

**SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Benjamin Scungio, Esq. School Committee/School Department Attorney. Absent: Joseph Baxter, 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

A) Minutes of the September 6, 2016 School Committee Meeting

2.2 Bills

A) Regular Bill invoices totaling \$124,028.48

B) Prepaid Checks from September 6, 2016 through September 16, 2016 totaling \$164,061.10

2.3 Appointments

A) Jeffrey St. Sauveur, Middle School Boys Soccer Co-Coach, Fall Season 2016-2017 School Year.

B) Jay Kennedy, Middle School Boys Soccer Co-Coach, Fall Season 2016-2017 School Year.

C) Lionel Delos, Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, Fall Season, pending submission of proper paperwork.

D) Diana Daniels, Class of 2020 Co-Advisor, High School

E) Lisa Dunphy, Class of 2020 Co-Advisor, High School

F) Yemel Santana, Spanish teacher, High School, for the 2016-2017 School Year.

G) Sharon Pacocha, ISE Paraprofessional, LaPerche Elementary, effective October 3, 2016 for the 2016-2017 School Year.

2.4 Leaves

A) Alison Macera, English, Middle School, November 14, 2016 through January 2, 2017

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

**3. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Student representative Joseph Baxter was not present at the meeting. Quinn Judge was present as the interim student representative. Mr. Judge read a statement on behalf of Joseph Baxter that provided an explanation for his absence and possible future absences due to conflicts in his schedule.

For his student representative report, Mr. Judge reviewed the upcoming week's event for Spirit Week at the high school.

4. Mrs. Harnois moved that the revisions to the District's Affirmative Action Policy be approved. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The revised policy includes content changes have been made based upon changes in the law.
5. Mr. Barrows moved that the bid for an Educational Consultant and Stage I be awarded to Torrado Architects in the amount of \$28,700 Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien said two bids were received in accordance with the Rhode Island Master Price Agreement. Torrado was the lowest bidder. Saccoccio & Associates was \$37,500.
6. Mrs. Harnois moved to approve to go out to bid to replace four basketball backboards in the high school gym. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The high school gym has been refurbished with the exception of the backboards. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that there is \$112,000 left in the district's capital account and the estimated cost to replace the backboards is approximately \$16,400. He added that if the bid comes back at \$12,000 or less there would still be \$95,400 left for the remainder of the year. Mr. Kelley was present and he and Mr. O'Brien answered questions in regards to the replacement of all six backboards. They explained that four backboards will be motorized, and currently there are two stationary backboards that are fairly new and will not be replaced at this time.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

1. Mr. O'Brien announced that Beth Eckel, daughter of John Boyle, is going to donate a new sign as a gift to the school in honor of her dad for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Her father was the Superintendent of Schools from 1963 to 1988. The new sign will be located behind the ticket booth as you enter Boyle Athletic complex.
2. Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee that Paul Barrette received the OSHEAN Current Award. The OSHEAN Current Award is in recognition of excellence for innovative technology implementations and collaboration efforts with the OSHEAN member community. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that the Current award is given out once a year and it can be presented to any member of the OSHEAN consortium, which includes higher education institutions, medical and health-care organizations, as well as K12 public and private schools. Mr. O'Brien said according to David Marble, the President and CEO of OSHEAN, Paul was given the award this year because he has been willing to help other OSHEAN members, and share the work being done in Smithfield with the district's Google Apps for Education project, Chromebook implementation, and ongoing efforts around student privacy. Mr. Barrette was present, and Mr. O'Brien and the Committee congratulated him.

**9. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Richard Iannitelli spoke about the Committee's decision to bring on a full-time music position. He spoke highly of Mrs. Young, and told the Committee she is a great asset to Smithfield Public Schools.

**10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Cipriano:

1. Suggestion of a workshop to be set up to move forward with Superintendent's evaluation tool.
2. Follow-up to Post 64 American Legion Director's inquiry of Veteran's visiting the Elementary Schools to give a presentation to students on the history of the American Flag and proper flag etiquette.

3. Shirt fundraiser for the High School 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration, money will be going towards scholarships and the athletic complex.

Mr. Clough:

1. Thanked and congratulated members of the High School 50<sup>th</sup> Committee, SPS staff, community members, and everyone involved in putting the event together. Mr. Clough encouraged people to attend the upcoming weekend activities that are scheduled.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

At 7:34 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Harnois; seconded by Mrs. Heenan. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Petrone  
Secretary