

SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 @ 6:50 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
MINUTES

Members present: Mr. Brent Barrows, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Virginia Harnois, Secretary, Mrs. Rose Marie Cipriano, and Mrs. Cheryl Hirst-Hodgins. Also present were Mr. Robert O'Brien, Superintendent, Mrs. Eileen Crudele, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Lisa Cournoyer, Director of Financial Operations, Mr. Benjamin Scungio, Esq. School Committee/School Department Attorney. Absent: Mr. Sean Clough, Chair, Mrs. Bridget Morisseau, Assistant Superintendent and Student Representative Joe Baxter. Mr. Barrows called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

1. Mr. Barrows 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 convene in Executive Session pursuant to RI General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(1) personnel for discussion of: Consideration of requests for catastrophic leaves and consideration of request for extension of catastrophic leave R.I. Gen Laws 42-46-5 (a)(1) personnel.
Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. This requires an individual vote. The individual vote was 4-0 polled by Mr. Barrows, Vice- Chair.
3. Motion to adjourn executive session made by Mrs. Cipriano. Mrs. Hirst-Hodgins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Returned to open session at 7:05 pm. Mr. Barrows reported that there we no votes taken in executive session.

4. Mrs. Cipriano moved to approve Consent Agenda Items:
 - 4.1 Minutes:
 - A) Minutes of the March 22, 2017 School Committee Meeting
 - B) Minutes of the March 28, 2017 School Committee Meeting
 - C) Minutes of the April 3, 2017 School Committee Meeting
 - 4.2 Bills:
 - A) Regular Bill invoices totaling \$402,383.40
 - B) Prepaid Checks from March 28, 2017 through April 21, 2017 totaling \$526,466.27
 - C) Lunch Bills totaling \$70,402.79
 - 4.3 Leaves:
 - A) Amanda Fusco, Special Education Teacher, Middle School, Maternity, May 15, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 School Year.
 - 4.4 Appointments:
 - A) Brian Goodhart, Assistant Football Coach, High School, Fall Season 2017-2018 School Year. (Pending receipt of required documents).
 - 4.5 Resignations:
 - A) Janet McGinnis, Guidance Department Chair, High School, effective 2017-2018 School Year.
 - B) Robert Lechman, Custodian, High School, Nineteen years of service, effective May 31, 2017
 - C) Matthew Pavao, Girls Tennis Coach, Fall Season 2017-2018 School Year, High

School

D) Robert Comella, Girls Basketball Coach, Winter Season 2017-2018 School Year,
High School

4.6 Approval of catastrophic leave regarding employee benefit

4.7 Approval catastrophic leave regarding teacher benefit

4.8 Approval of extension of catastrophic leave regarding teacher benefit

Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

5. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

A student representative was not present at the meeting.

6. Students of Smithfield High School Child Care II Honors classes were presented with the RI Early Learning and Development Standards certificates issued from the RI Department of Education. Mr. O'Brien spoke to the Committee about the RIELDS program. Ms. DiSano, Mrs. Richards and Ms. Cassano presented the certificates and spoke highly about the students and the RIELDS program. Mrs. DiSano told the Committee that although twenty-one students have received the certificates, due to other commitments not all students were present for the meeting.

Talia Botelho	Nicole DerAnanian	Noah Lang	Meghan Mignanaelli
Isabella Catarina	Elizabeth Eannarino	Katherine LaVallee	Desiree Perez
Catherine Comfort	Alexandra Guertin	Genna Lee	Kadra Powers
Rena Demers	Isabella Lemieux	Brischia Marshall	Alexis Rivera
Brittany Fiske	Victoria Henson	Sarah Melaragno	Katerina Jutras
			Abby Turner

7. The middle and high school Science Olympiad teams were recognized for their achievements. The middle school Science Olympiad's won first place in the state competition, and the high school came in second place. The middle school Olympiad Team will be representing Rhode Island at the Nationals in May. Mr. O'Brien and the Committee congratulated the students and the coaches on their tremendous accomplishments. Coach Babcock was present to thank and acknowledge all that were involved in making the competition such a success for Smithfield.
8. Mrs. Cipriano moved to approve of the middle school trip to Dayton, Ohio to compete in the National Science Olympiad Competition. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. The trip will be on May 19th and 20th. Mrs. Beauvais was present to answer questions. She announced that there are raffle tickets on sale to help with the cost.
9. Mrs. Cipriano moved to approve of a donation of \$1,500.00 to the middle school's Science Olympiad's trip to the National competition to be dispersed through Kiducation. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Mr. O'Brien informed the Committee that the cost to send the team to the Nationals is approximately \$14,000. He added that they have only a few weeks to raise the money and that the donation would not come out of the school department's operating budget but would come out of our Kiducation fund.
10. Mrs. Harnois moved to approve of the Gun-Free Resolution. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote, (Mr. Barrows voted nay). Committee members spoke about their viewpoints as it relates to the resolution. The school department will send the resolution to the legislators.
Public comment: Kim Zieglieminger, who is in support of the resolution.

11. Mrs. Cipriano moved to discuss and approve of a superintendent screening committee and the members. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. The Committee reviewed a list of names and the composition of the screening committee.
12. Mrs. Cipriano moved that the Committee discuss and act upon a full time Athletic Director. Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that approval of this position, would have to come from surplus. He added that the school department would still have an approximately \$600,000 left in surplus. The Committee had a discussion about mandated state requirements as it relates to a full-time athletic director.

13. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) An invitation to World Language Night at the High School.

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Mr. O'Brien told the Committee that there was an Elementary Reconfiguration Committee meeting on April 5, 2017. He briefed the school committee on the upcoming plans in place which included working to narrow the potential options to three, and having a public forum in June to get feedback from the community of the three options. He said the Reconfiguration Committee will work with the architect and Educational Consultant to draw up plans for the three options and a cost analysis. In conclusion of the reconfiguration process, three options along with community feedback will be presented to the School Committee in September so a decision can be made on which option will be in the best interest of the students and the community.

15. PUBLIC FORUM: None.

16. COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None.

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

At 7:35 pm Mrs. Cipriano made a motion to convene into Executive Session: (Closed) pursuant to RI General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss matters pertaining to:

- a. Collective Bargaining RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2).
- b. Legal matters related to Collective Bargaining RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2).

Mrs. Harnois seconded the motion. This requires an individual vote. The individual vote was 4-0 polled by Mr. Barrows, Vice-Chair.

Mrs. Cipriano moved to adjourn Executive Session. Mrs. Hirst-Hodgins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Returned to open session at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Barrows reported that there were no votes taken in executive session. Mrs. Harnois moved to seal the minutes of the Executive Sessions of April 24, 2017. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Cipriano; seconded by Mrs. Harnois. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Petrone
Secretary