



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

Monday, February 12, 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. 8

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 –Added Items/Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Item 7– Academic Spotlight

Elementary School students will share a presentation on their Black History Month project that they worked on during Art and STEM.

Item 8 –Accomplishment Recognition

- * For the month of January, the administration would like to honor the following individuals who have been nominated and selected by staff for the following awards:
 - o Student of the Month Primary: Gabriel Rogoz, 1st Grade
 - o Student of the Month Elementary: Dakota Mitchell, 3rd Grade
 - o Student of the Month Middle School: Steven Tzoumis, 6th Grade
 - o Employee of the Month: Denise Shireman, Primary School Paraprofessional

Item 9– Board Member “Code of Conduct” Review

Code #4: “I will take no private action that might compromise the board or administration and will respect the confidentiality of privileged information.”

Item 10 –Approve Consent Agenda Items

- Item 1** Approve the Closed Session Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Board Meeting to remain in closed status
- Item 2** Approve salary adjustments as presented in closed session
- Exhibit 1** Approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Exhibit 2** Approval of the School Treasurer’s Report for January, 2024
- Exhibit 3** Approval of Bills for January/February, 2024
- Exhibit 4** Approval of Activity and Convenience Fund Reports for January, 2024
- Exhibit 5** Approval of Payroll for January, 2024

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

Item 11 –Superintendent’s Report

a. Instructional Coaching update

The Board will hear a presentation from BHSD staff regarding the impact that the current instruction coaching program is having on teaching and learning.

Exhibit 6 is a slide presentation outlining items that will be discussed

b. January 31st Enrollment Update

Exhibit 7 is an updated enrollment count as of January 31st, 2024

c. Facilities planning update and discussion

Mr. Gold will share an update and take feedback from the Board on the current facilities improvement planning process. The estimated planning timeline is as follows:

- February 22nd
 - Mr. Gold will meet with representatives from Veregy to review their recommendations on projects that need to be pursued over the next 10 years along with estimated costs and a recommended timeline.
- February 29th
 - Mr. Gold will meet with the Building/Grounds/Transportation committee to review the information shared by Veregy and determine District priorities.
- Week of March 4th
 - Mr. Gold will meet with the Finance committee to determine financing options
- March 11th– Board meeting
 - The Board will select what will be part of phase 1 to give Veregy the approval to move forward with getting final documents and firm numbers in place.
- April 8th - Board meeting
 - Final approval of Phase 1 projects and pricing

Item 12 –Other Action Items

a. Approve Certified and Support Staff Seniority Lists

Exhibit 8 is the Certified Staff Seniority List.

Exhibit 9 is the Support Staff Seniority List.

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

b. Approve the School Fees for 2024-2025 ([Board Policy 4:10](#))

This submission is in draft version and the Board can discuss adjustments that they would like to make prior to a recommendation.

Exhibit 10 is the recommended student fee structure for 2024-2025.

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

c. **Approve the Big Hollow School District 38 well decommissioning project**

Exhibit 11 is the bid form for the lowest bid for the project.

Recommendation: To Be Determined –Motion Required (roll call vote)

d. **Approve the January Employment Recommendations**

Exhibit 12 is the employment report for the month of January, 2024.

Recommendation: Approve –Motion Required (roll call vote)

Item 13 –Resignations Accepted

- Accepted retirement for Paulette DeGeorge, Elementary School Library Clerk, effective May 28, 2024 after 21 years of service.
- Accepted retirement for Lenayn Janusz, Primary School Principal, effective July 19, 2024 after 33 years of service.
- Accepted resignation of Jessica Ritchey, Lunch Monitor, effective January 24, 2024.
- Accepted resignation of Tracy Bauske, Food Service Worker, effective March 10, 2024.
- Accepted resignation of Courtney Wegrzyn, Middle School Reading Specialist, effective February 2, 2024.

Item 14 –Informational Items

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

- Exhibit 13 are FOIA requests received in January 2024

b. **Monthly Reports for the Board**

- a. Exhibit 14 Administrator BOE Report
- b. Exhibit 15 Monthly Attendance Report
- c. Exhibit 16 Administrator meeting agenda for January, 2024
- d. Exhibit 17 AAPAC meeting agenda for January 11, 2024
- e. Exhibit 18 CAC meeting agenda for January 22, 2024

- c. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, March 11, 2024, with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Item 15 –Motion to move to Closed Session (Board Policy 2:200) (roll call vote)

1. Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

Item 16 –Return to Open Session

Item 17 –Action on resolution authorizing a student expulsion

Item 18 –Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. (voice vote)