

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130
Smithton, Illinois 62285
Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 2015
MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 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 15, 2015, beginning at 7:03 p.m.

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Dale Barschak at 7:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Ed Farley, Brian Lester (on phone until 7:30 p.m.), Sara Sutherland, Dale Barschak, Gabrielle Schwemmer, Mark Schanuel and Jason Chandler were present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – the Pledge was recited during the Tax Levy Hearing prior to the call to order of the regular board meeting.
4. Public Forum
 - a. Written Correspondence = Christmas card received from Kathy Calhoun.
 - b. Audience Input - none
5. Reports/Requests

5.1 Superintendent's Report – Dr. Homes reported that she had updated the letter to the parents regarding PARRC scores and sent the information to the Freeburg Tribune. High scoring districts are using pencil and paper tests in at least grades 3 and 4. Smithton's 5th Grade is ranked one of the highest for scoring in the area. Dr. Homes reported that she met with Freeburg High School and Freeburg Elementary for the purposes of discussing the tentative 2016-2017 school calendar. Smithton has been invited to be a part of a quad school summer camps with Belle Valley, Signal Hill, and Harmony Emge districts as part of a Scott Air Force Base grant program. The topics for the 2016 summer camps include robotics, space and flights, and BMX bikes. On January 7, 2016, representatives of the Illinois Principals Association will be at Smithton to videotape various classrooms. Dr. Homes and Mike Heap, Transportation Director for Smithton #130, Freeburg #70, and Freeburg #77 districts, will visit the Flora, Illinois, school district on December 21 to inspect a bus with less than 25,000 miles as a possible replacement for the district's 1998 bus. The estimated cost of the four-year old bus is expected to be \$53,000.

5.2 Financial Report – Mrs. Etling reported that a CD has matured and she has been reviewing area rates in preparation for a planned renewal. Several banks have expressed interest. She plans to wait until after the Federal Reserve Bank meets in the next week to see if they raise interest rates which could impact the CD rate favorably. Currently the

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CD has been rolled over to a Money Market account. Mrs. Etling reported that she has received the final property tax payment with Smithton receiving about 99.6% of all monies expected. She further noted that state mandated categorical payments are still behind.

5.3 Principal's Report – Mrs. Norton reported that a donation has been given to the Lord's Helpers from the staff jean money. She also reported that she had recently attended several classroom technology presentations in Mrs. Beggs class (about going paperless) and Mrs. Crompton's class (regarding Daily 5 and center work). Both were examples of outstanding implementation of technology.

Mrs. Erica Brueggemann presented a *Plickers* presentation to the Board. She handed out cards to the Board and explained how the formative assessment program worked and how she was utilizing it in her classroom. It was a very impressive presentation.

5.4 Technology Report – nothing further to report.

5.5 Athletic Director Report – Mrs. Redden reported that the Lady Cougars basketball team is ranked 1st in the regionals, the boys are ranked 3rd and a new bracket has been added for the SPPCS tournament.

5.6 Strategic Planning Committee Report – Dr. Homes reported that they are currently setting up a community engagement group. Co-Chairmans will be Bob Mueller and Jason Becherer. There will be monthly community meetings to give information regarding the strategic planning process to community members.

5.7 Delegate Assembly Report – Dr. Schwemmer reported that she attended the 2015 Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly. She informed the Board that all resolutions passed during the assembly.

6. Consent Agenda Items

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

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 A motion to approve the 2015 Tax Levy as presented was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Chandler and passed unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote.

7.2 A motion to approve the policies as presented was made by Mr. Farley, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 6-0.

8. New Business

8.1 Dr. Homes presented the 2015 School and District Report Cards to the Board of Education.

9. Informational Items

9.1 Enrollment Report

9.2 District Health and Wellness Plan

9.3 Cougar Care Report

9.4 Toward World Class Academic Excellence – Positive Points to Ponder – 2nd and 3rd Grade Christmas Program was amazing. Mrs. McKenzie did a great job. 5th Grade and PE presentation were very good. Commercial Club donations are amazing to our families in need during this holiday season.

10. Personnel

10.1 A motion to approve the three-year Principal's employment contract with Mrs. Vicki Norton effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Farley, and passed unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote.

11.2 A motion to approve the three-year Superintendent's employment contract with Dr. Susan Homes effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 6-0 with a roll call vote.

11.3 A motion to accept the resignation of Lauren Tucker, Paraprofessional, retroactive to November 5, 2015, was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Farley and passed unanimously 6-0.

11. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Chandler, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 6-0 at 8:02 p.m.



President



Secretary