

**SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Kevin McAllister, 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 September 8, 2015 School Committee Meeting
 - 2.2 Bills
 - A) Regular Bills
 - B) Prepaid Checks from September 8, 2015 through September 18, 2015
 - 2.3 Appointments
 - A) William Hickey, Volunteer Soccer Coach, Fall Season, 2015-2016 School Year, pending receipt of CPR and Concussion Certification.
 - B) Emily Smith, Special Education Paraprofessional, Gallagher Middle School, effective immediately for the 2015-2016 school year.
 - 2.4 Leaves:
 - A) Kelley Young, Social Studies Teacher, High School, Maternity, October 28, 2015 through February 2, 2016.
 - B) Nicole Sisco, Special Education Teacher, OCRS, Extension of Maternity Leave, November 3, 2015 through the end of the 2015-2016 School Year.

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

3. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

High school student representative Ryan Strik reported:

- There will be an EEP assembly on Oct. 1st for high school students taking EEP courses. Guidance will discuss the process of applying for the courses, which are free this year.
- The travel club will be meeting on Oct. 1st from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to inform parents of the club's upcoming trips to England, Ireland, Wales, and France scheduled in the summer of 2016.
- The Boys' and Girls' pink-out soccer games for Breast Cancer Awareness are on October 3rd. The boy's game will be at 5:30 p.m., and the girl's will be at 7:30 p.m. Currently, the girls are undefeated through 8 games.

4. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Chartier did a presentation on the high school music program that highlighted the challenges of have only one full-time music teacher and a .4 music teacher. Mrs. Young spoke about the continued growth of the SHS Music Department and the challenges of her .4 teacher position at the high school as it relates to scheduling limitations for students and other challenges faced by a part-time music teacher position. A parent, Mrs. MaryAnn Iannuccillo, and two SHS seniors, Justina Mabrey and Alex Massey were present to advocate for the SHS Music Program. School Committee members were in favor of two full-time music teachers and expressed their support of the music program. The school committee plans to continue to have discussions with the town council about the school department's budget, and the need for the two full-time music teacher positions at the high school.
5. Mrs. Heenan moved that the revised six-year capital plan be reviewed and approved. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien reviewed the revised six-year capital plan with the Committee. He told the Committee there were no significant changes, some items were moved out to later years, with the exception of the high school track repairs that were added to this year's Capital List.
6. Mr. Barrows moved that the award of the snow removal bid be awarded to NuLook Sealcoating Inc. at the per storm price. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The Committee had a discussion about the bid responses and the allotted amount in the budget for snow removal. Mrs. Cournoyer answered questions the Committee had. She said the total paid last year for snow removal was \$36,500, and there is \$22,000 in the current budget for snow removal. This bid award is for the cost per snowstorm of \$3,600 for 2" – 6" of snowfall per snowstorm, \$5,900 for 6.1" – 12" of snowfall per snowstorm, and 12.1" & above \$10,100 of snowfall per snowstorm. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that the bid award is for all six schools, and the administration building. He said this previously went out to bid, with no bids received.
Public comment: Mike Twohey
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 1. A copy of an article on school rankings of public high schools
 2. A copy of an email from Gen Ciullo of Aramark regarding Healthy Options and Food Waste
 3. A copy of an article on the HPV mandated immunization
8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**
 1. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that the Town Council has agreed to have a joint meeting on Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
 2. Mr. O'Brien requested that the Committee review and email any suggestions they have of the draft copy of the district's annual report for 2014-2015 given to them at tonight's meeting.
9. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None.
10. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** None.
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Closed) pursuant to RI General Laws Section 42-46-5(a):**
At 7:58 p.m. Mrs. Cipriano moved to convene into executive session to discuss for matters pertaining to: Collective bargaining (negotiations) in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)2 and Legal advice regarding litigation RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2). Mr. Barrows

seconded the motion. This requires an individual vote. The individual vote was 5-0 polled by Mr. Clough, Chair.

Returned to open session at 8:10 p.m. Motion to adjourn executive session made by Mrs. Cipriano; Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Cipriano moved to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Petrone
Secretary