

SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130
Smithton, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting, May 26, 2020
MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, May 26, 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 and Mr. Lester
Members absent: Dr. Schwemmer and Mrs. Sutherland

Also in attendance was Dr. Wamser, Superintendent.

Public Comments

None

Reports

Mr. Lester reported on the finance committee held prior to the board meeting. He mentioned that Mrs. Etling showed the committee various reports that can be generated from the new accounting system that the district converted to in April of this year. The new system has capabilities to customize reports that will be beneficial to the board to see more of a broader "top down" financial picture on a monthly basis and to be able to review the more detailed financials on a quarterly basis. The committee gave Mrs. Etling some guidance on what they would like to see in the reports.

Mr. Lester also reviewed the Amended Budget with the board. The budget was amended to reflect a new \$107,000 Technology Loan that was granted to the district in March of this year. The amended budget also reflects the \$500,000 transfer from the O&M Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

The finance committee agreed to move forward in transferring the funds in its money market account at Regions Bank to Citizens Bank. This move will generate an additional \$18,000 in interest income for the district. The district will also look at moving its CDs when they mature in June.

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Dr. Wamser solicited the boards input into whether they would be in favor of a “drive thru” graduation because he was not sure an in house graduation could even take place in July. All members agreed that a June drive thru graduation was the best idea. It will be scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020. Dr. Wamser also reported that the Governor approved the budget which called for level funding to school districts in the FY21 fiscal year which is good news. The building and grounds committee will be meeting next week on June 3rd to go over progress and the concerns that were discussed at last month’s board meeting. The contractor is moving forward with the remediation work.

Consent Agenda Items

Approved the following: Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2020; 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 Ms. Pipher, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Nays: None.

Unfinished Business

A motion to consider the 2nd Reading and Approval of the board policy updates as presented in Exhibit E-7.1 was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Lester. All Ayes, motion passes 5-0.

New Business

A motion to approve the resolution authorizing the District to spend up to 75% of the 2020-2021 budget during the months of July, August, and September, 2020, prior to Board approval of the 2020-2021 budget was made by Ms. Pipher, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Nays: None.

A motion to approve posting the Amended Budget for the 2019-2020 school year was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Ms. Pipher. All Ayes, motion passes 5-0.

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A motion to approve the 2020-2021 fee schedule as presented was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Lester. All Ayes, motion passes 5-0.

Information

Dr. Wamser reported the district enrollment is 568.

Comments were made on how well the pick-up and drop-off went for student belongings and devices. Everything was very well organized, everyone was following the safety guidelines and the process went smoothly.

Closed Session

Mr. Lester moved, seconded by Ms. Pipher, that a closed session be called at 7:30pm 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 5-0.

A motion was made to return to open session at 8:12pm by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Lester. All Ayes, motion passes 5-0.

Personnel

A motion to approve Sandy Wu's request for a 1 year leave of absence was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Nays: None.

A motion to approve the coaches pending the ability to have a fall sports season was tabled until next month board meeting.

A motion to approve the 3 year contract for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, to employ Dr. Ryan Wamser as District Superintendent was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Lester, Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Nays: None.

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A motion to approve the non-union salaries as presented was made by Ms. Pipher, seconded by Mr. Trentman. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Ms. Pipher, Mr. Trentman, Mr. Barschak, Mr. Whitworth

Abstain: Mr. Lester

Nays: None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Whitworth to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m. All Ayes, motion passes 5-0.



President



Secretary