

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

**Smithton, Illinois**

Regular Board Meeting, February 25, 2020

**MINUTES**

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, February 25, 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, Mrs. Sutherland and Dr. Schwemmer.

Members absent: None

Also in attendance were Dr. Wamser, Superintendent, Mrs. Norton, Principal, Mr. Mueth, Athletic Director and Hans Carpenter from the Freeburg Tribune, staff member Stacey Rank and Andy Stehl from FGM Architects.

**Public Comments**

None

**Reports**

Mrs. Etling commented on the FY20 Mid Year Budget Review which was presented to the board in the finance committee immediately prior to the regular board meeting. The district is expected to report a surplus for the year in all funds. The district will be transferring \$500,000 from O&M Fund to the Capital Projects. Part of these funds will be used for the purchase of the Ed Morgan House and to offset some pre-construction costs incurred prior to the bond funding date.

Mrs. Norton commented on how well attended the Academic Fair Night was and complemented all the teachers on making this a great event. She also mentioned that Scott Connell, the chief meteorologist from channel 5 visited grades 1-3rd grade today and the students will be on be on tomorrow night (Wednesday) during the 6 pm news doing the hand gestures if anyone wants to see the 1st-3rd grade.

Mr. Mueth reported than the Girls Volleyball A Team has an overall record on 8-3. The boys volleyball team has also had a successful season to date with an overall record of 7-2.

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Dr Wamser reported on the curriculum audit from SLU. The audit is complete and our district will be meeting with the SLU Team to implement their recommendations with the other Freeburg districts. He also mentioned that the district closed on the Morgan house and Ray and his crew will begin to move items into the new house next month in March. He reminded the board that the Spring Southwestern Division Meeting is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> at Sparta High School.

Mr. Lester reported on the Finance Committee meeting which was held prior to the regular board meeting. In addition to reviewing the Mid Year Budget report the committee also discussed the bond pricing and updated estimates for the 2019 EAV.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Approved the following: Regular Board Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2020; District bills presented for payment and transfer of funds 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 Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Nays: None.

### **Unfinished Business**

Dr. Wamser presented the Recommended Change Orders and Alternate Bids as presented in Exhibit E-7.1. The board discussed the change orders and alternate bids. Mr. Trentman raised several questions about the proposed playground location, the necessity of resinous flooring vs VCT and requested additional information about the proposed contractor costs from FGM architect Andy Stehl. Mr. Stehl said he would follow-up with the contractor on some of those costs that Mr. Trentman had inquired about. Dr. Schwemmer suggested that the board should table the recommended change orders in order for the buildings and grounds committee to meet and discuss some of the concerns that Mr. Trentman brought up. The board agreed to table change orders #1-#5 to allow the building and grounds committee to meet and provide the full board with their recommendations at the next board meeting in March.

A motion was made by Dr. Schwemmer to approve moving and adding upgrades to our existing main playground structure at a not to exceed price of \$204,450, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Nays: Mr. Trentman

A motion was made by Dr. Schwemmer to approve the alternate bid of \$20,500 to asphalt our existing track, seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Nays: None

**New Business**

A motion to approve the minutes from closed session remain closed and that audio recordings be destroyed as presented in Exhibit E-8.1 was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer. All Ayes, motion passes 7-0.

A motion to approve the 2020-2021 board meeting dates as presented in Exhibit E-8.2 was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Ms. Pipher. All Ayes, motion passes 7-0.

**Information**

Dr. Wamser reported the district enrollment is at its highest of 568 students.

The board thanked Mrs. Rank for her work in coordinating a successful and well attended Academic Fair Night. The board also shared their appreciation for how clean and nice our school looks.

**Personnel**

A motion to approve the employment of non-licensed personnel as presented in Exhibit E-11.1 was made by Dr. Schwemmer, seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Nays: None.

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A motion to approve the hiring of non-licensed 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.

**No Closed Session**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sutherland, seconded by Dr. Schwemmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:16p.m. All Ayes, motion passes 7-0.

  
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