

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #130

Smithton, Illinois 62285

Special Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 2014

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District #130 was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 in the Superintendent's Office, 316 South Hickory, Smithton, Illinois 62285.

Mrs. Sara Sutherland, Secretary of the Board of Education, recorded minutes of the special board meeting held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dale Barschak at 6:10 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. Roll Call: Jason Weiss, Brian Lester, Sara Sutherland, Dale Barschak, and Gabrielle Schwemmer were present. Jason Chandler arrived at 6:48 p.m. and left the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Mr. Schanuel was absent.

4. Public Forum

5. New Business

5.1 2013-2014 Amended Budget – Discussion of amended budget. A motion that the amended budget for Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 be placed on display for public inspection on May 9, 2014 for at least thirty days in the school office of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130, 316 South Hickory Street, Smithton, Illinois 62285, and further that the administration be authorized to provide a hearing of said budget at 7:00 p.m. on the 10th day of June, 2014 in the cafeteria of Smithton School was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 5-0.

6. Strategic Planning –

6.1 Finalized core values, Mission and Vision statements.

6.2 Mrs. Homes distributed copies of a summary of achievements from the 2013-2014 school year, entitled, *Highlights of Continuous Improvement Activities/Events*. Board members were encouraged to pass on any additional items to Mrs. Homes for inclusion in a final report for the year.


6.3 Curriculum/Instruction – Discussion of Common Core alignment, PARCC testing and curriculum planning. Discussion of K-5 math curriculum for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Homes reported that the current curriculum, *Everyday Mathematics*, was not completely aligned to the new Illinois Learning Standards and that the Smithton teachers had been working to develop a hybrid curriculum for the 2014-2015 school year which would incorporate components of *Everyday Math* with other high-quality materials and resources such as *Engaged New York*. The school administration will monitor results of mathematics instruction

throughout the 2014-2015 school year as well as research new Common Core State Standards-based series as they are published and released. Mrs. Homes explained that purchasing a new math series would be premature at this time until publishers have had time to incorporate the rigor of the new standards into their published materials. It is expected that teachers would pilot a new math series before adoption so the soonest we would see a new math series adoption could be 2-3 years away. Mr. Lester summarized the discussion with the following four highlighted points: (1) the district will continue to use data (statewide and local assessments) to analyze student growth and achievement; (2) the district will continue to benchmark best practices; (3) the district will continue to develop its curriculum using up-to-date textbooks and research-based supplements; and (4) the district will continue to encourage and support teacher professional development related to curriculum.

6.3 Technology – Technology committee will be meeting during the summer to begin the development of a K-8 Technology Scope and Sequence Plan which will tie the use of technology to the curriculum as well as meet the NETS (National Educational Technology Standards for Students) standards.

7. Closed session – none

8. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Weiss and passed unanimously at 8:58 p.m.



President



Secretary