



**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

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

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>.*

*For public participation opportunities, we ask that you submit your public participation statement to Melissa Morley ([melissamorley@bighollow.us](mailto:melissamorley@bighollow.us)) by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.*

### **Agenda No. 4**

#### **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).

**Item 3 –Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item 4 –Resume to Open Session**

**Item 5 –Added Items/Approval of the Agenda (Board Policy 2:220)**

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

**Item 6 –Accomplishment Recognition (Board Policy 6:330)**

- \* For the month of September, the administration would like to honor the following individuals who have been nominated by staff and selected by the administration for the following awards:
  - o Student of the Month: Tyler Hays
  - o Employee of the Month: Matt Newborn

**Item 7 – Board member “Code of Conduct” review**

“I will strive for a positive working relationship with the superintendent, respecting the superintendent’s authority to advise the Board, implement Board policy, and administer the District.”

**Item 8 –Approve Consent Agenda Items**

- Item 1** Approve the Closed Session Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Board Meeting to remain in closed status
- Item 2** Approve the destruction of closed session audio recordings that are more than 18 months old. This is in accordance with Board Policy 2:220.
- Exhibit 1** Approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Exhibit 2** Approval of the School Treasurer’s Report for September, 2021
- Exhibit 3** Approval of Bills for September/October, 2021
- Exhibit 4** Approval of Activity and Convenience Fund Reports for September, 2021
- Exhibit 5** Approval of Payroll for September, 2021
- Exhibit 6** Approve the Building/Grounds/Transportation committee report from September 14, 2021

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

## **Item 9 –Public Comments**

## **Item 10 –Superintendent’s Report**

- a. **Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) Presentation** ([Board Policy 6:120](#))

Dr. Valorie Donnan, Superintendent of SEDOL, will present the programs and support provided by SEDOL, specifically highlighting how BHSD38 is utilizing their services.

- b. **Assessment Review** ([Board Policy 6:340](#))

Dr. Vicki King will share an update regarding local assessments that have been completed.

**Exhibit 7** is the 2021-2022 Fall Assessment Report

**Exhibit 8** is the 2021-2022 Fall Assessment Review Slides

- c. **School Improvement Planning** ([Board Policy 6:15](#))

BHSD building principals will share a summary of the 2021-2022 school improvement plans which have been developed with the assistance of building leadership teams.

**Exhibit 9** contains the school improvement plan document for each school

- d. **COVID-19 Update from Mr. Gold**

Mr. Gold will update the Board on the following pandemic-related topics:

- Current cases
- Quarantine vs. Test-to-Stay
- Remote learning
- Vaccination
- Civility

- e. **8th Grade Graduation Update** ([Board Policy 6:280](#))

As noted when the Board approved the 2021-2022 calendar, the date for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be Wednesday, May 25, 2022. At this time, if no emergency days are utilized, the last day of school for students will be on Friday, May 27, 2022. Once again this year, BHMS has secured the McHenry Outdoor Theater for the ceremony.

- f. **Master Board Member status** ([Board Policy 2:120](#))

According to a recent update provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards, the following Board members have achieved Master Board Member status and will be recognized at the Lake County IASB Fall Dinner/Workshop:

- Lauren Plescia - Level II
- Vivian Kueter – Master Board Member
- Doug Pedersen -Master Board Member

#### **Item 11 –Other Action Items**

- a. **Approve the September Employment Report ([Board Policy 5:10](#))**

**Exhibit 10** is the employment report for the month of September.

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

- b. **Approve the BHMS Library Upgrade Proposal**

Mr. Gold will discuss a plan to upgrade the furniture in the BHMS Library.

**Exhibit 11** is a quote submitted to the Board for approval.

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

#### **Item 12 –Resignations Accepted**

- Accepted a resignation from Janice Hoffman, Food Service Worker, effective September 16, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Sue Haas, Elementary Lunch Monitor, effective October 1, 2021.
- Accepted a resignation from Lisa Swiderski, Middle School 12 Month Secretary, effective October 8, 2021.

#### **Item 13 –Informational Items**

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests  
**Exhibit 12** are FOIA requests that were received in September and October 2021
- b. Monthly Building Administrator Report
- a. **Exhibit 13** Administrator Report
  - b. **Exhibit 14** Monthly Attendance Report
- b. Meeting Agendas
- a. **Exhibit 15** Administrator meeting agendas for September
  - b. **Exhibit 16** Citizen Advisory Council meeting agenda held on September 20, 2021

- c. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place on Monday, November 8, 2021 with closed session beginning 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. (*voice vote*)**