

**SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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, Mrs. Eileen Crudele, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Lisa Cournoyer, Director of Financial Operations, Mr. Ben Scungio, 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 November 16, 2015 School Committee Meeting

2.2 Bills

A) Regular Bill invoices totaling \$376,706.30

B) Prepaid Checks from November 16, 2015 through December 4, 2015 totaling \$390,671.69

C) Lunch Bills totaling \$1,602.45

2.3 Homeschooling:

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Parent(s) or Guardian</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Anna Brennan	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Brennan	SHS	11
Justus Brennan	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Brennan	SHS	10
Liberty Brennan	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Brennan	SHS	9
Elisabeth Brennan	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Brennan	GMS	8
Theodore Brennan	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Brennan	LaPerche	4

2.4 Resignations

A) Anthony Lamborghini, Assistant Boys and Girls Tennis Coach, Spring and Fall Seasons, effective immediately.

2.5 Appointments

A) Lisa Vitacca, .5 Pre-K Special Education Paraprofessional, Anna McCabe, for the remainder of the 2015-2016 School Year.

Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion to approve the consent agenda items passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (See attached).

4. Mrs. Pleau along with Mrs. Traverse and Mrs. Marques-Jordan from Anna McCabe School were present to speak about Red Ribbon Week at Anna McCabe. Red Ribbon Week is a national

celebration of students making healthy choices. Every year McCabe participates in the celebration with a variety of different themes each day. Mrs. Traverse gave a quick review of each day's theme. She said that for National Pink Out Day, the school raised \$1300 for breast cancer for the American Cancer Society. They showed a video of activities that took place at the school during Red Ribbon Week and Mrs. Pleau credited Mrs. Marques-Jordan for her work on the video.

5. Mrs. Cipriano moved that the proposed change order number 8 for the replacement of the high school gym skylight protective covers with safety netting in the amount of \$6,747.00 and the proposed change order number 6 to replace the fire alarm panel at William Winsor in the amount of \$15,660 be approved. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien said these items will now go to the town for approval to come out of the bond.
6. Mrs. Cipriano moved that the proposed change order number 9 for the high school masonry repairs above windows be approved in the amount of \$7,000 to come out of Capital Expenditures. Mr. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
7. Mr. O'Brien did a presentation on the PARCC results as released from the RI Department of Education, and answered questions the Committee had. Mr. O'Brien reviewed the district's PARCC results for ELA/Literacy and Math as it compares to the state average results by grade level and the state average by student group. He also went over Smithfield's participation rates of the PARCC as reported by RIDE. Mrs. Morisseau was present and answered questions that the Committee had as well. She told the Committee that the next steps in the district will be to focus on analysis, as it relates to teaching and learning. She added that the district-level data teams will make adjustments, if warranted. The PARCC presentation will be put on the district's website.
8. The Committee had a discussion of the grounds merger and possible addition to the agenda for the January 26, 2016 scheduled joint meeting with the town. At the last school committee meeting, the FRC presented a report on the merger of grounds with the town. After a review of that report, the Committee had several questions and concerns that Mr. O'Brien will be sending over to the town about the merger. The consensus of the School Committee is to add the discussion of the merger of grounds to the agenda of the joint meeting with the town council that is scheduled on January 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall to discuss this year's budget and next year's budget.
9. Mr. Barrows moved that the rope and fusible links for the high school fire suppression curtain be replaced in the amount \$2,315.00. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that this needs replacing due to emergency circumstances.

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) A copy of the Google Student Privacy Post that will be put on the district's website

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that the Smithfield High School 50th anniversary celebration committee is planning exciting events with the hopes of bringing all of the alumni and retired teachers, staff and administrators back to the high school. Mr. O'Brien added that the Committee is also doing a fundraiser that will go to refurbish Smithfield's aging athletic

facilities as well as scholarships for future graduating students. He said he is currently drafting a letter of sponsorship to go out to local businesses.

2. Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee that he invited the high school football team to the next school committee meeting. He added that the chorus will be in attendance as well.

12. PUBLIC FORUM: Mr. Steven Tocco addressed the Committee to speak about the high school football team and the great pride throughout the community, giving accolades to the coaches and the team. Mr. Tocco also commented on the possible grounds merger with the town.

13. COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Mr. Clough and Mrs. Cipriano commented on the success of the high school football team; both commented on the unity and the great pride throughout the Smithfield community.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Closed) pursuant to RI General Laws Section 42-46-5(a):

At 8:41 p.m., Mrs. Cipriano moved to convene into Executive Session to discuss matter pertaining to personnel: Discussion of Administrative Contract in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)1. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. This requires an individual vote. The individual vote was 5-0 polled by Mr. Clough, Chair.

Returned to open session at 8:55 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