

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #130

Smithton, IL 62285

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 2013

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District #130 was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 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, December 10, 2013 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, Mark Schanuel were all present. Jason Chandler arrived at 7:05 p.m. and Gabrielle Schwemmer was absent.
4. Public Forum
 - 4.1 Written Correspondence – no correspondence
 - 4.2 Audience input – no audience input
5. Reports/Requests
 - 5.1 Superintendent Homes had nothing further to report.
 - 5.2 Financial Report – Mrs. Etling thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Joint IASA/IASB/IASBO conference in Chicago and provided a summary of sessions she attended and ideas she gathered.
 - 5.3 Principal's Report – Mrs. Vicki Norton. Mrs. Homes asked the Board if there were any questions about the Principal's Report. Mr. Lester inquired about the decision to release DEA Test 2 scores. Mrs. Homes announced that the Test 2 results would be reviewed by teachers and that Test 3 results in early February would be sent home to parents. Mrs. Homes also commented that any concerns as a result of Test 2 results would be shared individually with parents, as needed.
 - 5.4 Technology Report – Mr. Eric Muckensturm. Mrs. Homes reported that Mr. Muckensturm was successful at extending the Avast! Antivirus software for another year at no charge, saving the district approximately \$850. She also reported that the district expected to receive news about its E-Rate application in the near future and that the district could potentially save approximately 40% of its costs associated with Internet and telephone services. Mrs. Homes also reported that the district was noticing an increase in the number of cracked or damaged iPad screens and shared a sample of a case that is currently used by Freeburg High School for their Chromebooks. The Technology Committee is seeking possible donors to help offset the \$25 cost of each case. Currently, the screens are repaired for \$50 each because the iPads are covered under a warranty program through Apple called Apple Care. The Apple Care program will expire, and is not renewable, during the summer of 2014.

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- 5.5 Athletic Director's Report – Mrs. Donna Whitworth gave a brief overview that Girls basketball conference tournament will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week at Smithton school; Boys basketball will host a home game the following week due to their game being cancelled due to the weather; the girls basketball will not make either of their games up that were cancelled due to the weather; the Bowling season would have two choices; 1 – just attend the state meet or 2 – have approximately 15 meets. The board would like to see the bowling team have a full schedule as long as they have four boys and four girls on the teams.
- 5.6 Joint Conference Report – Mr. Barschak gave a brief review of the conference.

6. Consent Agenda Items

- 6.1 A motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Lester and passed unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote.

7. Unfinished Business

- 7.1 A motion to approve the 2013 Tax Levy as presented was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Schanuel and passed unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote.

8. New Business

- 8.1 Policies – First Reading of the following policies:
2:250 - Access to District Public Records
3:60 – Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
4:100 – Insurance Management
4:110 – Transportation
4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
5:50 – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace: Tobacco Prohibition
5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:100 – Staff Development Program
5:120 – Ethics and Conduct
5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
6:60 – Curriculum Content
6:250 – Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions
7:185 – Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics
8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

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- 8.2 Joint Committee on Reduction in Force – Superintendent Homes explained the purpose of the Joint Committee on Reduction in Force and reported that the committee held its statutorily-required meeting by December 1. She shared a copy of the minutes of the meeting with the Board.
- 8.3 A motion to approve Camp Invention at no cost to Smithton School was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Weiss and passed unanimously 6-0.
- 8.4 A motion to approve Boys volleyball with a \$1,000 stipend was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote.
- 8.5 A motion to approve the recommended CD Investment as presented was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Lester and passed unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote.

9. Informational Items

- 9.1 Cougar Care
- 9.2 Enrollment Report

10. Closed Session

A motion that the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee 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) was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Weiss and passed unanimously at 8:30 p.m.

Return to open session at 9:10 p.m.

Roll Call – Mr. Weiss, Mr. Lester, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Schanuel and Mr. Chandler were present. Gabrielle Schwemmer was absent.

ANNOUNCE ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- 10.1 A motion to appoint Stephanie Miller and Michelle Siebenberger as volunteer cheerleading coaches for the 2013-2014 season was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Schanuel and passed unanimously 6-0.

Due to the severe weather that impacted the community over the previous 48 hours, a brief discussion of snow removal service due to current weather conditions and safety precautions for inclement weather for portable building steps and doorway was held.

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11. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Lester and passed unanimously 6-0 at 9:39 p.m.

President

Secretary