

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130

Smithton, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting, November 25, 2019

MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Monday, November 25, 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 Board President Mr. 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, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth and Mr. Lester.

Members absent: Dr. Schwemmer

Also in attendance were Dr. Wamser, Superintendent, Mrs. Norton, Principal, Mrs. Erica Brueggemann and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune (Hans arrived at 7:05pm).

Public Comments

None

Reports

Mrs. Etling reviewed the budget vs actual for the first 4 months of the current fiscal year. Revenues are tracking at 67.8% of budget vs 71.3% for the same period last year. Most of this is a timing difference in property tax distributions made by the county. Overall, revenues are budgeted to \$183,182 higher than last year. Additional revenues are generated from a higher EAV in 2018 and additional funding from the state. Architect fees have exceeded the amount in the budget. These costs will be reimbursed from the bond proceeds. All costs associated with the building addition will be isolated and paid out of the capital projects in order to keep accurate record keeping of project costs.

Mr. Lester reported on the discussion in the finance committee held prior to the board meeting. He mentioned that the district completed its 5 year projections and the financial outlooks looks better than 4 years ago due to improved state funding and increasing EAV. He also spoke about the School technology Program and the Property Tax Relief Grant. Several board members asked about buying the equipment using the district reserves vs borrowing the money. Mr. Lester said financing the equipment at the low interest rate of 2% was preferable due to the possibility of having to use some of the districts reserve towards the building project.

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Mrs. Norton reviewed her Principals' Report with the board and commented upon how well attended the Mother/Son Dinner and Magic Show was with over 200 mothers and sons in attendance. The buddy feast with K & 3rd grade is always a fun event for our lower grades.

Dr. Wamser reported that we had a pre-bid walk through with 18 general contractors and sub contractors. Bid addendum #1 was issued to clarify some questions. Bid opening is set for the 1st week of December. FGM is looking at another walk through with a couple of additional contractors.

Mr. Trentman spoke and expressed concern over the following items in the construction bid\design a) Civil Design, b) HVAC system design c) Bleacher Design, d) Roofing Material-TPO vs EPDM e) Gym Plaque f) Chain link fence with or without coating. After discussion, the board agreed to keep the drawings/plans as is for right now. Changes could be made in the future with the contractor.

Mrs. Norton presented the state test scores for our district. Smithton remains at No.1 spot in St Clair County for test scores in ELA, Math and Science.

Consent Agenda Items

Approved the following: Buildings and Ground Meeting and Regular Board Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2019; District bills as presented in the packet for payment, 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. Whitworth, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Whitworth, Mrs. Sutherland, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Lester
Nays: None.

Unfinished Business

None

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New Business

Consider First/Reading/Discussion of Tax Levy

Mrs. Etling presented the Tax Levy. No hearing is required since the aggregate tax extension is less than 5% over the prior year extension. EAV is projected to increase by 4% and the estimated tax rate is projected to increase by .18 to .19 depending upon the actual EAV. The board previously communicated to the public that the homeowner could expect a .19 increase in the districts tax rate due to the issuance of the new \$5 million bond for the building addition.

A motion to approve the school report card was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mrs. Sutherland, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Lester, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Whitworth, Mr. Barschak.
Nays: None.

A motion to approve the resolution to apply for the Illinois School Technology Loan Program was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Consider First Reading of the Board Policy Updates a presented in Exhibit E-9.4

Information

Dr Wamser reported that the current enrollment reached its highest at 565 students.

Many complements were received from the public on the Mother\Son Magic Show, the K & 3rd grade feast and the Veterans Day Ceremony.

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Closed Session

Mr. Lester moved, seconded by Mr. Whitworth, that a closed session be called at 8:45pm for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

A motion was made to return to open session at 9:29pm by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Lester. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

Personnel

A motion to approve the resignation of Matthew Hampel, paraprofessional, as presented in Exhibit E-11.1 was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Lester. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0

A motion to approve the employment of Megan Mathews, paraprofessional, as presented in Exhibit E-11.2 was made by Ms. Pipher and seconded by Mrs. Sutherland. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Nays: None.

A motion to approve the coaches and sponsors as presented in Exhibit E-11.3 was made by Mr. Lester and seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Nays: None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Whitworth to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.



President



Secretary