

**SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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, and Quinn Judge, Interim Student Representative to the School Committee. Mr. Clough called the meeting to order at 7:03 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. Harnois moved to approve Consent Agenda Items:
 - 2.1 Minutes:
 - A) Minutes of the October 17, 2016 School Committee Meeting
 - 2.2 Bills:
 - A) Regular Bill invoices totaling \$426,957.04
 - B) Prepaid Checks from October 17, 2016 through November 4, 2016 totaling \$214,266.25
 - C) Lunch Bills totaling \$73,158.30
 - 2.3 Leaves:
 - A) Daniel Kelley, Principal, High School, July 1, 2017 through July 1, 2018.
 - B) Pamela Traverse, Nurse, Anna McCabe, Medical, November 1, 2016 through December 13, 2016.
 - 2.4 Appointments
 - A) Winter Coaches for the 2016-2017 School Year pending submission of proper documents.

Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion.

Mrs. Cipriano requested removal of Item 2.4 (A) Approval of Appointments of Winter Coaches for the 2016-2017 School Year from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda items with the exception of item 2.4 (A) passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Harnois moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 2.4 (A) Appointment of Winter Coaches for the 2016-2017 School Year. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion.

Mrs. Cipriano made a motion to amend to approve the list of Winter Coaches for the 2016-2017 School Year with the exception of the Boys Basketball & Girls Indoor Track coaches. Mr. Barrows seconded the amended motion.

Mr. Kelley was present and there was a discussion about the recent sports audit and the responsibilities of those involved in regards to the ineligibility of players. After further discussion and clarification in regards to the sports affected by the independent investigation that had been done, Mrs. Cipriano and Mr. Barrows rescinded their first and second motions to amend.

Mrs. Cipriano moved to approve all winter coaches with the exception of the Boys' Basketball Coach. Mr. Barrow seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Barrows made a motion to approve the Boys' Basketball Coach. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, with Mrs. Cipriano voting nay.

3. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Quinn Judge, the interim student representative reported:

1. Students took part in a mock election in anticipation of the Presidential Election. Members of the senior class dressed up as political figures doing impersonations in a comical attempt to sway the student's votes. The tally for the mock election revealed Trump as the desired candidate with 204 votes and Hillary with 148 votes.
 2. Senior Fashion Show will be December 2nd.
4. Mrs. Heenan moved to approve of two new special education teacher positions for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year only. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that the district has new students that require a high level of support and the district's current Special Educator's caseloads are at capacity in terms of services required in the IEP. Mrs. Crudele was present to answer questions that the Committee had. She said the positions are needed at Anna McCabe and LaPerche Elementary Schools.
5. Mr. Barrows moved to approve of two new paraprofessional positions for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year only. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that these positions are necessary due to the identified needs of new students in the district. He added that cuts to the budget had been made in order to fund these positions.
6. Mrs. Harnois moved to approve a 4% increase for coaches and advisors. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that the coaches and advisors did not receive a raise last year. He said the increase is not a significant cost and will go a long way in thanking the coaches for their hard work. He added that with a 4% raise, coaches would still be below the average salary for the surrounding Division I schools.
7. Glenn Ahlborg and Luis Torrado were present to give a review and update on Capital Projects. Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee that all bond projects were completed on time and under budget. He said additional upgrades were able to be added under the bond. Mr. O'Brien and the Committee thanked Mr. Ahlborg and Mr. Torrado for their outstanding work.
8. Mrs. Harnois moved to approve to appoint Karina Kopija, paraprofessional at the middle school for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year only. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that an additional paraprofessional is needed due to increased enrollment and identified student needs.
9. Mrs. Harnois moved to approve to appoint Heidi Gelsomino, paraprofessional at Anna McCabe Elementary School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year only. Mrs. Heenan seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the

Committee that the addition of a paraprofessional is needed due to increased enrollment and identified student needs.

10. Mrs. Harnois moved to approve to appoint Amanda Lemek, Special Education teacher at Anna McCabe Elementary School for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year only. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that an additional Special Education teacher is needed due to increased enrollment and identified student needs.
11. Mrs. Harnois moved to approve to appoint Jaina Harrison, Special Education teacher at Raymond C. LaPerche Elementary for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year only, effective November 21, 2016. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that an additional Special Education teacher is needed due to increased enrollment and identified student needs.

12. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) A copy of Obsolete Equipment
- B) A copy of the District's Coaches Handbook
- C) A copy of the District's Coaches Evaluation Form
- D) A copy of a SAY Yes! Brochure (An intergenerational partnership program between Smithfield Public Schools and the Smithfield Senior Center)

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. O'Brien and the Committee thanked Mrs. Heenan for her support and hard work while serving on the School Committee.

14. PUBLIC FORUM: None.

15. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

- A) Mrs. Heenan thanked members of the Committee and School Department for their heartfelt sentiments and she thanked the voters for allowing her to serve on the Committee over the past four years.
- B) Mr. Clough announced that there would be refreshments in honor of Mrs. Heenan. He also stated that he will be on the ballot for Election Day seeking re-election to serve on the School Committee for another term. He thanked voters, and the School Department for his tenure on the Committee.
- C) Mrs. Cipriano commented on the new created coaches' handbook and evaluation form.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

At 7:53 p.m. motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Cipriano; seconded by Mr. Barrows. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Petrone
Secretary