

SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 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; Mrs. Eileen Crudele, Director of Special Education; Mrs. Lisa Cournoyer,  
Director of Financial Operations, Benjamin Scungio, Esq., School Committee/School Department  
Attorney; and Joseph Baxter, 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 the Consent Agenda Items:
  - 2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the April 25, 2016 School Committee Meeting
  - 2.2 Approval of Bills:
    - A) Bill invoices totaling \$23,239.44Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
3. **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (see attached)**
4. The High School Band and Chorus were recognized for their first and second place finishes in the national band and chorus competition in Orlando, Florida.

Mr. O'Brien said that he would like to congratulate the students and their teachers for their outstanding performance at the national competition. He said that the chorus came in first, and the band came in second. He told the students he was very proud of them and that their performance has brought national attention to Smithfield High School. Mr. O'Brien said that their hours of practice and hard work have paid off and he thanked Mrs. Young and Mrs. Chartier for the outstanding job they have done. The Band and Chorus performed for the Committee. The Committee congratulated the students on a job well done.

5. Mr. Barrows moved to go out to RFP for the High School Gym Bleachers, Gym Divider, Gym Floor Refinishing, Wall Padding, Gym Painting, and ADA Lavatory. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. O'Brien said we would need to go out to bid now in order to get the work done over the summer. He said that at the last meeting there was a tour of the Gym and of the work that needs to be done. Mr. O'Brien said that the town would also have to give their approval before we could go out to bid.

6. Mrs. Heenan moved to make a motion to the Town Council at the budget hearing to increase the school department's appropriation to \$30,702,808. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. O'Brien and the Committee discussed several options pertaining to an increase in funding for the school department's budget for 2016-2017. Mr. O'Brien said that the budget hearing is on May 10, 2016 starting at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium. This request will be submitted at the budget hearing.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A) Thank you note from Kati Machtley.
- B) Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. O'Brien thanked Karen Boscio for filling in at the School Committee meetings over the past couple of months.

**9. PUBLIC FORUM: None**

**10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cipriano commented on the recent Senior Portfolio presentations.

At 7:35 pm, motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Heenan, seconded by Mrs. Cipriano. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Boscio  
Interim Secretary

Joseph Baxter  
May 2 Student Rep Report

- 1.) Testing- State, AP, SAT
- 2.) Seniors- Portfolios, Decision Day, Final Days at SHS
- 3.) Sports- Weather Delays, Starting Up Still
- 4.) Winding Down- Preparing for a busy month and a half
- 5.) Spring Fest Announcement
- 6.) Questions/ Comments