School District 161 Board Meeting -- August 14, 2017 Observer: Sharon Cooper

School Board President Michelle Hoereth called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present: School District Superintendent Dr. Dana Smith, and Board Members Merle Huckabee, John Simmons, Misha Lynn Blackman, Dr. Carolyn Griggs, and Cameron Nelson. Board Trustee Stephan Parades arrived at 7:15.

Serena Hills Principal Dr. Shari Demitrowicz was recognized and honored for completing her doctorate degree.

School Superintendent Dr. Dana Smith's report:

Students are still being registered for the new school year, school buildings are being checked following the construction done during the summer, the teachers are preparing their classrooms, in-service meetings for all of the staff will be held next week, and on August 18 there will be a meet and greet for staff, parents and children.

The board approved the minutes of board meetings of July 10 and July 13, appointed an Independent Hearing Officers, discussed payroll, resolution hazardous bus routes, and SCOPE membership.

School Board member Merle Huckabee shared an update of the SPEED report and gave an update of the Community Engagement Committee report.

The School Board approved the bills for the month of August.

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations Fran LaBella gave an update on school funding.

Representatives of Green Associates presented documents re: construction projects for the summer of 2018 and the current construction on district buildings.

School District Dr. Dana Smith presented the School Crisis Plan. The board approved it.

The board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:20.