

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

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 11, 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 Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Cernuska, Dollinger,

The following administration was present: Gold

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:

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

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:39 pm.

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

The following members were absent: Cernuska, Dollinger,

The following administration were present: Gold, Arndt, Biancalana, Cornwell,

Hetrovicz, Janusz, McCulley

4. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:

An agenda item was added by Kevin Lyons. This will be detailed later in the minutes.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Kueter to approve the agenda with the addition of attendance review.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

6. Academic Spotlight

Big Hollow SD38 recognized Abigail Daniele, 8th Grader, for being an IESA State Qualifier in Golf.

7. Accomplishment Recognition

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: Alexander Luna, 8th Grader  
Alex's soccer coaches, Lisa Swiderski and Andrew Bernsee, were in attendance to share why they nominated Alex
- o Employee of the Month: Kerry Hubbard, Paraprofessional. Kerry could not attend and therefore will be recognized in November.

8. 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."

9. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

Aye: Plescia, Pedersen, Kueter, Lyons, Bennett

Nay: None

10. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

11. Superintendent's Report:

a. District Leadership Team

Mr. Gold shared information regarding the development of a District Leadership Team. The roles and purpose as well as objectives for this team were exhibited. The DLT consists of staff and administrators and will meet 3 times a year.

- b. Dual Language Update  
Ms. Orellana, Multilingual Services Facilitator, provided the board with an update on the newly developed Dual Language program in Kindergarten. She reviewed the resources that are available and being utilized as well as a breakdown of instructional time in spanish vs english.

- c. Board Policy Update  
IASB Press Plus policy revision recommendations from issue 109 were presented to the board.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Kueter to approve the policy revision recommendations from issue number 109 as presented on 2nd reading.  
Motion carried.

Aye: All  
Nay: None

- d. Health/Life Safety Annual Regional Office of Education Inspection Report  
Each of the building's recent ROE inspection reports were exhibited. There were a number of items marked as violations this year that passed in previous school years. We have been in contact with the local Fire Department as their opinion regarding some of the items is not consistent with the ROE. We will resolve violations as soon as possible.

- e. School Improvement Planning  
Each of the building principals shared a summary of the 2022-2023 school improvement plans which were developed with the assistance of building leadership teams.

Two main goals were shared:

1 = Instruction and Student Achievement: Ensure high levels of growth for all learners.

2 = Culture and Climate: Cultivate a safe, secure and inclusive learning environment that is responsive to the evolving needs of all stakeholders.

- f. 2020-2021 Audit Report  
Kathy Naughton, Auditor from Eder, Casella & Co., gave a detailed report on the recent audit that was completed for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Plescia to accept and approve the Audit Report for the SY 2021-2022 as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: Bennett, Plescia, Lyons, Kueter, Pedersen

Nay: None

12. Other Action Items:

a. September 2022 Employment Report

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Kueter to approve the September 2022 employment report as exhibited.

Motion carried.

Aye: Pedersen, Kueter, Plescial Bennett, Lyons

Nay: None

b. 2023 School Maintenance Project Grant

The Illinois State Board of Education is offering a 2023 School Maintenance Project Grant, which is a \$50,000 matching grant. Mr. Gold met with the Building/Grounds/Transportation committee to discuss the project submission which is outlined in the exhibit presented. Funds from this grant will be used to replace carpet with hard flooring in the primary and elementary buildings.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the submission of the 2023 School Maintenance Project Grant.

Motion carried.

Aye: Plescia, Pedersen, Bennett, Kueter, Lyons

Nay: None

13. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted a resignation from Maybelline Davis, Food Service Worker, effective September 21, 2022.

14. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

A FOIA request received on October 2, 2022 was exhibited. No questions or comments.

b. Monthly Report

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

c. Meeting Agendas

\*Administrator meeting agendas for the month of September were exhibited.

\*Citizen Advisory Council meeting agenda from September 19, 2022 was exhibited.

\*AAPAC meeting agenda from October 6, 2022 was exhibited.

No questions or comments were made.

- d. Kevin Lyons, Board President, detailed board member attendance from May 2021-September 2022. There have been 17 regular board meetings and 5 special board meetings.

Here is the board member attendance data:

Lyons 20/22

Cernuska 18/22

Plescia 21/22

Pedersen 21/22

Kueter 22/22

Dollinger 14/22

Bennett 22/22

- e. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, November 14, 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 Kueter and seconded by Pedersen to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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