

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130
Smithton, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting, December 17, 2019
MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, in the cafeteria, 316 South Hickory, Smithton, Illinois 62285.

Mrs. Etling, Clerk to the Board of Education, recorded minutes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Barschak at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance

Roll Call

Members present: Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Mr. Lester, Mrs. Sutherland and Dr. Schwemmer

Members absent: None

Also in attendance were Dr. Wamser, Superintendent, Mrs. Norton, Principal, Mr. Mueth, Athletic Director. Public attendee's were Anne Nobel from Stifel Nicholas & Co., Andy Stehl from FGM Architects and Barney Mundorf from Guin Mundorf, LLC.

Public Comments

None

Reports

Mrs. Etling reported that the district had three (3) CDs that matured in December and all three have been rolled over for a 4 week term. This will allow the district additional time to evaluate its cash flow needs over the next few months.

Mrs. Norton thanked our secretary, Mrs. Lester, for helping out in the cafeteria during lunch time as we are short staffed due to a regular playground/cafeteria employee out on leave. Her willingness to step in and help with the cafeteria is very much appreciated.

Mr. Mueth reported than the Girls Basketball Team won their conference tournament. This is the first conference win in the last 15 years for the girls, so it was quite an exciting tournament. Girls Holiday tournament will begin this week and conclude on Friday night. The boys finished their regular season and will play in the annual SPPCS Holiday Tournament over the Christmas break.

Dr Wamser reported that he and Mrs. Etling participated in a ratings call with Standards & Poor and presented information about the district's EAV, enrollment trends, board policies related to

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budgeting, debt and investing. Dr. Wamser also stated that Shores Builders Inc. was the lowest bidder and he is recommending approving their base bid plus seven (7) alternates as listed:

1. additional shelled out two classrooms
2. west K-2 blacktop for playground/house demo/site prep
3. lockers for locker room
4. remodel the kitchen into a classroom
5. add light poles in the parking lot
6. painting of all the plaster walls
7. acoustical treatment in the gym

The entire price including these seven (7) alternates came in just under \$5 million.

Consent Agenda Items

Approved the following: Regular Board Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2019; Finance Committee meeting minutes from November 25, 2019; District bills presented for payment in Exhibit E-6.2; prior month payroll liabilities, Treasurer's Report and other district financial reports.

A motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Dr. Schwemmer, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Nays: None.

A motion to approve the Aggregate Levy for corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 in the amount of \$3,279,530.00 was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Schwemmer, Mrs. Sutherland, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Mr. Lester.

Nays: None.

A motion to consider the 2nd Reading and Approval of Board Policy Updates was tabled and will be approved at the January 2020 meeting.

Mr. Mundorf spoke and mentioned that he would be recommending changes to board policy 5.50 which deals with the recreational use of marijuana and board policy 2.270 dealing with student use of medical marijuana commonly referred to as "Ashley's Law".

Unfinished Business

None

Information

Dr. Wamser reported the district enrollment is holding steady at 565 students.

The board applauded Mr. Mueth and the girls' basketball team on their conference tournament championship. The game was played at Marissa High School and was very well attended. The board also thanked the administration for the Board Recognition Dinner which was held prior to the board meeting. Ms. Pipher was highly complimentary of how polite our students were when shopping at the Santa's Kottage event.

New Business

The board discussed the various alternates prior to awarding the contract to Shores Builders. Mr. Trentman asked to review all of the alternates again:

1. additional shelved out two classroom
2. partition on Stage
3. west K-2 blacktop for playground/house demo/site prep
4. asphalt track
5. lockers for locker room
6. remodel the kitchen into a classroom
7. light poles in the parking lot
8. painting of all the plaster walls
9. acoustical treatment in the gym

Dr. Wamser had recommended approving all but alternate #2 & 4. After discussion on whether certain items could be approved after awarding the contract tonight, the board agreed to wait on items 2, 4, and 9.

A motion was made by Dr. Schwemmer to approve the contract with Shore Builders for the base bid and alternates 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 in the amount of \$4,924,257 for the school renovation and expansion project. The board also reserves the right to award Alternate No. 2, 4, and 9 within 90 days of the bid date or some other agreed upon time frame with Shores Builders., seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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Ayes: Dr. Schwemmer, Mr. Lester, Mrs. Sutherland, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Nays: None

A motion to accept the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, of Community Consolidated School District Number 130, St. Clair County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying the costs of those capital projects set forth in the ballot proposition approved by the voters of said School District at the April 2, 2019 consolidated election, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, in connection with the sale of said bonds was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland.. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Schwemmer, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Nays: None

No Closed Session

The board discussed purchase of property located at 424 South Hickory Street. Mr. Mundorf explained that an amendment was added to the contract to put \$5,000 in escrow in the event that the seller does not vacate and leave the property "broom clean" by 2/28/20, then the district would be entitled to those funds. Closing date is set for 2/3/20.

A motion to approve the resolution to purchase real property, located at 424 South Hickory Street, Smithton, Illinois 62285, for the amount of \$230,000 plus closing costs pursuant to the terms of the agreed upon real estate sales contract was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Ms. Pipher Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Dr. Schwemmer, Ms. Pipher, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Lester, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Nays: None

A motion to approve the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Nancy Rogers as nurse was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Trentman. All Ayes, motion passes 7-0.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 8:11p.m. All Ayes, motion passes 7-0.



President



Secretary