

**SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 @ 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 Eileen Crudele, Director of Special Education. Absent: Dr. Sara Monaco, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Benjamin Scungio, Esq. School Committee/School Department Attorney, and Student Representative Quinn Judge. Mr. Clough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Mr. Clough read the Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification.
2. Mrs. Cipriano moved to approve Consent Agenda Items:
 - 2.1 Minutes:
 - A) Open Minutes of the March 5, 2018 School Committee Meeting
 - 2.2 Bills:
 - A) Regular Bills totaling \$236,410.96
 - B) Prepaid Checks from March 5, 2018 through March 16, 2018 totaling \$263,913.13
 - C) Lunch Bills totaling \$48,070.54
 - 2.3 Resignations:
 - A) Shane Moore, Assistant Baseball Coach, effective 2018 Spring Season
 - B) Mark Gilchrist, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, effective March 12, 2018
 - C) Demetria Apici, Girls Assistant Field Hockey Coach, effective March 9, 2018
 - 2.4 Leaves:
 - A) Alicia Marques-Jordan, Physical Education, McCabe, Unpaid, May 2, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 School Year.
 - 2.5 Homeschooling: SS was approved for homeschooling.

Mrs. Hodgins seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

A high school student representative was not present.

4. Mr. Barrows moved for a second reading and approval of the Private Tutoring for Pay policy. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The Committee did a first reading at the last school committee meeting, there were no further changes.
5. Mrs. Cipriano moved for a second reading and approval of the Transgender, Gender Non-forming, and Transitioning Students Policy. Mrs. Hodgins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The Committee did a first reading at the last school committee meeting, there were no further changes.
6. Mrs. Harnois moved for approval of the 2018-2019 School Calendar. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Dr. Paolucci reviewed the results of the district survey with the Committee. Of the survey respondents, the preference for a long weekend in February as opposed to a full week vacation was split nearly 50-50. The Committee discussed other options to vacation weeks and discussed inquiring with either the RIASC or RISSA about the need for statewide guidance of a master school calendar in the future. The Committee may revisit the idea of

a change to vacation weeks in the future, but for the time being the calendar will remain as approved. Mr. Twohey added that the union hasn't had conversation on the topic.

7. Mr. Barrows moved for the approval of a funding plan for high school camera system. Mrs. Cipriano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Approval of this item is to allow for just a plan in place for the funding of the system and granting authorization of up to \$100,000. Dr. Paolucci informed the Committee that funds for the camera system will be taken from a combination of transfers from account balances to the high school maintenance account and capital fund, as needed, but any changes will be brought to the Committee for approval. About \$105,000 remains in the capital budget. Dr. Paolucci will look into joint interest of anyone in the Northwest Consortium.
8. The Committee did a first reading of the school entrance age eligibility for grade K/1 attendance policy and the school entrance age eligibility for kindergarten/grade 1 request for a waiver policy. The school entrance age eligibility policy has been revised to include school entrance age for kindergarten, and also a revision to the eligibility standards for entering grade 1. The waiver policy includes date revisions related to the waiver processes. The policies will be brought back to the next meeting for a second reading and approval.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) A copy of the agenda for the Town Hall Forum on March 24, 2018.
- B) Student Correspondence

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Upcoming Events:
 - A. Town Council forum to discuss the budget and bonds on March 24th at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - B. NRIC Annual Meeting Thursday, March 22nd at 5:30 pm.
 - C. The 19th Annual Rhode Island Art Education Association's Youth Art Reception to be held on Thursday, March 22nd at Fidelity Investments, 900 Salem Street, Smithfield, RI, between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
2. Margarita Dempsey, a French teacher at Smithfield High School, will be presented with a Chevalier des Palmes Academiques by the French Consul from Boston. The French Academic Palms recognizes those for their outstanding academics and instruction in French culture and language. The Committee discussed presenting Mrs. Dempsey with a plaque from the district in recognition of this prestigious award.

11. PUBLIC FORUM: None.

12. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Name: Mrs. Cipriano; Mrs. Harnois

Topic: Recent RIASC Professional Development session on the history, comparison and overview of the RI Education Funding Formula.

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