

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 13, 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, December 13, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

The following members were absent: Plescia

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 6:02 pm
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 7:35 pm.

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

The following members were absent: Plescia

The following administration were present: Gold, Arndt, Biancalana, 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 Bennett and seconded by Kueter to add agenda Item 11 section e.
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Dollinger to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Academic Spotlight

Big Hollow Middle School News Team led by Thomas Schorsch, introduced themselves and shared a video presentation explaining what the team is all about and all of the amazing things that they are accomplishing, including a morning announcement video each day.

7. Accomplishment Recognition

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

- Student of the Month: Lance Lavajo, 8th Grade
- Employee of the Month: Erin Olney, 1st Grade Teacher

8. Board Member "Code of Conduct" Review:

"I will strive to keep my board focused on its primary work of clarifying the district's purpose, direction and goals, and monitoring district performance."

9. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Kueter to approve the consent agenda items with addition.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

10. Public Comments:

There were no public comments this month.

11. Superintendent's Report:

a. COVID-19 Impact Update

Mr. Gold shared an update from his recent meetings with Dr. Ezekiel, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Lake County Health Department. He shared how masks are not a big issue at BH as they are in other districts. We continue to enforce the mandate of wearing them on campus. Our quarantines are minimal and not from on campus conversions.

b. Custodial Services Update

Mr. Gold shared with the board how we are working to get out of our contract with our current company at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, due to poor service that is being provided. Mr. Gold is negotiating the current amount paid to be adjusted based

on what is being completed each day. We will look into employing our own custodial staff in the next school years.

c. Fire Sprinkler System

Mr. Gold shared an update on the most recent fire sprinkler malfunction which caused damage to an elementary classroom. There have been three incidents in the past 5 years due to poor design of the sprinkler pipes which causes the heads to freeze and burst. We will drain the lines every two weeks during the cold months and also look into pricing on changing the pipe design.

d. Student Chromebook Insurance

Matt McCulley, Director of Technology, discussed the proposal for a self-insured plan for student chromebook repairs. This proposal will be optional for the remainder of this school year only. Next school year will be addressed in the coming months.

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Dollinger to approve the proposal for a self-insured plan for student Chromebooks repair coverage for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

12. Other Action Items:

a. Tax Levy for 2021

Mr. Gold reviewed with the board the Tax Levy information that was shared with the Board at the November board meeting.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Pedersen to approve the Tax Levy Resolutions and the Certificate of Tax Levy for 2021

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

b. Transportation Lease Agreement

An agreement to extend the current 3-year transportation lease agreement to a 5-year agreement with Midwest Transit Equipment was presented to the board. The lease agreement will include new tires and brakes as well as the continued maintenance plan.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Kueter to approve the 5-year lease agreement proposed by Midwest Transit Equipment

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

c. Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Gold presented to the board a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education of Big Hollow School District 38 and the Big Hollow Federation of Teacher for adjustments to the evaluation process for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Bennett to approve the MOU which was agreed upon by administration and union leadership.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

d. Transfer of Funds Resolution

A resolution outlining the transfer of funds to the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 60) and the Debt Services Fund (Fund 30) was presented to the board.

A motion was made by Cernuska and seconded by Dollinger to approve the resolution authorizing transfers to the Capital Projects Fund and the Debt Service Fund.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

e. Dismissal of Non-Certified Employee

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cernuska to approve the resolution for the dismissal of a non-certified employee for medical reasons.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

f. Employment of BHSM Principal

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Pedersen to approve the employment of Joshua Cornwell as the Principal of Big Hollow Middle School starting July 1, 2022.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

g. Employment Report

A motion was made by Dollinger and seconded by Bennett to approve the November 2021 employment report with the addition of Sabrina Fortunski as 7th Grade Boys Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 season.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

13. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation from Lindsey DeBello, Transportation Driver, effective November 15, 2021.
- Accepted resignation from Courtney Wegrzyn, 8th Grade Boys Volleyball Coach, effective the 2021-2022 season.
- Accepted resignation from Deonna Klobe, 7th Grade Boys Volleyball Coach, effective the 2021-2022 season.

14. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

A FOIA request received on December 1, 2021 was presented to the board.

b. Monthly Reports

The Monthly Administrator Report and Monthly Attendance Report were presented to the board.

c. Meeting Agendas

The Administrator agenda from November 2021 was presented to the board.

d. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, January 10, 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 8:21 p.m.

Motion carried.

Aye: All
Nay: None

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