

**SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130**

Smithton, Illinois 62285

Public Hearing, Tuesday, June 10, 2014

**MINUTES**

The public hearing of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 in the Cafeteria, 316 South Hickory, Smithton, Illinois 62285.

Mrs. Pam Redden, Clerk to the Board of Education, recorded minutes of the public hearing held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dale Barschak at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. Roll Call: Jason Weiss, Brian Lester, Sara Sutherland, Dale Barschak, Gabrielle Schwemmer, Mark Schanuel and Jason Chandler were present.
4. Purpose of Hearing – 2013-2014 Amended Budget – no questions from the public.
5. Moved to the regular meeting.

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1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Dale Barschak.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – recited during the Public Hearing
3. Roll Call: Jason Weiss, Brian Lester, Sara Sutherland, Dale Barschak, Gabrielle Schwemmer, Mark Schanuel and Jason Chandler were present.
4. Public Forum
  - 4.1 Written Correspondence – no correspondence received.
  - 4.2 Audience input – no input from the audience.
5. Reports/Requests
  - 5.1 Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Homes reported that seven of our students were recognized at McKendree University as *Young Achievers*. Board member Brian Lester inquired as to whether the junior high school teachers were involved in recommending students for this recognition program. Mrs. Homes reported that she was unaware of other teachers submitting students for recognition, but that she would obtain information from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers

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regarding the nomination process and encourage Mrs. Norton to share this information with the junior high teachers. Superintendent, Ali Tilk, Eric Muckensturm and Sasha Courtney attended a two-day 1:1 digital devices symposium at Freeburg High School. She also reported that Camp Invention was scheduled to start Monday, June 16 with 58 students currently registered. Mrs. Homes shared that Mr. Chandler reported to her that he expected rock and lime aggregate to be delivered on Monday, June 16, for the track completion. Mrs. Homes reported that the electronic infrastructure upgrade was complete and that the equipment installed in her office was very noisy. She shared that Maintenance Director Ray Lauer was building a separate closet adjacent to her office so the wiring and rack equipment could be relocated. Mrs. Homes has shared information on the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference with the Board. Interested board members who would like to attend should notify her as soon as possible so the necessary reservations can be completed.

- 5.2 Financial Report – Mrs. Heidi Etling reported that at the July meeting she will present a “Budget to Actual” financial report.
  - 5.3 Principal’s Report – Mrs. Vicki Norton was on vacation. Mrs. Homes extended an offer to answer any questions regarding Mrs. Norton’s written report; no questions were asked.
  - 5.4 Technology Report – Mr. Eric Muckensturm indicated he had nothing behind his written report to share.
6. Consent Agenda Items
- 6.1 A motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented with one change to the minutes (typographical correction—a reference to “Mrs. Barschak” should have been “Mr. Barschak”) was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Schanuel, and passed unanimously 7-0 with a roll call vote.
7. Unfinished Business
- 7.1 Approval of 2013-2014 Amended Budget – A motion to approve the 2013-2014 amended budget as presented was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Lester, and passed unanimously 7-0 with a roll call vote.
8. New Business
- 8.1 Adoption of Resolution to Spend District Funds Prior to Budget Approval – A motion that the resolution allowing the district to spend up to 75% of the 2013-2014 budget during the months of July, August, and September, 2014, prior to board approval of the 2014-2015 budget, was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland, and passed unanimously 7-0 with a roll call vote.

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- 8.2 Approval of Resolution of Prevailing Wage Rates – A motion to approve that the resolution for the adoption of the Prevailing Wage Rates effective June 1, 2014, was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Weiss, and passed unanimously 7-0.
  - 8.3 Approval of Property and Workman’s Compensation Insurance Coverage – A motion to approve the proposal from PSIC for property insurance and IPRF for workman’s compensation insurance for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland, and passed unanimously 7-0 with a roll call vote.
  - 8.4 Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes – A motion to approve maintaining “closed” status of closed session meeting minutes, as presented, was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 7-0.
  - 8.5 The board discussed the current class size related to the number of students per class. The discussion focused on the financial challenges of the district related to deficit spending in the Education Fund and the Board’s desire to provide an optimal learning environment. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the current 3-section format (3 sections per grade level in grades K-6) would be best for the 2014-2015 school year and that the Board would revisit class size during the 2014-2015 school year following additional information related to the district’s financial projections for the 2015-2016 school year.
  - 8.6 Safety Grant Agreement – A motion to approve the IEMA School and Campus Safety Grant Agreement as presented was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 7-0.
9. Informational Items
- 9.1 Enrollment Report
  - 9.2 Cougar Care Report
10. Personnel
- 11.1 A motion to accept the resignation of Ashley Parker as Head Softball coach for the 2014-2015 school year was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Lester, and passed unanimously 7-0.
  - 11.2 A motion to employ Lori Whitworth as head softball coach for the 2014-2015 school year was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Lester, and passed unanimously 7-0.

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12. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 7-0 at 8:20 p.m.

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President

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Secretary