

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 11, 2023

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, December 11, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Dollinger

The following administration was present: Gold

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Kueter to move to closed session at 6:01 pm

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:35 pm.

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

The following members were absent: Dollinger

The following administration were present: Gold, Biancalana, Cornwell, 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 Kueter to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Academic Spotlight

Students from Mrs. William's Advanced ELA class are currently participating in a Problem Based Learning Project where they are investigating the issue of bullying and are developing possible solutions for it. Three students from her class presented their research to the board. The group will return in January to share updates with the board.

8. Accomplishment Recognition

The following individuals were honored as the November 2023:

- o Student of the Month Primary: Trevor Rous, Kindergarten. Mrs. Adams, Trevor's Kindergarten Teacher, shared with the board that she nominated him, specifically for being a model student and a great example to his peers.
- o Student of the Month Elementary: Tater Herron, 4th Grade. Ms. George, Tater's teacher, shared why she and Dr. Biancalana nominated him. Tater goes above and beyond to support other students in not only his classroom, but throughout the whole building.
- o Student of the Month Middle School: Jackson Fudala, 8th Grade. Ms. Zak, 8th Grade Math teacher, shared how Jackson is in advanced class, participates in activities within our community, and is involved in EPIC Buddies working with our students in the LOP class.
- o Employee of the Month: Lindsay DiTusa, Middle School Administrative Assistant. Lindsay was nominated by her admin team because she is amazing at her job and anticipates their needs even before they know what they need. Lindsay was also nominated by Kelly Murphy, Middle School Nurse, for being professional and kind to parents, students and staff.

9. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

Item #2: "I will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position, and will not use my board membership for personal gain or publicity."

10. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Bennett seconded by Pedersen to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

11. Superintendent's Report:

a. Village of Volo construction projects impacting Big Hollow

Mr. Gold provided the board with an update on the water main construction, Fish Lake Road construction and walking path construction that the Village of Volo is working on. These projects will have some significant impacts to the Big Hollow SD38 campus. More details will be provided to board committees as they become available.

b. PRESS Plus

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Plescia to approve on first reading the IASB PRESS Plus policy revision recommendations from issue number 113.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

12. Other Action Items:

a. Approval of Estimated Tax Levy for 2023

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Cernuska to approve the Tax Levy Resolutions and the Certificate of Tax Levy for 2023.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

b. License Agreement

A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Cernuska to approve the license agreement for the 2024-2025 school year with Premier IL Volo LLC (previously A Child's Place) for use of facilities for providing before and after school programming for Big Hollow students

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

c. November 2023 Employment Recommendations

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Kueter to approve the employment report as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

13. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted a resignation from Mandi Otte, Lunch Monitor, effective October 20, 2023.
- Accepted resignation from Sherri Bulow, Paraprofessional, effective November 14, 2023.
- Accepted resignation from Maria Barerra Sanchez, Transportation Driver and Lunch Monitor, effective December 22, 2023.

14. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

There were no FOIA's for the month of November 2023.

b. Monthly Reports

Administrator Report, Administrator Meeting Agendas, Monthly Attendance, and the AAPAC Agenda were all exhibited.

c. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 with closed session beginning at 6:00 pm and open session immediately following.

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 Kueter to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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