

**SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 @ 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. Benjamin 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:
 - A) Minutes of the December 21, 2015 School Committee Meeting
 - B) Bills
 - A) Regular Bill invoices totaling \$141,141.97.
 - B) Prepaid Checks from December 21, 2015 through December 31, 2015 totaling \$126,523.82.
 - C) Leaves
 - A) Alicia Castellanos, Grade 2 Teacher, Anna McCabe, Maternity, March 9, 2016 through the remainder of the 2015-2016 School Year.
 - D) Renewal of Contracts
 - A) Laurie Beauvais, Paul Barrette, Michael Rush, Edward Aptt, Three-years

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. Mr. Mencucci gave an update on facilities and answered questions the Committee had. The updates included:
 - 1) The purchase of a 2016 Ford F-350 with Plow
 - 2) High School Masonry Repairs
 - 3) New Cafeteria Tables at the Elementary Schools. Usable parts from the original tables will be salvaged.
 - 4) Middle School Install New Ceiling Tile in Kitchen
 - 5) Additional projects completed:
 - High School Fire Protection Upgrades
 - High School Stage Fire Curtain Repairs
 - High School Gym Floor Refinished
 - Middle School Gym Floor Refinished
 - Roof Projects Punch List Items
5. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. O'Brien reviewed dates for budget hearings with the Committee. Tentative dates in the event of inclement weather were also discussed. The scheduled budget hearing dates will be as follows:
Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (Snow date of Thursday, February 4, 2016)
Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016).
The meetings will take place at the high school.
7. **PUBLIC FORUM:** None.
8. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** Committee comment was made by Mrs. Harnois
9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

At 7:20 p.m., 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

Student Representative to the School Committee

Student Representative: *Ryan Strik*

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1. As students are returning for their first day back from Winter break, I would like to welcome everyone back, and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break, and are excited for the new year!
2. Rehearsals for the SHS music department's production of Cinderella have begun this week. Their weekly practices are leading up to their production debut weekend of March 11th through the 13th. All members of the public and the committee are encouraged to attend come spring.
3. The Junior class is planning a dodgeball tournament for all Smithfield High School Students. Serving as a class fundraiser, the tournament will provide students with an opportunity to battle it out on the court with soft, foam dodgeballs. The cost will most likely be \$5 per person, totaling \$25 per team.
4. The Student Council at Smithfield High School just received their apparel shipment for the Winter season. Everyone is encouraged to purchase Smithfield and Smithfield High School apparel in support of the school and town. All items are visible online, or are available for purchase.
5. And finally, Winter Ball tickets are now on sale during all four lunches. The cost is \$50 per person, and the event is from 6:30-10:30 on January 22nd at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. I am not sure how many of you all are attending the dance, but please spread the word to any couples that they can purchase tickets during lunch from any senior class officers.