

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130
Smithton, Illinois 62285
Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 2016
MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 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, June 21, 2016, following the public hearing.

A moment of silence was held for Eric Browder.

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Acting President Mark Schanuel at 7:04 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Public Hearing.
3. Roll Call: Mr. Lester, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Schanuel, and Dr. Schwemmer were present. Mr. Farley, Mr. Barschak and Mr. Chandler were absent.
4. Public Forum
 - 4.1 Written Correspondence - none
 - 4.2 Audience Input – none
5. Report/Requests
 - 5.1 Superintendent's Report – Reported that the Lupus Foundation will use the parking lot for the bicycle run on August 6, 2016.
 - 5.2 Financial Report – Reported that Smithton School is hopeful that it will receive the final General State Aid payment for the year. If the district receives the final payment, it would drop the Education Fund deficit to \$200,000 or less.
 - 5.3 Principal's Report – Reported that summer has been very busy with summer school. The kids seem to really enjoy and have had great attendance. Camp Invention started this week and the students seem excited.
 - 5.4 Athletic Director's Report – Reported softball uniforms have arrived and they look amazing.
 - 5.5 Strategic Planning Committee Report – Mr. Lester reported that the fifth meeting was cancelled. The Facilitating team looked at the data and came to recommendations that will be presented to the Board. Thanked everyone for all their time.

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6. Consent Agenda Items

- 6.1 A motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Lester, and passed unanimously 4-0.

7. Unfinished business

- 7.1 A motion to approve the 2015-2016 amended budget as presented was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 4-0 with a roll call vote.

8. New Business

- 8.1 Presentation of Strategic Planning Recommendations to the Board of Education – Dr. Homes thanked Mr. Mueller and everyone that participated in the Strategic Planning. Mr. Mueller reported the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee following the conclusion of the strategic planning process held during the spring:

- The committee recommends that Smithton support the facilities sales tax effort in St. Clair County.
- The committee recommends that the board consider creating a “Facility Design Team” to develop solutions to identified facility needs.
- The committee recommends pursuing an increase in the education fund before eliminating staff or programs.
- The committee was divided on whether to pursue a consolidation study in concert with Freeburg Districts #70 and #77 and St. Libory District #30 and, therefore, makes no recommendation.
- The committee recommends that a “Land Use Team” be established to research options (hold, sell or exchange) for the best use of the excess land owned by the district.
- Finally, the committee recommends that the board continue to actively involve the community in all of these initiatives where possible and appropriate.

- 8.2 A motion to approve the resolution for the adoption of the Prevailing Wage Rates effective June, 2016, as presented was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 4-0.

- 8.3 A motion to approve the resolution to seek approval the usage of a temporary facility as presented was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 4-0.

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- 8.4 Acting President Schanuel presented the following resolution, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of St. Clair, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016.

* * *

WHEREAS, Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*County School Facility Occupation Tax Law*"), authorizes the imposition of a tax upon all persons engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property, other than personal property titled or registered with an agency of the government of the State of Illinois, at retail in The County of St. Clair, Illinois (the "*County*"), on the gross receipts of the sales made in the course of business and a service occupation tax upon all persons engaged in the County in the business of making sales of service, who, as an incident to making those sales of service, transfer tangible personal property within the County as an incident to a sale of service, at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes (the "*County School Facility Occupation Taxes*") if a proposition for the County School Facility Occupation Taxes (the "*Proposition*") is submitted to the electors of the County at a regular election and approved by a majority of the electors voting on the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, "*school facility purposes*" means (i) the acquisition, development, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, financing, architectural planning, and installation of capital facilities consisting of buildings, structures, and durable equipment and the acquisition and improvement of real property and interest in real property required, or expected to be required, in connection with the capital facilities and (ii) the payment of bonds or other obligations heretofore or hereafter issued, including bonds or other obligations heretofore or hereafter issued to refund or to continue to refund bonds or other obligations issued, for school facility purposes provided that the taxes levied to pay such bonds are abated by the amount of the taxes imposed under the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law that are used to pay such bonds; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, "*school facility purposes*" also includes fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security, and specified repair purposes set forth under Section 17-2.11 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law provides that upon receipt of a resolution or resolutions of school district boards that represent more than 50% of the student enrollment within the County, the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County (the

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“Regional Superintendent”) must certify the Proposition to the proper election authority in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the *“Election Code”*); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the *“Board”*) of Smithton Community Consolidated School District #130 (the *“District”*), deems it necessary, advisable and in the best interest of the District that the Regional Superintendent certify the Proposition to the County Clerk of the County (the *“County Clerk”*) for submission to the electors of the County at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016 (the *“Election”*):

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District #130, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Direction to Regional Superintendent. The Regional Superintendent is hereby directed to certify the Proposition to the County Clerk in the form set forth in the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law and in accordance with the Election Code, for submission to the electors of the County at the Election.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Repeal. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith *upon its adoption*.

ADOPTED THIS 21st day of June, 2016 by the vote of the Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 Board of Education.

Acting President, Board of Education
Secretary, Board of Education

Dr. Schwemmer moved and Mr. Lester seconded the motion that said resolution be adopted. The motion passed unanimously 4-0 with a roll call vote.

- 8.5 Dr. Homes presented the 2016-2017 Parent-Student Handbook draft to the Board to consider. She invited Board members to contact her over the next 30 days with questions or suggestions before final approval is sought at the July meeting.
- 8.6 A motion to approve the 2016-2017 Athletic/Extracurricular Activities Handbook as presented was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Lester and passed unanimously 4-0.

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8.7 A motion to approve the 2016-2017 Coach handbook as presented was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Schanuel and passed unanimously 4-0.

8.8 A motion to approve the resolution for the disposal of surplus personal property as presented was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 4-0 with a roll call vote.

9. Informational Items

9.1 Enrollment Report

9.2 Cougar Care Report

9.3 Toward World Class Academic Excellence – Positive Points to Ponder – Dr. Schwemmer congratulated Smithton on the excellence of training staff; Mr. Lester felt the STEM BMX course was excellent; Mr. Schanuel was very positive and excited about the Graduation ceremony and Mrs. Jennifer Davis thanked

Smithton School and Staff for the support they showed the Browder Family during this terrible time in their lives.

10. A motion to go into executive session for 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 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) was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Schanuel and passed unanimously at 7:55 p.m.

Return to open session at 8:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Lester, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Schanuel and Dr. Schwemmer were present. Mr. Farley, Mr. Barschak and Mr. Chandler were absent.

11. Personnel

11.1 A motion to approve Laurie Province as the yearbook sponsor for the 2016-2017 school year was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 4-0.

11.2 A motion to accept the resignation of Angela Schuchman as paraprofessional effective June 21, 2016 was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer and passed unanimously 4-0.

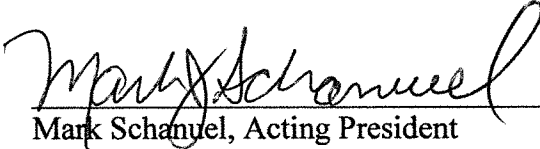
11.3 A motion to approve the 2016-2017 salaries as presented was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 4-0.

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12. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and passed unanimously 4-0 at 8:34 p.m.



Mark Schanuel, Acting President



Sara Sutherland, Secretary