

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 10, 2021

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, May 10, 2021.

Roll Call:
The following members were in attendance: Bennett, Cernuska, Dollinger, Kueter, Lyons, Pedersen, Plescia
The following members were absent: none
The following administration was present: Gold, Arndt

2. Motion to move to Closed Session:
A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Pedersen to move to closed session.
Motion carried.

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

3. Resume to Open Session:
Open session began at 6:28 p.m.
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, Janusz, King, McCulley, Pittman
The meeting was live streamed.

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 Pedersen to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Aye: All
Nay: None

6. Accomplishment Recognition

- For the month of April, the administration honored the following individuals who have been nominated by staff and selected by the administration for the following awards:
 - Student of the Month: The April Student of the Month will be honored at the June 14, 2021 Board Meeting
 - Employee of the Month: Brian Summers, 4th Grade Teacher
Cathy and Jen were nominated by his 4th grade team.
Amanda Strickler and Jessica Coletto-Scott spoke on how he took on the challenge of teaching students both in person and remotely simultaneously and did so seamlessly. He always puts students first and does what is best for them. He continues to go above and beyond for his students and you can see how much he cares for them through his interactions.

7. Board member "Code of Conduct" Review:

Item #4: "I will abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

8. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

9. Public Comments:

No public comments were presented.

10. Superintendent's Report:

a. Retirees Honored

The following staff members who are retiring at the end of the 2020-2021 school year were honored.

* Eileen Hastings for 30 years of service

* Robin Jensen for 20 years of service

Both retirees were thanked for their time and dedication to Big Hollow and presented with a plaque.

b. NWEA (MAP) Data

Dr. King presented to the board a data update on MAP growth. The graphs showed the National norms as well as Big Hollow averages. Discussion focused on the impact of the pandemic as compared to prior years.

c. 1st Reading for the adoption of the Amplify Science curriculum for grades 5-8

Dr. Hetrovicz and Adrian Peyrot, 6th grade Science Teacher, presented to the board the results of 3 pilot programs. Mr. Peyrot gave the board a very detailed presentation on the

benefits to students and teachers with the Amplify Science program. This program really involves the students and is a cross category program which involves ELA, Math, etc as well as Science.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Plescia to approve on 1st reading the adoption of the Amplify Science curriculum for grades 5-8.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

- d. IASB Resolutions Update
Vivian Kueter, IASB Representative, explained to the board how IASB resolutions are discussed and voted upon. No resolutions were submitted by the Big Hollow Board of Education at this time.
- e. Summer Office Hours
All buildings will be open Monday-Thursday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm and Friday 7:00 am - 11:00 am. Offices will be open to the public by appointment only on Fridays.
- f. 8th Grade Graduation
The 2021 8th Grade Graduation will take place on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at the McHenry Outdoor Theater. Gates will open at 5:30 pm and the ceremony will begin at dark. This will be a fun family event with food and activities available.
The board was encouraged to attend this event.

11. Other Action Items:

- a. Education Support Staff Handbook
A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Kueter to approve the Education Support Staff Handbook for 2021-2022.
Motion carried.

Aye: Pedersen, Kueter, Lyons, Bennett, Dollinger, Plescia, Cernuska
Nay: None
- b. Resolution for the Annexation Agreement with the Village of Volo
An exhibit was presented to the board of the Annexation and Development Agreement between the Village of Volo and Big Hollow School District 38. Mike May who is with the Village of Volo was in attendance to answer questions.
A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the Resolution of Annexation Agreement with the Village of Volo.
Motion carried.

Aye: Plescia, Pedersen, Cernuska, Bennett, Kueter, Dollinger
Nay: Lyons
- c. Proposal to Increase Substitute teacher pay
Based on local averages, it is recommended that the substitute teacher pay be increased

from the current rate of \$110 per day to \$120 per day. This pay has not been increased since 2018-2019. Currently, substitute teachers who work 10 consecutive days covering for the same teacher are paid \$181.69 per day after the 10th day. Again, after comparing local school districts it is recommended to increase this amount to \$210 per day.

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

d. April Employment Report

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

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

12. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation from Holly Ascencio, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective May 28, 2021.
- Accepted resignation from Melissa McMillan, Bus Driver, effective April 23, 2021.
- Accepted resignation from Dane Shimizu, Middle School Paraprofessional, effective May 28, 2021.

13. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests
There were no FOIA requests this month.

b. Monthly Reports
The Monthly Administrator Report and Administrator meeting agenda from April were presented to the board.

c. Mr. Gold formally invited the Board members to the end-of-the-year all staff meeting and lunch on Friday, May 28th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

d. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, June 14, 2021 with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m and open session beginning immediately after. Open session will continue to be held immediately after closed session, this will be noted on the website as well as the agenda each month.

14. Motion to move to Closed Session:

Not needed

15. Return to Open Session:

Not needed.

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

None

17. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Kueter to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.
Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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