

SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.  
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER  
MINUTES

Members present: Mr. Sean Clough, Chair; 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. Bridget Morisseau, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Eileen Crudele, Director of Special Education; Mrs. Lisa Cournoyer, Director of Financial Operations; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., School Committee/School Department Attorney. 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 Item:
  - 2.1 Minutes:
    - A) Minutes of the April 24, 2017 School Committee MeetingMrs. Harnois seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote, with Mr. Clough abstaining from the vote.

Mrs. Cipriano moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item:

2.2 Bills:

- A) Regular Bill invoices totaling \$106,594.10
  - B) Prepaid Checks from April 24, 2017 through April 28, 2017 totaling \$364.75
- Mrs. Hirst-Hodgins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

**3. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student Representative Joe Baxter reported:

- o The year is winding down at Smithfield High School.
- o May 1<sup>st</sup> was decision day for seniors.
- o There are several important end of the year events including World Language Honors Night on May 11, Evening of the Arts on May 18, and Spring Fest on May 19.

Joe Baxter thanked the Committee and said that Quinn Judge would be taking over as of the next meeting. The Committee thanked Joe Baxter for a job well done and wished him well.

4. Mr. Barrows moved to approve the Award of bid for Stage 2 Architectural, Engineering & Planning Services. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. O'Brien said that five bids were received and that Studio Jaed was the lowest bidder. Mr. O'Brien said that he had met with the Studio Jaed team to ask questions about their bid and their educational consultant. Mr. O'Brien said that Studio Jaed also had excellent references.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A) A copy of a request from the town to schedule a quarterly meeting with the School Committee.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

- 1. Mr. O’Brien said that the Town Council would like to have a joint meeting with the School Committee and has asked for some date for a potential meeting. Mr. O’Brien said that he looked at the School Committee meeting commitments in May and that the only day that was open was May 30<sup>th</sup>, unless the committee wanted to meet on Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>. He said that June 22, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup> were also open. The Committee discussed various dates, and would like to schedule the meeting for June 1, 2017 at 6:00, location to be determined, if that date is available for the Town Council.

**7. PUBLIC FORUM: None**

**8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mr. Barrows	Lining of the Smithfield High School parking lot
Mrs. Hirst-Hodgins	Senior portfolio presentations and the April 29 <sup>th</sup> meeting

- 9. At 7:20 pm, Mrs. Harnois moved to convene in 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 advice RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2).
  - c. Consider and Vote to adjourn Executive Session.

Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. This requires an individual vote. The individual vote was 5-0 polled by Mr. Clough, Chair.

Motion to return to open session at 7:55 pm made by Mrs. Cipriano and seconded by Mrs. Harnois. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session on May 1, 2017 made by Mrs. Cipriano and seconded by Mrs. Harnois. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to accept the minutes of Executive Session on April 24, 2017 and April 25, 2017 made by Mrs. Cipriano and seconded by Mrs. Harnois. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Cipriano; seconded by Mrs. Harnois. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Boscio  
Interim Secretary