

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

**Smithton, Illinois**

Regular Board Meeting, February 23, 2021

**MINUTES**

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, February, 2021, in the school 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, Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Dr. Schwemmer and Mr. Lester.

Members absent: None

Others in attendance: Dr. Phillips, Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Norton, Principal, Mr. Keefe, Athletic Director, Erica Brueggemann, Teacher, Samantha Hedrick, Teacher and Megan Greive, Nurse, Hans Carpenter and Dr. Castelli.

**Public Comments**

None

**Reports**

Mr. Lester reported on the finance committee which met before the board meeting. The district expects to end the fiscal year in a slightly better financial position than what was originally in the budget. The district has been the recipient of two Federal Grants related to the COVID relief bill and is expecting to receive another Emergency Relief grant in the amount of \$150,000. Those funds will be used to address the learning loss that students have experienced this past year. The district is likely to offer a robust summer school program this summer to help meet the needs of those students who may have fallen behind this year. Administration will present a plan at the next board to address how these funds will be utilized.

Mrs. Norton stated that she would survey those families that are full remote to see if they would be interested in switching to in person starting with the 3rd quarter in March. Currently, two families have expressed interest in returning to in person learning. Mr. Trentman thought it was important to have a plan in place in case all of those students wanted to return. He asked if we had the capacity in the classrooms to accommodate all of them.

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Mr. Keefe reported that the Volleyball teams have 29 players, boys basketball has 31 and girls' basketball has 18. An 8<sup>th</sup> grade night is planned for the Volleyball Team. The track season is running into some conflicts with the High School Track Season.

Mr. Whitworth reported on the Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting. He said the committee approved the change order for the ceilings & locker room on a time and material basis.

Dr. Phillips complemented Nurse Greive on her work in getting the vaccine clinic scheduled for all of our employees that wanted to get the vaccine. The 2021-22 school calendar is complete and will be presented at the next school board meeting in March.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Approved the following: Regular Board Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2021, Buildings & Grounds Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2021 and Special Board Meeting minutes from February 1, 2021. District bills presented for payment in Exhibit E-6.2 in the amount of \$576,418.78; prior month payroll and liabilities, Treasurer's Report; Transfer of Construction Funds from Citizens MMA \$514,840.87 to Regions Operating Account for reimbursement, and other district financial reports.

A motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented 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, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Mrs. Sutherland, Dr. Schwemmer.

Nays: None.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

A motion to approve the closed session minutes from the period August 24, 2020 to December 22, 2020 to remain closed was made by Mrs. Sutherland seconded by Ms. Pipher. All Ayes, motion passes 7-0.

A motion to approve the 2021-2022 board meeting dates as presented in Exhibit E-8.2 was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Trentman. All Ayes, motion passes 7-0.

**Information**

District enrollment is currently at 551 students.

The Board complemented Mrs. Norton on her efforts in coordinating with the two Freeburg School Districts to share custodial staff while a few of Smithton's custodians had to be out on quarantine. The board also thanked Mr. Keefe for filling in this year as our ELA teacher and Athletic Director. He did a great job.

Everyone agreed that it has been good to have the students back full time to in person learning. The transition from hybrid to in person has gone smoothly.

**Closed Session**

None

**Other Actions**

A motion to approve the employment of Alice Jouett as a part-time Playground/Lunch Monitor at \$11/hour effective February 1, 2021 was made by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Mrs. Sutherland, Dr. Schwemmer.

Nays: None.

A motion to approve the employment of Dr. Courtney Castelli as Superintendent for a three-year contract term starting July 1, 2021 was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Mrs. Sutherland, Dr. Schwemmer.

Nays: None.

A motion to approve the coaches for Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Girls Volleyball as presented in Exhibit E-11.3 was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Mrs. Sutherland, Dr. Schwemmer.

Abstain: Mr. Trentman

Nays: None.

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A motion to approve the stipends for Coaches for Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Girls Volleyball as presented in Exhibit E-11.4 was made by Ms. Pipher, seconded by Mrs. Sutherland. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth, Mrs. Sutherland, Dr. Schwemmer.

Nays: None.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. All Ayes, motion passes 7-0.

  
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