

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 14, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Lyons

The following administration was present: Gold

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Dollinger to move to closed session at 6:02 pm
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 7:10 pm.

The following members were in attendance: Bennett, Cernuska, Dollinger, Pedersen, Plescia

The following members were absent: Lyons

The following administration were present: Gold, Biancalana, Hetrovicz, McCulley, Pittman

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 Pedersen to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Accomplishment Recognition

For the month of January, the administration would like to honor the following individuals:

- Student of the Month: Emma Corbett, 7th Grade
- Employee of the Month: Andrea Woods, 4th Grade Teacher

7. Board Member “Code of Conduct” Review:

“I will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position, and will not use my board membership for personal gain or publicity.”

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, Cernuska, Dollinger, Pedersen, Bennett

Nay: None

Kevin Lyons entered meeting at 7:18 pm

9. Public Comments:

Public comments were heard from audience as well as read from parent email.

10. Superintendent’s Report:

a. COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

Mr. Gold shared with the board a presentation on Situational Masking as well as Resolutions for changing mask procedures

*3 options were presented to the board

1)continue on our current path, making no changes at this time

2)Resolution 1: BHSD38 will follow the current court rulings

3)Resolution 2: BHSD38 will follow the situational masking plan as presented from Superintendent

BHSD38 legal representative from HLERK. spoke to the board and answered many questions in regards to the two Resolutions.

After discussion of each option a motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Dollinger to accept Resolution 2.

Motion carried.

Aye: Bennett, Dollinger, Cernuska, Lyons, Pedersen

Nay: Kueter, Plescia

- b. Strategic Plan Update
Mr. Gold shared an update on the status of the recent Strategic Planning session that took place on February 4th and 5th. More information will be brought to the board at a later date.
- c. January 31st Enrollment
Big Hollow enrollment numbers on January 31, 2022 was exhibited. There is an increase from August 2021, however, we are still lower than previous years.
- d. Structure Changes for Building/Grounds/Transportation
Mr. Gold presented a menu outlining recommended changes to the structure of the building/ground/transportation department for the 2022-2023 school year. These changes include a shift from outsourcing our cleaning services to hiring our own staff.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the plan for changes to contract and leadership structure for building/grounds/transportation.
Motion carried.

Aye: Plescia, Pedersen, Dollinger, Cernuska, Lyons, Bennett, Kueter
Nay: None

- e. Proposed School Calendar for 2022-2023
A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Dollinger to accept the proposed school calendar for 2022-2023 as presented.
Motion carried.

Aye: All
Nay: None

- f. Board Policy Issue 108
A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Cernuska to approve Press Plus Issue 108 policy revisions on 1st reading.
Motion carried.

Aye: All
Nay: None

11. Other Action Items:

a. FCC Emergency Connectivity Funding

FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund is a \$7.17 billion program that helps schools and libraries provide the tools and services their communities need for remote learning during the COVID-19 emergency period. Big Hollow School District was awarded \$520,000 to cover new devices for students and staff for the 2022-2023 school year.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Dollinger to accept the ECF Funding. Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

b. Certified and Support Staff Seniority Lists

A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Plescia to accept the certified and support staff seniority lists as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

c. School Fees for 2022-2023

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Dollinger to accept the submitted draft version of the 2022-2023 school year fee schedule as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

d. Entryway Flooring Project

A bid summary was presented to the board for the entryway flooring project which will be completed in the summer of 2022. Half of the work will be covered under the School Maintenance Project Grant. New grate mat aluminum hinge mat will be installed at each entry in each building.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Pedersen to accept the bid recommendation for the entryway flooring project.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

e. New Transportation Software

A memo was presented to the board recommending and purchase of Versa Trans software system which will provide a complete student transportation management solution. This software will provide the following benefits to our drivers, staff and parents:

- *Skyward communication which will keep drivers updated on student information
- *Parent Portal app will show how many stops away their child's bus is from their location and update on late running buses, etc.
- *More efficient routing system for ensuring safe door-side pick up/drop off
- *Tablets in each bus will provide GPS and seating charts and will track drivers speed, etc.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to approve the purchase of new transportation software for 2022-2023.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

f. January Employment Report

A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Dollinger to approve the January 2022 employment report.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

12. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation from Katie Polglaze, Middle School Teacher, effective January 31, 2022.
- Accepted retirement request from Amy Howard, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

13. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

A FOIA request from January 19, 2022 was exhibited. No comments/questions.

b. Monthly Reports

The Monthly Administrator Report, Monthly Attendance Report, Administrator Meeting Agenda and CAC meeting Agenda from January 2022 were presented to the board.

c. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, March 14, 2022.

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 Bennett and seconded by Kueter to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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