January 9, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Cernuska, Plescia

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 6:18 pm.

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

The following members were absent: Cernuska, Plescia

The following administration were present: Gold, Arndt, Biancalana, Cornwell, Janusz, McCulley

4. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Bennett to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

6. Accomplishment Recognition

\*BHSD 38 recognized student athletes from Girls Softball that received straight A's for the 1st Trimester.

For the month of December the administration honored the following individuals who have been nominated and voted upon by staff for the following awards:

o Student of the Month: Aubrey Hopkins, 8th Grader

Ms. Hagen and Ms. Zak nominated Aubrey for always being a role model and constantly displaying a positive attitude in and out of the classroom. Aubrey excels in being a Big Hollow Warrior by following school-wide expectations and participating in all school spirit activities.

o Employee of the Month: Martha Gonzalez and Jose Ramirez, 2nd Shift Custodians

Martha and Jose were nominated by Derek Swiderski, Facilities Director, for their hard work and dedication to Big Hollow as well as their honesty. Most recently, they found a large sum of money and quickly reported it and the owner was notified.

7. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

Item #1: "I will represent all school district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups."

8. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

Aye: Pedersen, Dollinger, Kueter, Lyons, Bennett

Nay: None

9. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

10. Superintendent's Report:

a. 2023-2024 Field Trip to Puerto Rico

Annie Wahls, MS Spanish Teacher, presented detailed information about a potential field trip to Puerto Rico.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Kueter to approve a 2023-2024 field trip to Puerto Rico for the 8th grade Spanish class.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

b. 8th Grade Graduation

Mr. Cornwell gave an update on the 8th grade graduation plans for the class of 2023. After surveying parents and students, the majority voted for a traditional graduation ceremony. Graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 7:00 pm, the location is TBD.

c. Proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar

A draft calendar was presented to the board with the first day of student attendance being August 24, 2023. The board discussed many potential conflicts with this start date and requested additional information be provided to them at the February board meeting.

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Bennett to table the approval of the 2023-2024 proposed school calendar.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

d. Transportation Update

Jackie Laske provided an update on transportation staffing and how the driver shortage is having a financial impact on the transportation fund. Although we have hired 6 new drivers we are still in need of additional drivers and vehicles to cover the number of outsourced schools that we transport to. We will continue to advertise for drivers and will look into additional vehicles.

c. Board Policy Review

Press Plus Issue 110 was reviewed.

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Kueter to approve Board Policy update 110 on 2nd reading.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: none

11. Other Action Items:

a. 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 was made by Pedersen and seconded by Dollinger to keep all closed meeting minutes in closed status.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

b. December 2022 Employment Report

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Kueter to approve the December 2022 employment report as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: Bennett, Kueter, Lyons, Pedersen, Dollinger

Nay: None

12. Resignations Accepted:

- There were no resignations for the month of December 2022.

13. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

A FOIA from December 14, 2022 was exhibited. No questions or comments.

b. Monthly Report

The Monthly Administrator Report and Monthly Attendance Report for the month of December were presented to the board.

c. Meeting Agendas

The Administrator Meeting Agenda for the month of December was exhibited.

d. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, February 13, 2023.

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 7:17 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Aye: All  
Nay: None