

**SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
MINUTES**

Members present: Mr. Sean Clough, Chair, Mrs. Kellie-Ann Heenan, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Virginia Harnois, Secretary, Mrs. Rose Marie Cipriano, and Mr. Brent Barrows. Also present were: Mr. Robert O'Brien, Superintendent, Mrs. Bridget Morisseau, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Craig Levis, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Lisa Cournoyer, Director of Financial Operations, Ron Cascione, Esq. School Committee/School Department Attorney, Ryan Strik, Student Representative to the School Committee. Mr. Clough called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Mr. Clough read the Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification, notified the public of the public comment sign-up sheet, and reminded the public to speak at the podium when addressing the Committee.

2. Mrs. Cipriano moved to approve Consent Agenda Items:

2.1 Minutes of the August 17, 2015 School Committee Meeting

2.2 Bills

- A) Regular Bills
- B) Prepaid Checks from August 12, 2015 through September 4, 2015

2.3 Appointments

- A) Lauren Paolino, Kindergarten Teacher, Raymond C. LaPerche Elementary, retroactive to August 31, 2015 for the 2015-2016 School Year.
- B) Tara Sczerbinski, .6 Social Worker, Raymond C. LaPerche Elementary, retroactive to August 31, 2015 for the 2015-2016 School Year.
- C) Steven Apostolov, .6 French Teacher, High School, retroactive to August 31, 2015, one-year only, for the 2015-2016 School Year.

2.4 Leaves:

- A) Beth Smith, Math Teacher, High School, Maternity, November 2, 2015 through February 26, 2016.

2.5 Homeschooling:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Parent(s) or Guardian</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
DeChristofaro, Natalia	Mr. & Mrs. John DeChristofaro	SHS	9
DeChristofaro, John	Mr. & Mrs. John DeChristofaro	SHS	9
DeChristofaro, Evan	Mr. & Mrs. John DeChristofaro	GMS	8
Levesque, Sara	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Levesque	SHS	12
McCall, Noah	Mr. & Mrs. Scott McCall	Winsor	2

2.6 Resignations:

- A) Debra Buckley, Paraprofessional, High School, effective August 31, 2015.
- B) Lora Calise, Chairperson, World Language, High School, effective immediately.

Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

High school student representative Ryan Strik reported:

- Students began their 1st day of school on September 1st.
- A meeting for the music department is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th from 7-8 pm regarding the trip to Disney World that is scheduled for April vacation.
- The high school open house is September 15th from 6-8 pm.
- The Class of 2018 will be hosting a car wash from 9-1 pm at Fast Freddie's this weekend.

4. Mrs. Heenan moved that the bids for security cameras at the middle school be rejected. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The bids for the security cameras did not have enough storage for the size of the system. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee to increase the storage capacity the cost would exceed 5% of the bids.
5. Mrs. Harnois moved that the Committee approve to go out to re-bid for the security cameras for the middle school. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. This will go out to re-bid for the cameras with the proper storage capacity.
6. Mrs. Harnois moved that a change order for Ahlborg Construction Corporation to repair the Trane RTU at the middle school in the amount of \$15,110 be approved. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Ahlborg was present to answer questions that the Committee had. He told the Committee the quote he originally gave was based on a one-year old quote. He said he is willing to absorb the \$4,480 difference in the most recent quote that he received from Trane. The cost to repair the unit will come out of the school department's capital account.
7. Mr. Ahlborg was present to give an update on the school projects. He gave a PowerPoint slideshow presentation that highlighted the following:
 - Roof replacements at the high school, middle school and administration building
 - Entry & Courtyard ADA upgrades
 - Asbestos abatement & new ceilings at LaPerche
 - HVAC revisions
 - Skylight upgrades
 - New masonry work at the high schoolThe presentation will be put on the school's websites for the public to see. Mr. Ahlborg told the Committee that projects are at 90% completion. He added that one million pounds of river washed stone has been given to the town that can be utilized on other projects. Ray DeSault from the Engineering Services and Luis Torrado were also present at the meeting.
8. Mrs. Cipriano moved that the change order to install a new fire alarm system at LaPerche and Old County as well as to install a booster at Smithfield high school be approved. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Ahlborg was present to answer questions. Mr. O'Brien explained that in order to install the strobe lights at LaPerche and Old County a booster would need to be added to those systems because they are antiquated and cannot be expanded. He added that we have the opportunity under the bond that would fall under reimbursement from the state to install brand new systems at both schools that will service Smithfield schools for the next 25 years. Mr. O'Brien said the panels can be re-used at William Winsor next year because Winsor is a much smaller school and the re-used panel would have plenty of space to add the strobes. The

cost of a new system at William Winsor would be \$68,000, but with the reusing of the panel from LaPerche the cost would be \$7,020. The total cost for this project is \$197,800.

9. The Committee had a discussion on the capital projects list for this year. They reviewed the capital expenditure listing for 2015-2016. With the completion of all of the outstanding projects that consists of cameras at the middle school, emergency fire alarm repair, the Trane unit at the middle school, and all elementary cafeteria tables, there will be a balance of \$192,155.58 left in the capital account for the remainder of the school year.
10. Mrs. Harnois moved that the Committee go out to bid for repairs to the track. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that quotes were received last year to repair the track. He said we need to go out to bid to get a more accurate cost for the repairs to the track. He said one of the quotes for repairs would allow the teams to compete on the track and would get us through 5 years.
11. Mr. Barrows moved that the cafeteria lunch tables for all elementary schools be awarded to I-Design in the amount of \$81,745.00. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The Committee reviewed the capital expenditures for this coming year. After reviewing the total amount that will be left in capital, Committee members agreed to replace all of the tables in all of the elementary schools. Mr. O'Brien told them that with the replacement of all elementary cafeteria tables, there will be \$192,155.58 remaining in capital.
12. Mr. Barrows moved that a special education teacher (severe/profound) be approved retroactively for the intensive elementary program at LaPerche. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. This position is not in the budget. However, since the last school committee meeting and prior to the start of the school year, there have been several students added to the intensive elementary program from LaPerche. Mr. O'Brien said these additions have made it necessary to add an additional teacher in order to split up grades K through 2 and grades 3-5. The program will operate within the same classroom.
13. Mr. Barrows moved that Anna Carnevale be appointed to the special education teacher position for the intensive special education program at LaPerche, effective September 14, 2015. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Ms. Carnevale was present and the Committee congratulated her.
14. Mrs. Heenan moved that the replacement of the fire alarm radio box and antenna for Raymond C. LaPerche be awarded to Sullivan & McLaughlin Co. Inc. in the amount of \$5,090.00. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Sullivan & McLaughlin came in with the lowest permissible proposal.
- 15. COMMUNICATIONS:**
 1. A copy of obsolete equipment transfer information
- 16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**
 1. Mr. O'Brien announced the opening of school this year went smoothly. He publicly thanked Bridget for opening William Winsor School and staying there until September 14, 2015 until Brian will be in Smithfield to take over as principal of William Winsor.

2. The Committee had a tour of the LaPerche Elementary School, Gallagher Middle School and the High School before tonight's meeting. Mr. O'Brien commended the maintenance and custodial staff for the outstanding job they did getting the schools ready.
3. Mr. O'Brien will send over some suggested dates to the town to request a joint meeting between the school committee and the town council to discuss the budget and capital items before budget season, and also to give an update on the science kits.
4. Mr. O'Brien publicly thanked Randy Rossi for his courtesy in arranging students from his fraternity at Bryant University to paint the fence at the high school. He also thanked the students for doing a great job in the warm weather conditions.

17. PUBLIC FORUM: None.

18. COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Committee comment was made by Mrs. Cipriano and Mr. Clough.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Cipriano; seconded by Mr. Barrows. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Petrone
Secretary