

**SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
SMITHFIELD 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: Dr. Judith Paolucci, Superintendent, Mrs. Lisa Cournoyer, Director of Financial Operations, and Mrs. Eileen Crudele, Director of Special Education and Benjamin Scungio, Esq. School Committee/School Department Attorney. Mr. Clough called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

1. Mr. Clough read the Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification.
2. Mrs. Cipriano moved to convene Executive Session pursuant to R.I. General Laws 42- 46-5(a)(1) personnel: Consideration of request for extension of catastrophic leave R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5 (a)(1). Mrs. Hodgins seconded the motion. This requires an individual vote. The individual vote was 5-0 polled by Mr. Clough, Chair.

Returned to open session at 7:12 pm.

3. Mr. Clough 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 August 7, 2017 School Committee Meeting
 - 4.2 Bills:
 - A) Regular Bills

2016-2017	\$4,088.97
2017-2018	\$128,526.89
Totaling:	\$132,615.86
 - B) Prepaid Checks from August 7, 2017 through August 18, 2017 totaling \$7,309.61
 - 4.3 Appointments:
 - A) Jolene Bianco, Special Education Teacher for Intellectual Disabilities/Transition, High School, effective August 28, 2017 for the 2017-2018 School Year.
 - B) Katherine Melo, Intensive Special Education Paraprofessional, LaPerche Elementary, effective August 28, 2017 for the 2017-2018 School Year.
 - C) Demitria Apici, Assistant Field Hockey Coach, High School, Fall Season 2017-2018 School Year, pending receipt of qualifying Background Criminal Investigative Report.
 - D) Lauren Krawczyk, .5 Special Education teacher, High School, effective August 28, 2017 for the 2017-2018 School Year, pending receipt of qualifying Background Criminal Investigative Report.
 - 4.4 Homeschooling.

S.M. approved for homeschooling.
 - 4.5 Approval of Nonresident Pending Residency: This is for a student who is currently in the process of the establishment of residency in the Town of Smithfield.

A.K. approved pending residency.

4.6 Approval of extension of catastrophic leave regarding employee benefit.

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

5. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

A student representative was not present.

6. Mr. Barrows moved that Sara Monaco be appointed as Assistant Superintendent. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Dr. Paolucci told the Committee that there were 34 applicants for this position. Seven candidates were interviewed by a team consisting of six administrators and three teachers. Four candidates returned for a second interview. Two candidates who were then brought forward to the School Committee. Dr. Monaco brings five years of experience in the areas of curriculum, professional development, and grants management. She is currently serving as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment for the Warwick Public Schools. Sara also served as a special educator and as a reading specialist in Smithfield prior to taking on an administrative position in Warwick. Dr. Monaco was present and Committee members congratulated her.

7. Mrs. Cipriano moved that the updates to the high school proficiency based graduation requirements policy be approved. Mr. Barrows seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Kelley were present to discuss the changes and answer questions that the Committee had. Dr. Paolucci told the Committee that the changes to the policy ensure that our requirements are consistent with state regulations and better serve our students' needs.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) A copy of the updated 2017-2018 School Calendar.
- B) A copy of the engineering report from Joe Casali Engineering, Inc.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- 1. ADA Ramps and Sidewalk at High School. Dr. Paolucci provided a report on the progress made in correcting the deficiencies with the ADA ramps at the high school.
- 2. Tours of the schools with the school committee will be before the next school committee meeting on September 5, 2017, starting at 6:00 pm.
- 3. The Committee discussed potential dates for the rescheduling of the joint meeting with the town council.

10. PUBLIC FORUM: None.

11. COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Petrone
Secretary