

Big Hollow School District #38 Ingleside, IL 60041

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 10, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:56 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022.

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 5:58 pm
Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

3. Resume to Open Session:

Open session began at 6:40 pm.

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

The following members were absent: Dollinger

The following administration were present: Gold, Arndt, Janusz, King, McCulley

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 Plescia to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

6. Accomplishment Recognition

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

- Student of the Month: Braylon Evans, 1st Grade

- Employee of the Month: Jackie Laske, Transportation/Maintenance Assistant

7. Board Member “Code of Conduct” Review:

“I will represent all school district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups.”

8. Approve Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Kueter to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Gold did mention that per the Policy Committee Report, Press Plus Issue 108 will be brought to the board in February 2022.

Motion carried.

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

Nay: None

9. Public Comments:

There were no public comments this month.

10. Superintendent’s Report:

a. COVID-19 Impact Update

Mr. Gold updated the board on:

*CDC/IDPH guidance on quarantine/isolation: this updated guidance was reviewed by our administration provided to our families on Friday, January 7, 2022. It details the change of quarantine time to 5 days.

*Update on the impact of current COVID-19 spike: We have seen a significant rise in positive cases and close contacts here on campus. Staffing is a big concern at this time, we have a number of teachers out and low sub coverage. Admin, etc have stepped up to cover classes. Transportation has been a struggle to cover all routes with drivers out. We have relied on all of our sub drivers.

*Testing Supplies: Due to the increase in positive cases there has been a slight shortage in testing supplies. We continue to offer OHare overnight testing and test-to-stay. Testing has been decreased to twice per week in accordance with the decrease in quarantine time.

*Mitigation strategy discussion: Maintaining social distancing within the classrooms is a priority. Serving breakfast within the classrooms is a minor concern and alternate options are being reviewed, which will eliminate students not wearing masks while in the classroom.

b. Diversity/Equity/Inclusion

Dr. King shared with the Board an update on the DEI work that is taking place this school year. Survey results are being collected from parents as a way to better understand and train staff on the perceptions of school, teachers, principal(s), and superintendent. Staff

and students are also working with an outside agency to increase awareness of how their interactions impact others.

11. Other Action Items:

a. Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes

As per Board Policy 2:220, each July and January the Superintendent is to report to the Board of Education any closed session minutes that have been closed to the public that should be released. Mr. Gold is recommending that current closed minutes should remain in closed status.

A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Cernuska to approve the recommendation that current closed minutes stay in closed status.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

b. December Employment Recommendations

There was no employment report for the month of December.

12. Resignations Accepted:

- Accepted resignation from Nicholas Wells, Transportation Driver, effective January 3, 2022.

13. Informational Items:

a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

There were no FOIA requests.

b. Monthly Reports

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

c. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will take place on Monday, February 14, 2022.

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 7:14 p.m.

Motion carried.

Aye: All

Nay: None

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