Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Monday, August 19, 2013 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administration Building Boardroom, 901 N.E. 6th Street, Smithville, Texas.

Members present: Kamron Saunders, Alan Hemphill, Mike Morgan, Steve McKay, Michael Goertz, Samella Williams, Howard Burns
Others present: Ron Roth, Cheryl Burns, Rick Boehm, Shari Bang, Zack Harris, Andra Sparks, Rock McNulty, Denise Rogers, Michael Caudill, Denise Behrens

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows:

Prayer, Pledge, Roll Call

A. Public Hearing
1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate – The school is required by state laws and board policies CCG [Legal] and CE [Legal] to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget. Any taxpayer of the District may be present and participate in the meeting. The Board held the public hearing as required by law. There were no comments from the public.

B. Public Communications
1. Communications from the Public – There were no public communications.

C. Consent Agenda
1. Minutes
2. Disbursements
3. Financial Statements
4. Investment Report
5. Revenue and Expenses - YTD Actual Projected to 12 Months
6. Tax Collection Report
7. Budget Amendment
8. Approve a Resolution regarding Extra-Curricular Status of the 4-H Organization

Consent Agenda – Steve McKay moved to approve the Consent Agenda as revised. Howard Burns seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

D. Information Items
1. Superintendent’s Report – The Superintendent shared the following information with the Board:
   • Football, volleyball and cross country for the high school is in full swing. There is a football scrimmage at Bastrop this Friday.
   • In-services for teachers are in full swing as well. Teachers are participating in training all this week. School will start for students on Monday, August 26, 2013.
• Dr. Mac McGuire did a good job. He was the guest speaker at the Back to School Convocation today and his talk was on How to be a Superhero. We got many positive comments.
• TEC Training is available to Board members on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 in LaGrange. The meal is at 6:00 p.m. and training will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
• The TASB Convention is in Dallas on September 27th through September 29th. Ms. Williams is the Board’s delegate this year. Please let Denise know if you would like to attend.
• The Board was given a copy of the Tiger Insider Newsletter. The newsletter will be released to the community via the district website and will be distributed around town.
• The Board was also given the following materials: a copy of the 2013-2014 school calendar, reserved seating football tickets, District athletics pass, and material for the upcoming TASB/TASA Convention.

2. **CSCOPE Review, Update and Demonstration** – In 2007, Smithville ISD embarked on the use of a curriculum product, CSCOPE, to help align the core content areas to the state standards. The curriculum has received mixed reviews from users across the state. The curriculum framework sets the parameters of viable conversations between teachers and administrators as standards change and student needs increase. Cheryl Burns, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented an overview of the use of CSCOPE to the Board. Ms. Burns answered questions by the Board. The district does not mandate the sample lessons, but teachers may use them as a resource. Ms. Burns navigated the CSCOPE system to demonstrate the process teachers go through to understand the scope and sequence of a subject area and develop lesson plans on the state’s TEKS.

3. **District and Campus State Accountability Ratings** – The 2012/2013 school year brought about new accountability standards and requirements. The new accountability system utilizes STAAR and TAKS data in the lens of four indexes. The new accountability system is designed to insure that campuses and districts are evaluated on multiple criteria and performance levels. Ms. Burns reviewed the current district and campus ratings with the Board. The district and each of the campuses have been identified as “Met Standards” in the current state accountability system for 2013-2014.

4. **Tentative September Agenda Items** – Tentative items to be included on the September agenda are:
   a. Superintendent’s Report
   b. Site-Based Committee Membership Reports
   c. Class Size Report
   d. Teacher Certification Status Report
   e. Child Nutrition Report
   f. FIRST Ratings Report
   g. Truancy Report
   h. Review and adoption of 2013-2014 Mission and Goals

E. **Action Items**

1. **Review and Approve Revised 2013-2014 Student Code of Conduct** – As a practice, all handbooks for the upcoming school year are reviewed, revised and ultimately approved by the Board prior to the commencement of the new school year. The Student Code of Conduct was brought before the Board in the regular July meeting. Minor revisions were requested and have been made. Alan Hemphill moved to approve the Student Code of Conduct and new revisions for 2013-2014 as presented. Mike Morgan seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

2. **Adoption of the 2013-2014 District Budget** – The Board is required to adopt an operational budget before the beginning of the fiscal year, which is September 1st. Total appropriations
for 2013-2014 consist of $14,783,953 for the General Fund, $1,359,100 for Interest & Sinking, and $1,376,619 for the Special Revenue Funds, which consist of the Instructional Material Allotment and Food Service budgets. Mike Morgan made a motion to approve the proposed 2013-2014 district budget as presented. Steve McKay seconded, and the vote passed 7-0.

3. **Adoption of the 2013-2014 District Tax Rate** – The Board is required to set a tax rate within 60 days of receiving the certified tax roll but no later than September 30th. Alan Hemphill moved to approve a resolution setting the tax rate at $1.17, which includes a $M&O tax rate and a $0.23 I&S tax rate, for an overall tax rate of $1.40. Samella Williams seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

4. **Consider Scheduling Team of Eight Training** – The Board participates in a Team of Eight team building session conducted by the Texas Association of School Boards on an annual basis. It is time to schedule the Team of Eight for this year. The Superintendent has been in contact with our TASB consultant, Diana Freeman, and has a list of dates to propose for training. They are: Monday, October 14th, Tuesday, October 15th, Monday, November 4th, Tuesday, November 5th, Monday, November 11th, Tuesday, November 12th, or Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013. Samella Williams moved to schedule the Team of Eight training for Monday, October 14, 2013. Howard Burns seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

5. **Personnel**
   a. **Superintendent’s Mid-Point Assessment** – The superintendent provided the Board with a mid-point assessment of his job performance. No action was necessary.
   b. **Resignations of Certified Personnel** – The Superintendent made the Board aware of the resignations of Jenny Davis and Mary Lewis, teachers at Smithville Elementary. No action was required.
   c. **Employment of Certified Personnel** – The Superintendent recommended employment of Samuel Clark and Laura Elliott as teachers at Smithville Elementary, and Mary Castello as a teacher at high school. Kamron Saunders moved to approve employment of Samuel Clark, Laura Elliott and Mary Castello as presented. Howard Burns seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment** – The Board adjourned its meeting at 7:29 p.m.