



Our Mission: *Inspiring a diverse school community to be passionate and empathetic learners.*
Our Vision: *Big Hollow School District #38 will be a model of student achievement for elementary school districts across the State of Illinois.*

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, August 9, 2021

6:00 p.m. Closed Session

Open Session immediately follows Closed Session

Big Hollow Middle School Multi Purpose Room

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. 2

Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

Item 2 – Motion to move to Closed Session ([Board Policy 2:200](#))

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).

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 (*Voice Vote*)

Item 6– Board member “Code of Conduct” review

Item #8: “I will be sufficiently informed about and prepared to act on the specific issues before the board, and remain reasonably knowledgeable about local, state, national, and global education issues.”

Item 7 – Approve Consent Agenda Items

- Item 1** Approve the Closed Session Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Board Meeting to remain in closed status
- Exhibit 1** Approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Exhibit 2** Approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting
- Exhibit 3** Approval of the School Treasurer’s Report for July, 2021
- Exhibit 4** Approval of Bills for July/August, 2021
- Exhibit 5** Approval of Activity and Convenience Fund Reports for July, 2021
- Exhibit 6** Approval of Payroll for July, 2021
- Exhibit 7** Approval of Policy Committee Report for July 29, 2021
- Exhibit 8** Approval of Finance Committee Report for August 4, 2021

Recommendation: Approve –Motion Required (*Roll Call*)

Item 8– Public Comments

Item 9 – Superintendent’s Report

- a. Review the vendor expense report for 2020-2021 ([Board Policy 4:60](#))

Exhibit 9 is a listing of vendors who were paid more than \$5,000 in 2020-2021.

- b. Approve the Citizen’s Advisory Council Members for 2021-2022 (Board Policies [8:10](#) and [8:95](#))

Exhibit 10 shows a listing of parents, students, and community members who have volunteered for the CAC for this upcoming school year.

Exhibit 11 is a list of the CAC meetings for the 2021-2022 school year.

Exhibit 12 is a draft of objectives that the CAC will be discussing in the coming year. Board members are encouraged to add discussion items as they see fit.

Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (*Voice Vote*)

- c. Approve the recent Board Policy update on 1st reading. ([Board Policy 2:240](#))

Exhibit 13 consists of IASB PRESS Plus policy revision recommendations from issue

number 107.

Recommendation: Approve on 1st reading –Motion Required (*Roll Call*)

d. Student registration update

e. Curriculum and Instruction Update (Board Policies [6:10](#), [6:30](#), [6:40](#), [6:60](#), [6:135](#))

Exhibit 14 is the presentation to be shared by Dr. Hetrovicz and Dr. King with an update on the various initiatives as we enter the 2021-2022 school year.

Exhibit 15 is an update memo regarding spelling instruction which will be reviewed by Dr. Hetrovicz.

Item 10 – Approve Tentative Budget for SY 21-22 on First Reading ([Board Policy 4:10](#))

In preparation of the budget, over 80 revenue codes and nearly 700 expense codes were reviewed. The State requires that a balanced budget be submitted or the District must complete a deficit reduction plan to balance the District’s budget within three years.

Exhibit 16 School Board Accounting Procedures and Definition of Terms

Exhibit 17 SY 21-22 Tentative Budget

The hearing on the annual budget will be held during our Monday, September 13, 2021 Board of Education meeting in the Big Hollow Middle School Multi Purpose Room. The budget has been on display since Monday, August 5, 2021 in order to meet the 30-day requirement. The legal notice appeared on the August 5, 2021 edition of the Daily Herald.

Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (*Roll Call*)

Item 11 – Other Action Items

a. Approve the July Employment Report

Exhibit 18 is the employment report for the month of July.

Recommendation: Approve – Motion Required (*Roll Call*)

b. Approve the Parent/Student Handbook for 2021-2022

The Student/Parent Handbook for SY21-22 has been updated for all schools and includes an addendum for COVID-19 related items. The handbook will be available on the District website. Parents can also request a printed copy of the handbook. The handbook reflects all the revisions to Board Policy that have been previously approved.

Exhibit 19 is the updated version of the current Student/Parent Handbook.

Recommendation: Approve –Motion Required (*Voice Vote*)

c. Approve the Strategic Planning Process Proposal from Educational Leadership Solutions ([Board Policy 1:30](#))

Exhibit 20 is the proposal as submitted by Educational Leadership Solutions

Recommendation: Approve –Motion Required (Roll Call)

Item 12 – Resignations Accepted

- Accepted resignation of Kristina DeNapoli, Bus Driver, effective July 20, 2021.
- Accepted resignation of Christy Niernberg, 10 Month Primary School Secretary, effective July 27, 2021.
- Accepted resignation of Jason Watt, 8th Grade Special Education Teacher, effective August 3, 2021.
- Accepted resignation of Lynn Wingard, 8th Grade Math Teacher, effective August 3, 2021.
- Accepted resignation of Kennedy Vilt, Primary School Music Teacher, effective August 3, 2021.

Item 13 – Informational Items

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests

- There were no FOIA requests this month.

b. Monthly Reports for the Board

a. Exhibit 21 Administrator Report

c. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, September 13, 2021 with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

d. There is an IASB Board Member training on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Item 14 – Motion to move to closed session

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

Item 15 – Return to Open Session

Item 16– Take any necessary action following closed session regarding minutes, employment of personnel, resignations, terminations or leaves of absence.

Item 17 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.