REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 11, 2019-6:00 p.m.-Big Hollow Middle School Library

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, November 11, 2019 in the Big Hollow Middle School Library.

Roll Call:
The following members were in attendance: Enters, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Plescia
The following members were absent: Cernuska
The following administration were present: Gold

2. Pledge of Allegiance:
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Aye: Kueter, Enters, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Plescia
Nay: None

4. Resume to Open Session:
Open session began at 7:06 pm
The following members were in attendance: Enters, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Plescia
The following members were absent: Cernuska
The following administration were present: Gold, Arndt, Pittman, Janusz, Whipple, Biancalana, McCulley

5. Added Items/Approval of the Agenda:
A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Enters to add to the agenda a thank you to all veterans for their service. Any veteran in attendance was asked to stand and were recognized with a round of applause.
Motion carried.
A motion was made by Mazur and seconded by Kueter to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

Aye: Mazur, Kueter, Enters, Lyons, Pedersen, Plescia
Nay: None
6. Recognition of School Board Members Day-November 15, 2018

Big Hollow School District 38 is joining communities throughout the State to say “thank you” to local board members on November 15, 2019. The date is officially designated each year as School Board Members Day in Illinois to recognize these public servants for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

A group of elementary students re-wrote the School Board Members Resolution into their own words and read these to our board members. They also presented them cards and gifts made by students in primary and elementary.

7. Board member “Code of Conduct” Review:
The Board reviewed Item #11: “I will model continuous learning and work to ensure good governance by taking advantage of board member development opportunities, such as those sponsored by my state and national school board associations, and encourage my fellow board members to do the same.”

8. Approve Consent Agenda Items:
A motion was made by Pedersen and seconded by Plescia approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried.

   Aye: Pedersen, Plescia, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Enters
   Nay: None

9. Public Comments:
There were no public comments.

10. Superintendent’s Report:

   a. Monthly Board Policy review
      Sections 2:240-3:30 were reviewed.

   b. Mrs. Janusz, Primary Principal, Dr. Biancalana, Elementary Principal, and Mr. Whipple, Middle School Principal each discussed their executive summary reports which were created by building level leadership teams. They detailed goals specific to their building and how they plan to reach these goals. Each administrator will report back to the Board at the end of the school year the progress they have made in each of their action plans that they shared.

   c. Mr. Gold shared the annual Health/Life Safety Inspection Report that was conducted in October 2019 by the Lake County ROE. There were only a few minor items that needed remediation within the three buildings, each item has since been addressed and corrected.

   d. An Immunization Updated was given to the board. The Illinois State Board of Education requires at least 90% compliance as of October 31, 2019. As of this date, 96.5% of students are in compliance. A thank you went out to our school nurses for their hard work on this matter.
e. Mr. Gold shared the Summary of Food Service Revenue and Expenses from 2015-2019. Our food service team continues to work very hard to provide quality and healthy school lunch options that the students enjoy.

f. The SY 20-21 Staffing Plan Timeline was shared with the board, a formal presentation on staffing will be brought to the board on Monday, March 9, 2020.

g. During the upcoming IASB Conference, Vivian Kueter, BHSD38 board delegate will attend the Delegate Assembly meeting on November 23, 2019. The board discussed which resolutions they would like her to take a stand on. Item #1, School Safety, and item #6, School Safety – Traffic Zones, were discussed in detail.

h. Mr. Gold shared a draft letter that he would like to submit to the Village of Volo which outlines a desire to begin the annexation process along with reasons for doing so. A motion to accept this letter and allow for submission was made by Enters and seconded by Plescia.

Motion carried.

Aye: Enters, Plescia, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen, Kueter
Nay: None

11. Other Action Items

a. Adopted Estimated Tax Levy for 2019. Background information as well as resolutions were provided. A motion was made by Plescia and seconded by Pedersen to approve the Tax Levy Resolution for 2019.

Motion carried.

Aye: Plescia, Pedersen, Mazur, Enters, Kueter, Lyons
Nay: None

b. Approval of the October 2019 employment report. A motion was made by Mazur and seconded by Enters to approve the October 2019 employment report.

Motion carried.

Aye: Mazur, Enters, Pedersen, Plescia, Kueter, Lyons
Nay: None

c. Approval of the resolution for dismissal of educational support staff employee for reasons other than reduction-in-force. A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Pedersen to approve the resolution for dismissal.

Motion carried.
Aye: Enters, Pedersen, Plescia, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur
Nay: None

d. Approval of the amendment to the current solar power purchase agreement. Due to recent findings in the alta survey, an amendment to the agreement was required. The alta survey discovered a previous agreement for a Route 53 extension to run through the area where the solar project is being installed. The amendment will provide a waiver and allow the project to move forward.
A motion was made by Enters and seconded by Plescia to approve the amendment to the current solar power purchase agreement.

Motion carried.

Aye: Enters, Plescia, Kueter, Lyons, Mazur, Pedersen
Nay: None

12. Resignations Accepted:
There were no resignations for October 2019.

13. Informational Items:
a. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests
Two FIOA requests received on October 23, 2019 and November 5, 2019 were discussed by the board.

b. Monthly Reports
Monthly Administrator, Meal Program, Attendance and Behavior Reports were presented to the board.

c. Administrator Meetings
Agenda’s from the Administrator meetings that took place on October 16, 2019 and October 29, 2019 were presented.

d. Citizen’s Advisory Council Meeting
Agenda from the CAC meeting that took place on October 28, 2019 was shared.

e. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will take place Monday, December 9, 2019 with closed session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and open session beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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:
17. Adjournment:
   A motion was made by Kueter and seconded by Mazur to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.
   Motion carried.

   Aye:   Kueter, Mazur, Enters, Lyons, Pedersen, Plescia
   Nay:   None