

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #130

Smithton, Illinois 62285

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, April 28, 2016

MINUTES

The Strategic Planning Committee meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District #130 was held on April 28, 2016, in the Smithton School Art Room, 316 South Hickory, Smithton, Illinois 62285.

Susan Homes, Superintendent, recorded minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on April 28, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Administrators: Superintendent Dr. Susan Homes

Board of Education Members: None

Unicom-ARC Representative Rod Wright

Facilitating Team Co-Chairs: Bob Mueller and Jason Becherer

Team Members: Shelley LePere

Strategic Planning

Following a review of the verbatim feedback from the third community engagement meeting (CES-3), Dr. Homes reported that she and Heidi Etling had met with Sean McCarthy of Stifel to discuss the desired presentation for the May 9 Community Engagement Meeting (CES-4) related to the County School Facilities Sales Tax initiative. Dr. Homes and Mrs. Etling had also discussed the possibility of Mr. McCarthy presenting some general information to the public about funding options for the school district to help explain the various avenues available to schools for generating monies for facility improvements. Dr. Homes also reported that she held a telephone conference with Brian Lester earlier that afternoon to review the draft CES-4 PowerPoint to obtain his thoughts and ideas in preparation for the evening session (Mr. Lester was out of the area on business).

Dr. Homes shared with the group that it was the school's intention to offer an optional facility tour beginning at 6:30 p.m. prior to the May 9 Community Engagement Meeting.

Dr. Homes then led the group through the draft PowerPoint which included the following major topics:

- Welcome and overview of the meeting process
- Recap of Community Engagement Meeting #3 (April 11)
 - Prioritization of Facility Challenges
 - Prioritization of Curricular Areas
- Options for Funding
 - District Budget Review
 - County School Facilities Sales Tax

- Funding Alternatives
 - Education Fund Deficit
 - Facility Challenges
- Small Group Work Activity
 - Addressing Education Fund Deficit
 - Addressing Facility Challenges

The group decided that several individuals would be involved in the evening presentation as follows:

Welcome and overview of the meeting process – Bob Mueller and Jason Becherer

Recap of Community Engagement Meeting #3 – Bob Mueller and Jason Becherer

Options for Funding – Budget Review – Brian Lester

Options for Funding – County School Facilities Sales Tax – Sean McCarthy


Options for Funding – Funding Alternatives – Bob Mueller

Questions and Answer Period – Bob Mueller, Brian Lester, and Sean McCarthy


Small Group Work Activity – Bob Mueller and Jason Becherer

The next facilitation meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23 in the Smithton Art Room from 7 – 9 p.m. That evening's session would include a review of the verbatim notes collected from the CES-4 and planning for CES-5.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



President



Secretary