

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 14, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday November 14, 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 Cernuska and seconded by Dollinger to move to closed session at 6:02 pm

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:32 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, Arndt, Biancalana, Hetrovicz, McCulley

4. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to approve the agenda with as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

6. Recognition of School Board Members Day - November 15, 2022

Big Hollow School District 38 is joining communities throughout the State to say “thank you” to local board members on November 15, 2022. The date is officially designated each year as School Board Members Day in Illinois to recognize these public servants for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

Mr. Gold took a moment to thank our board members for their time and dedication to our school.

7. Accomplishment Recognition

The following individuals were recognized for their achievements:

*Izabela Podgorski, 8th Grader, for being selected for the Illinois Art Education Association Student Art Show

*Nathan Kempf, 8th Grader, for qualifying for the Cross Country State Finals

For the month of October 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: Nicole Prodan, 2nd Grader

Nicole’s teacher, Ms. Lancaster, shared what a hard-working student Nicole is and about how she stepped up to help a new student from Ukraine because Nicole speaks Ukrainian as well as English. She has set a great example for other students as well as adults on how to make a newcomer feel welcomed!

o Employee of the Month: Bridget Schuler-Beck, Elementary Paraprofessional
Bridget was nominated by so many staff members for always going above and beyond for students and how she is a prime example of a team player. Teacher, Ms. Burd, as well as one of the students Bridget works with were at the meeting to thank her.

o We honored our September Employee of the Month, Kerry Hubbard, Paraprofessional, as she was not able to attend the October meeting. Mrs. Leginski was available to share how Kerry has amazing ideas on how to support all student needs in the classroom. Kerry also rides the bus to help our drivers maintain a safe and smooth bus run.

8. Board Member “Code of Conduct” Review:

Item #11: “I will model continuous learning and work to ensure good governance by

taking advantage of board member development opportunities, such as those sponsored by my state and national school board associations, and encourage my fellow board members to do the same.”

9. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

10. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

11. Superintendent’s Report:

a. 2022 School Report Card Data Presentation

The 2022 School Report Card data was exhibited, reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Gold and Dr. Hetrovicz detailed the specifics found in exhibit 8, which is data from the 2021 school year. Mr. Gold shared how the district’s goal to ensure high levels of growth for all learners is being emphasized. A brief discussion on how the teacher attendance % is obtained was had. Mr. Gold explained how summative designations are assigned and each of the indicators and weights to this grouping.

Dr. Hetrovicz detailed IAR assessment and scores. She shared how adjustments are being made to ensure that all content material is covered in the classrooms prior to IAR testing as well as supporting teachers in using the district approved curriculum as well as a strong emphasis on small group instruction. She addressed board questions and concerns.

b. BHMS Grading Practices Update

Mr. Gold and Dr. Hetrovicz addressed questions from the board on Middle School grading practices.

c. Sprinkler Head Project

Mr. Gold went through the exhibit from Independent Fire Sprinkler Inspections, providing some suggested next steps on addressing issues that we have had with our systems throughout the three schools.

- d. Immunization Update
BHSD had 1 student that was not in State compliance as of October 31, 2022 (1–Primary, 0–Elementary, 0–Middle). The Illinois State Board of Education requires at least 90% compliance. A big thank you goes out to our school nurses for their hard work on this matter.
- e. Staffing Plan Timeline
The staffing plan timeline for the 2023-2024 school year was exhibited.
- f. Master Board Member Status
We want to recognize the following board members, who according to a recent update provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards, have achieved Master Board Member status
 - Joe Cernuska – Established
 - Lauren Plescia - Established
 - Vivian Kueter - Distinguished
 - Doug Pedersen -Distinguished
- g. IASB Resolutions Committee Report
The 2022 IASB Resolutions being considered at the Delegate Assembly on November 19, 2022 were briefly discussed. Vivian Kueter is our IASB Delegate and will be attending this meeting.

12. Other Action Items:

- a. October 2022 Employment Report
A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to approve the October 2022 employment report as exhibited.
Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Plescia, Dollinger, Pedersen, Lyons, Bennett, Kueter
Nay: None
- b. Estimated Tax Levy 2022
Mr. Gold gave a detailed breakdown on the tentative tax levy. A proposed levy for tax year 2022 is \$517,092 higher than the actual tax year 2021 extension. This is an increase of 4.9%. There was detailed discussion amongst the board members on options and different scenarios. This will be reviewed and decided at the December meeting.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Kueter to approve the tentative 2022 certificate of tax levy for BHSD38 with the request to include a 4.99% increase. This will be brought to the full Board for approval in December.
Motion carried.

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

13. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted a resignation from Dallas Sarmento, Custodian, effective October 28, 2022.
- Accepted a resignation from Mary Rowe, Middle School Lunch Monitor, effective October 30, 2022.
- Accepted a resignation from Sean Creagh, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, effective October 31, 2022.

14. Informational Items:

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests
There were no FOIA requests for the month of October.
- b. Monthly Report
The Monthly Administrator Report for the month of October was presented to the board.
- c. Meeting Agendas
*Administrator meeting agendas for the month of October were exhibited.
*District Leadership Team agenda from October 18, 2022 was exhibited.
*Citizen Advisory Council meeting agenda from October 24, 2022 was exhibited.
No questions or comments were made.
- d. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, December 12, 2022.

15. Motion to move to Closed Session:

Not needed

16. Return to Open Session:

Not needed

17. Take any necessary action following closed session regarding minutes, employment of personnel, resignations, terminations or leaves of absence:

None

18. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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