

**SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130**

**Smithton, Illinois**

Regular Board Meeting, January 28, 2020

**MINUTES**

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 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 President Dale 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, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Mr. Lester and Mrs. Sutherland

Members absent: Dr. Schwemmer

Also in attendance were Dr. Wamser, Superintendent, Mr. Mueth, Athletic Director and Hans Carpenter from the Freeburg Tribune, staff members Samantha Hedrick, Courtney Hammel and Stacey Rank. Mrs. Norton was out ill.

**Public Comments**

None

**Reports**

Mrs. Etling reported that the district did not qualify for the 2020 Property Tax Relief Grant. Only 39 districts with the highest operating tax rates qualified out of 233 that applied. Smithton was ranked 158 out of the 233 districts in terms of tax rates. She also reported on the Property Tax Relief Task Force and their preliminary report on various proposals on how to reduce property taxes. She summarized the sale of the bonds which took place on January 23, 2020. Overall, it was a very good time to be selling the bonds due to the low supply and high demand for bonds and the low interest rate environment. A budget committee meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020 to review the Post Funding of the construction bonds and to present a Mid Year Budget Review.

Mr. Mueth reported than the Girls Basketball Team played in state last Friday after winning regionals, however they did not win so that concluded their season. Boys' basketball will be playing at regionals on January 28, 2020 and if they win they will play a championship game on January 29, 2020. Girls and boys volleyball teams have started their practices.

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Dr Wamser reported that a signed contract with Shores Builders has been executed and that Shores has agreed to extend the remaining alternative bid prices through the February board meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Wamser is waiting to hear back from Rhutasel on some site work changes and is also waiting to hear back from Shores regarding pricing on other changes. This information along with Dr. Wamser's recommendations will be presented at the February board meeting. Dr. Wamser also informed the board that graduation date will be set for May 18, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Trentman started a discussion about the playground building design and efforts in coordinating with the Village in order to accommodate equipment needs during their scheduled work, etc. He asked to be updated on the status of both of these items.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Approved the following: Regular Board Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2019; District bills presented for payment in Exhibit E-6.2; 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 Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

### **Unfinished Business**

A motion to consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Approval of the board policy updates as presented in Exhibit E-7.1 was made by Ms. Pipher, seconded by Mr. Trentman. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

### **New Business**

A motion to approve the resolution of Appointment of designee, Heidi Etling, to Prepare FY21 Budget was made by Ms. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Pipher. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

A motion to consider Resolution Authorizing Signature Authority for District Bank and Investment Accounts was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Trentman. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

A motion to consider the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented in Exhibit E-8.3 was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Pipher. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

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A motion to approve the school maintenance grant application as presented was made by Ms. Pipher, seconded by Mr. Trentman. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

**Information**

Dr. Wamser reported the district enrollment is 560 but we are expecting 8 new students to start next week.

The board applauded basketball coach, Mr. Mueth and the girls' basketball team on their conference tournament championship and getting to play at state. The board commented on the 4.0 Financial Profile Designation that the district was assigned for 2020, which is the highest level a district can attain. Mr. Lester complemented the Stifel Financial (bond underwriters) on advising us through the successful bond pricing.

**Personnel**

A motion to approve the non-licenses resignations as presented in Exhibit E-10.1 was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Ms. Pipher. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

A motion to approve the hiring on non-licenses personnel as presented in Exhibit E-10.2 was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

**Closed Session**

Mr. Lester moved, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland, that a closed session be called at 7:27pm 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). All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

A motion was made to return to open session at 9:53pm by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Lester. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.

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**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 9:54p.m. All Ayes, motion passes 6-0.



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President



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Secretary