SMITHTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130

Smithton, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting, May 21, 2019
MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Board of Education of Smithton Community Consolidated School District No. 130 was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 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 Members absent: Mrs. Sutherland, Dr. Schwemmer

Also in attendance were Dr. Wamser, Superintendent, Mrs. Norton, Principal, Mr. Mueth, Athletic Director and Hans Carpenter of the Freeburg Tribune.

Public Comments

None

Reports

Mr. Lester reported that the finance committee met at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting to discuss the FY 19 tentative amended budget. The budget will be amended to reflect a lower projected deficit in the Education and Operations & Maintenance Fund. The original budgeted surplus in all the other funds will remain the same as previously approved. The committee also discussed the renewal of a CD which matures on 5/30/19 for a new six month term at a rate of 2.22%.

Mrs. Norton reported that the Family Reading Night held on April 30th was a huge success with a high attendance rate. Two of our students (Elena Milloshewski and Danny Benedick) were recognized at the IPA Student Recognition Breakfast with both Dr. Wamser and Mrs. Norton attending the ceremony. To date, we have 52 students registered for kindergarten and expect that number to increase with additional enrollments over the summer months.

Mr. Mueth reported that the track season concluded with a successful record at the state meets. Several school records set this year by Neil Thompson (7th grader) as well as a relay team including Tyler Duffie, Luke Merz, Julian Trentman and Neil Thompson. Avery Hesseldenz competed in the girls track at state. Fall sport signups are continuing this week.

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Dr. Wamser reported that the district is still working on negotiating the finer details of the contract with FGMs and a follow-up meeting with them scheduled for May 23rd. Online student registration is now available and the office will be open all summer from 7:30-2:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items

Approved the following: Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 23, 2019; Special Board Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2019; District bills for payment, 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 Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Unfinished Business

A motion to consider 2nd Reading and Approval of the 2019-2020 Parent/Student Handbook was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Pipher. All Ayes, motion passes.

New Business

A motion to approve the Resolution 2019-05-02 authorizing the District to spend up to 75% of the 2019-2020 budget during the months of July, August and September, 2019, prior to Board approval of the 2019-2020 budget was made by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

A motion to approve the posting of the Tentative Amended Budget for the 2018-2019 school year was made by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. All Ayes, motion passes.

A motion to approve the consolidated plan for submission to ISBE was made by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Ms. Pipher. All Ayes, motion passes.

A motion to approve to approve the 2019-2020 fee schedules was made by Ms. Pipher, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call:

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

Nays: None

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Mr. Trentman asked to postpone the vote on considering the renewal of the Modular Building Lease until after closed session.

Information

Dr. Wamser reported the district enrollment of 554 is at its highest. We received a lot of compliments on the 8th grade graduation ceremony.

Closed Session

Mr. Lester moved, seconded by Mr. Trentman, that a closed session be called at 7:19 for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of 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); 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); Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), amended by P.A. 99-235.; and Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made to return to open session at 8:26 pm by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Nays: None

A motion to approve the 1 year lease with JMO LLC for the modular building was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Mr. Lester, seconded by Mr. Trentman to approve the 2019-2020 salaries for non-union personnel. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

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Nays: None.

A motion to approve the employment of Amy Lester as secretary was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Nays: None

Mr. Lester abstained from the vote

A motion to approve the requested IMRF Benefit Protection Leave for an employee was made by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Ms. Pipher. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Nays: None

Mr. Barschak abstained from the vote.

A motion to approve the resignation of Kari Tooke as paraprofessional was made by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Mr. Whitworth. Motion carried by the following vote on roll call.

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

Nays: None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Whitworth, seconded by Mr. Lester to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m. All Ayes, motion passes 5-0.

President

Secretary

Sitherland