



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, March 11, 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. 9

Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

Item 2 –Motion to move to Closed Session

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 - Academic Spotlight

- The Big Hollow Middle School Scholastic Bowl team will share with the Board their experiences during this 1st season for the team.

Item 7 –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: Victoria Sophia Heredia
 - o Student of the Month Elementary: Braylon Evans
 - o Student of the Month Middle School: Stella Capulong
 - o Employee of the Month: Annie Wahls, Spanish Teacher and Athletic Director

Item 8 – Board Member “Code of Conduct” Review

Item #5: “I will abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.”

Item 9 –Approve Consent Agenda Items

- Item 1** Approve the Closed Session Minutes of the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting to remain in closed status
- Item 2** Approve the 2024-2025 wages/salaries for all employees not covered under the collective bargaining agreement as presented and discussed in closed session.
- Exhibit 1** Approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Exhibit 2** Approval of the School Treasurer’s Report for February, 2024
- Exhibit 3** Approval of Bills for February/March, 2025
- Exhibit 4** Approval of Activity and Convenience Fund Reports for February, 2024
- Exhibit 5** Approval of Payroll for February, 2024
- Exhibit 6** Approval of the February 29, 2024 Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee report
- Exhibit 7** Approval of the March 5, 2024 Finance Committee report

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

Item 10 –Public Comments ([Board Policy 2:230](#))

Item 11 –Superintendent’s Report

a. Approve the final Staffing Plan for 2024-2025

Exhibit 8 consists of the staffing numbers recommended by the BHSD administration for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

b. 2024 Summer School Learning Opportunities

Dr. Erin Pittman and Mrs. Kira Denovo have worked hard to develop summer learning opportunities for all of our students. The exhibit below outlines what will be offered, as parents will soon have an opportunity to register. Classes are again being offered at no charge to families.

Exhibit 9 provides a full description of the summer learning opportunities that will be available for students

c. Water main project update

Mr. Gold will provide the Board with an update on the connection to the water main which was recently installed on campus.

d. Calendar for End of SY 24-25

- 8th Grade Graduation
 - Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Big Hollow Middle School Gym
 - This day is also an early release for the 8th grade students.
- Final day of school (Pending no emergency days are utilized)
 - Friday, May 24, 2024
 - This will also be an early release day.

Item 12–Other Action Items

a. Approve the February Employment Recommendations

Exhibit 10 is the employment report for the month for February, 2024.

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

b. Approve Administrative Assignments for 2024-2025

- Dr. Vinni Biancalana – Elementary School Principal
- Mr. Josh Cornwell – Middle School Principal
- Mrs. Kira Denovo – SPED Coordinator
- Mrs. Sara Kumpula – Elementary School Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Amanda McDonough – Middle School Assistant Principal
- Mr. Matthew McCulley – Director of Technology
- Mrs. Rachel Mullen – Primary School Principal
- Dr. Erin Pittman – Assistant Superintendent of Student Services (shared position with Gavin School District 37)
- Ms. Barb Steinseifer – Curriculum & Instruction Director (part time)
- Mrs. Nicole Stroup – Teaching and Learning Coordinator
- Mr. Brian Summers – Middle School Assistant Principal
- TBD – Primary School Assistant Principal

Recommendation: Approve - Motion Required (voice vote)

c. Approve a classroom construction project at Big Hollow Primary

Mr. Gold is proposing the construction of a classroom in the current Kindergarten “pod” at Primary. If approved, this will be the 3rd “pod” construction that has taken place since 2020. The additional classroom space is needed due to the efforts of the District to lower overall class sizes in recent years.

Exhibit 11 consists of the blueprint for the project.

Recommendation: Approve - Motion Required (voice vote)

d. Approve the Phase 1 scope of work with Veregy

Mr. Gold has recently met with the Finance Committee and the Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee to discuss future facilities projects to be completed through a performance contract with Veregy.

Recommendation: Approve - Motion Required (roll call vote)

Item 13 –Resignations Accepted

- Accepted resignation of Jean Hayes, Elementary Lunch Monitor, effective February 14, 2024.
- Accepted resignation Corthell McDaniel, Middle School Lunch Monitor, effective February 28, 2024.
- Accepted resignation of Matthew Kalmerton, Custodian, effective March 8, 2024.
- Accepted resignation of Kara Mancini, 8th Grade Science Teacher, effective end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Accepted resignation of Anthony Murray, 8th Grade ELA Teacher, effective end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Accepted resignation of Nicole Buschek, 8th Grade ELA Teacher, effective end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Item 14 –Informational Items

- a. **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests**
 - No FOIA requests received in February 2024.
- b. **Monthly Reports for the Board**
 - a. **Exhibit 12** Administrator BOE Report
 - b. **Exhibit 13** Monthly Attendance Report
 - c. **Exhibit 14** Administrator meeting agenda for February, 2024
 - d. **Exhibit 15** CAC meeting agenda for February 26, 2024
 - e. **Exhibit 16** AAPAC meeting agenda for February 1, 2024
- c. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, April 8, 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.