

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130

Smithton, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2016

MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in the Cafeteria, 316 South Hickory, Smithton, Illinois 62285.

Mrs. Pam Redden, Clerk to the Board of Education, recorded minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Dale Barschak at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
3. Roll Call: Mr. Farley, Mr. Lester, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Barschak, Dr. Schwemmer, Mr. Schanuel and Mr. Chandler were present.
4. Public Forum
 - 4.1 Written Correspondence – The board has received a lot of thank you cards and drawings thanking them for their service to Smithton School in recognition of Board Member Appreciation Day (November 15).
 - 4.2 Audience Input – none
5. Report/Requests
 - 5.1 Student Presentation – Mrs. Jessica Smith and three of her 7th grade students presented an overview of their recent unit focused around their reading of the book, *A Long Walk to Water*. As they reported, the book followed the story of Salva Dut, one of the “Lost Boys of Sudan.” The group reported that their class had an opportunity to SKYPE with Sebastian Maroundit, founder of the "Building Minds for South Sudan" organization today. Sebastian was also one of the Lost Boys. The 7th graders raised \$500 to donate to his organization. In addition to discussing the Skype experience, Mrs. Smith showed a short video explaining more about the *Lost Boys*. Piper Brown presented a diorama of the *Lost Boys* adventure that she had made; Maggie Blankenship sang *A Long Walk to Water*, a song she wrote from her studies, and Pella Druke presented her slideshow project. Mrs. Smith thanked the Farley family for helping the class communicate with Sebastian.
 - 5.2 Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Homes and Mrs. Etling attended a workshop at the ROE regarding the new funding formula. Dr. Homes attended a meeting regarding the county-wide 1% sales tax initiative. There will be a Steering
 - 5.3 Financial Report – Mrs. Etling had nothing further to report.

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- 5.4 Principal's Report – Mrs. Norton reported on the book that will be used during the book study. The author, Hal Urban, is willing to Skype with the group. Three teachers and a principal come to Smithton from Fairfield to observe our Jr. High teachers and how they accomplish what they do for the students. They had a round table discussion during lunch. They left very impressed and with a lot of notes. Our Jr. High teachers gave up their prep time and lunch time to meet with them. On Wednesday, November 16, 2016, we have three teachers coming from Aviston to meet with the lower grades regarding Daily 5.
 - 5.5 Athletic Director's Report – Mrs. Redden had nothing further to report.
 - 5.6 Strategic Planning Committee Report – Mr. Lester reported that a Superintendent meeting was held per the results of the Strategic Planning Committee. He noted that a representative from the district's architectural firm, FGM, was in attendance at the meeting. He reiterated that the work of the design team is not part of the Board's strategic planning committee but that Dr. Homes will report to the Board after the design team submits ideas for consideration through her.
 - 5.7 Finance Committee Report – Dr. Schwemmer reported on various topics of the finances. Reviewed the budget and where the District is at this point. She reviewed the Finance Committee's review of the tentative levy with all committee members in agreement with the proposal. She also reported that while the State has vouchered the last categorical payment for FY16 and the first categorical payment for FY17, the money has yet to be released from the Treasury.
6. Consent Agenda Items
 - 6.1 A motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 7-0 with a roll call vote.
7. Unfinished Business
 - 7.1 IASB Resolutions – Discussed
8. New Business
 - 8.1 Discussion of Tax Levy
 - 8.2 A motion to approve the farm lease between Smithton Community Consolidated District #130 and William Schaefer as presented was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 7-0.
 - 8.3 Discussion of School Report Card – Dr. Homes explained that the publication of the school report card is required by Illinois Law. She reported that links to the 2016 school and district report cards have been added to the district's website and that parents will be made aware of the report cards via her monthly newsletter in November. Dr. Homes also reported that the teacher attendance statistic on the 2016 school report card is based on 2013-14 school year data collected by the Federal Office of Civil Rights.

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- 8.4 A motion to approve the School Reorganization Study Resolution as presented was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Lester and passed unanimously 7-0 with a roll call vote. It was noted that the resolution was intended to inform the public of the Board's interest in gathering data—not as a result of any preconceived determination about district consolidation or reorganization. Dr. Homes noted that the neighboring districts have expressed their desire to wait at least one year before agreeing to undertake a joint study.
- 8.5 Board Policies – First Reading
- 2:120 – Board Member Development
 - 2:125 – Board Member Compensation; Expenses
 - 2:200 – Types of Board of Education Meetings
 - 2:220 – Board of Education Meeting Procedures
 - 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
 - 4:110 – Transportation
 - 4:175 – Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
 - 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - 5:60 – Expenses
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 - 5:125 – Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
 - 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave
 - 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
 - 5:250 – Leaves of Absence
 - 5:260 – Student Teachers
 - 5:280 – Duties and Qualifications
 - 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - 6:15 – School Accountability
 - 6:50 – School Wellness
 - 6:60 – Curriculum Content
 - 6:145 – Migrant Students
 - 6:160 – English Learners
 - 6:170 – Title I Programs
 - 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program
 - 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
 - 7:60 – Residence
 - 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy
 - 7:180 – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
 - 7:185 – Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
 - 7:250 – Student Support Services

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- 7:260 – Exemption from Physical Education
- 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 7:310 – Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- 8:70 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

9. Informational Items


- 9.1 Enrollment Report
- 9.2 ISBE Letter (Education Dashboard Ed360)
- 9.3 Toward World Class Academic Excellence – Positive Points to Ponder – Mrs. Sutherland reported that many girls from Smithton play on a Belle Clair Soccer and they placed 2nd over all. Mrs. Redden reported that Breanna Chandler placed 2nd at State being only the fourth girl to medal at Cross Country from Freeburg. Also Coach Florcyk thanked us for having a cross country team and helping the students gain experience in cross country before they get to high school.

10. Closed Session – none

11. Personnel

- 11.1 A motion to accept the resignation of Liz Becker, Paraprofessional, effective November 22, 2016, was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 7-0.
- 11.2 A motion to approve the employment of Mandie Nych as Playground Monitor, retroactive to October 25, 2016 was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Farley and passed unanimously 7-0 with a roll call vote.

12. A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Chandler and passed unanimously 7-0 at 8:23 p.m.



President



Secretary