

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

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 8, 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, August 8, 2022.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: None

The following administration was present: Gold

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:

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

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:36 pm.

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

The following members were absent: None

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Cernuska to approve the agenda with additions to the employment report.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Board Member “Code of Conduct” Review:

“I will respectfully listen to those who communicate with the Board, seeking to understand their views, while recognizing my responsibility to represent the interests of the entire community.”

7. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

8. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

9. Superintendent’s Report:

a. Vendor Expense Report

The board reviewed a listing of vendors paid over \$5000 for the 2021-2022 school year.

b. Citizens Advisory Council

The board reviewed the listing of volunteers for the 2022-2023 CAC as well as a listing of the meeting dates and draft copy of objectives.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Cernuska to approve the Citizen Advisory Council Members for 2022-2023.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

c. 2022-2023 School Year Update

Mr. Gold shared updates for the upcoming school year:

\*Any COVID guidance that comes from the Health Department will be shared,

but we are anticipating a return to school with no restrictions. Masks and weekly testing will be optional.

\*Staffing update ~ all certified staffing positions as well as facilities and food service openings have been filled. We still have openings for paraprofessionals and transportation drivers.

\*Facilities crew has worked hard to get all three buildings ready for return to school. Floor waxing, playground repairs, classroom construction, etc. Some projects are behind due to delay in shipping of materials.

\*Outdoor classroom area is completed.

d. Administrator Retreat

Mr. Gold shared a recap on the recent administrator retreat. A great experience was had by all that attended. Illinois Association of School Board representatives presented “The Trust Edge” training.

10. Approve Tentative Budget for SY22-23

School Board Accounting Procedures and Definition of Terms as well as the SY 22-23 Tentative Budget were exhibited to the board. Mr. Gold shared details and explained that there will be significant changes made before the budget hearing on September 12, 2022.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to approve the tentative budget for SY 22-23 on first reading.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Other Action Items:

a. July 2022 Employment Report

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Kueter to approve the July 2022 employment report with the addition of:

\*Approve the employment of Brian Prosapio, K-4 Bilingual Teacher, effective August 22, 2022.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

b. Approve Parent/Student Handbook for 2022-2023

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Dollinger to approve the 2022-2023 Parent/Student Handbook as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

12. Resignations Accepted:

\*Accepted a resignation of Sophia Mantzoukis, Bilingual Teacher, effective July 22, 2022.

\*Accepted resignation of Michael Schneider, Middle School Health Teacher, effective July 25, 2022.

\*Accepted resignation of Melanie Simcoe, Paraprofessional, effective August 1, 2022.

\*Accepted resignation of William Reyes, Transportation Driver, effective August 3, 2022.

13. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

There were no FOIA requests for the month of July.

b. Monthly Reports

The Monthly Administrator Report for the month of July was presented to the board.

c. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 12, 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 Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to adjourn the meeting at 6:57p.m.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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