

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 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 Monday, April 11, 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 Bennett to move to closed session at 6:02 pm
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:49 pm.

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

The following members were absent: None

The following administration were present: Gold, Biancalana, Hetrovicz, 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 Kueter and seconded by Bennett to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Academic Spotlight

- Mrs. Flade's PreK/Kindergarten students gave a presentation of art work they have created while learning about Georgia O'Keefe and other artists. They shared with the board some of the art terms and much more. The students ended their presentation by singing a song, "Beautiful Voice".

7. Accomplishment Recognition

*BHSD38 recognized both the 7th and 8th grade Girls Volleyball teams for being Conference Champions.

*BHSD 38 also recognized Brady Myatt for winning the State Championship in the 65 pound weight class at the IESA Wrestling State Finals.

*For the month of March, the administration would like to honor the following individuals:

- Student of the Month: Aubrey Krueger, Kindergarten
- Employee of the Month: Dawn Lucas, Elementary School Art Teacher

8. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

"I will take no private action that might compromise the board or administration and will respect the confidentiality of privileged information."

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, Cernuska, Dollinger, Kueter, Lyons, Bennett

Nay: None

10. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

11. Superintendent's Report:

a. ELL Presentation

Dr. Biancalana, Jessica Coletto-Scott, Alissa Dovichi and Britt Axelsson presented to the board information from their recent experience presenting at the Bilingual Education Convention. They shared information on school improvement goals as well as redesigning assessments, with focus on using a balanced literacy approach to differentiate for all learners. Encouraging students to be strong readers and writers in both English and their native language. They shared how they are using professional development sessions to ensure assessments are aligned with standards as well as true to what students know.

- b. 3-Year Technology Plan Update
Matt McCulley, Technology Director, exhibited a memo to the board outlining a three-year proposal of projects and improvements.
*New chromebooks have gone out to students, these will be theirs to bring back and forth to school as well as keep over the summer. These were purchased through a Grant.
*Security continues to be a high priority and the technology department will continue to assess and make improvements.
- c. Maintenance Shed
Mr. Gold updated the board on some damage that occurred to the maintenance shed over the winter. A vehicle hit the shed and fled the scene. We are working with the authorities and will follow up with insurance companies.
- d. Summer School 2022
We are teaming up with Gavin School District and will offer many summer learning opportunities to both school district families free of charge. Summer School will be held on the Big Hollow campus, both districts will be responsible for their own transportation. Summer School registration will be available to parents on Tuesday, April 12th.

12. Other Action Items:

- a. Food Service Intergovernmental Agreement
A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Dollinger to approve the updated intergovernmental agreement with Gavin School District 37 for shared servicing of Food Service Director.
Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Dollinger, Pedersen, Lyons, Bennett, Kueter, Plescia
Nay: None
- b. Student Services Support Intergovernmental Agreement
A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Bennett to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Gavin School District 37 for shared servicing of Student Services Support through June 30, 2022.
Motion carried.

Aye: Cernuska, Bennett, Lyons, Kueter, Dollinger, Plescia, Pedersen
Na: None
- c. BHMS Playground Construction
The BHMS playground is in need of more activities for students, and the presented construction project will provide many options for students. Extra funds received from

the National School Lunch program in FY22 will be utilized to supplement this project. A grant has also been received to reduce costs of the equipment.

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the recommendation from the Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee for the construction of BHMS playground.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

d. BHMS Outdoor Learning and Congregation Areas

This project will provide a space for teachers to take classes outside as well as more outside space that could be utilized during lunch/recess times. Extra funds received from the National School Lunch program in FY22 will be utilized to supplement this project. This will be a low maintenance project that will include a walking path, trees, and three rock seating areas.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Kueter to approve the construction of a BHMS outdoor learning and congregation area.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

e. Modified Administrative Contract for Dr. Erin Pittman

An updated contract agreement was exhibited. Dr. Pittman will serve as the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services at Big Hollow School District 38 and will begin a similar role at Gavin School District 37 starting July 1, 2022. The districts have agreed to share financial responsibility, and this contract represents the commitment from Big Hollow School District 38.

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Plescia to approve the modified administrative contract for Dr. Erin Pittman

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

f. Resignation Agreement

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Dollinger to approve a resignation agreement with Bonnie Hayes.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

g. Substitute Teacher Pay Increase

It was recommended that the substitute teacher pay be increased from the current rate of \$120 per day to \$125 per day. Currently, substitute teachers who work 10 consecutive days covering for the same teacher are paid \$210.00 per day after the 10th day. It is recommended to increase this amount to \$215 per day.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Kueter to approve the recommended substitute teacher pay increase.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

h. License Agreement with A Child's Place

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Kueter to approve the license agreement with A Child's Place for use of facilities for providing before and after school programming for Big Hollow students for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

i. Administrative Assignments for the 2022-2023 School Year

- Christine Arndt - Assistant Superintendent
- Venette Biancalana - Elementary School Principal
- Josh Cornwell - Middle School Principal
- Kira DeNovo - SPED Coordinator
- Michelle Hetrovicz- Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Lenayn Janusz - Primary School Principal
- Matthew McCulley - Director of Technology
- Sunny Morley - Assistant Principal
- Rachel Mullen - Assistant Principal
- Erin Pittman - Assistant Superintendent of Student Services (shared position with Gavin 37)

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Plescia to accept the administrative assignments as presented.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

j. March Employment Report

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Cernuska to approve the March 2022

employment report with the addition of Annie Wahls, Middle School Track Coach.
Motion carried.

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

13. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation of Stephanie Meek, Middle School Assistant Principal, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Accepted change in retirement for Lisa Russell, 2nd Grade Teacher, from the end of the 2023-2024 school year to the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Accepted the resignation from Dr. Vicki King, Director of Data, Assessment, and Accountability and Interim BHMS Principal, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

14. Informational Items:

- a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests
There were no FOIA requests for the month of March.
- b. Monthly Reports
The Monthly Administrator Report and Monthly Attendance Report for the month of March were presented to the board.
- c. A special board meeting to conduct the superintendent evaluation will take place on Friday, June 4, 2022 at 5:30 pm.
- d. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 9, 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 Plescia to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Motion carried.

Aye: All
Nay: None

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