

**SMITH VOCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
NORTHAMPTON, MA**

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**June 19, 2018
Library - 5:00 PM**

PRESENT: Michael T. Cahillane, Thomas M. FitzGerald, John E. Cotton, Mayor David Narkewicz and Dr. Provost, NPS Superintendent

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Dr. Andrew Linkenhoker, and Crystal Fairman Business Manager

ABSENT: Principal Joseph Bianca

Chair Michael T. Cahillane called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and lead the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement.

Participation by the Public: none

Participation by the Trustees: A **MOTION** was made by John E. Cotton and seconded by Thomas M. FitzGerald to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

APPROVED 5-0

Information and Proposals:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees Dr. Linkenhoker recognized Tricia Dandrea on her upcoming retirement after 19 years as a Health Teacher and more recently as a Health Technology Instructor.

Tricia thanked the Board and briefly reflected on her time at Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Linkenhoker gave his report (attached).

Principal's Report: (attached).

Business and Finance Report: Ms Fairman gave a brief update of the finances to date and of closing out the fiscal year.

Future Business:

July 10, 2018 Regular Board of Trustees meeting 5:00pm

September 18, 2018 Regular Board of Trustees meeting 5:00pm

New Business:

2018-2019 Faculty Manual - moved to July meeting.

A motion was made by Thomas M. FitzGerald and seconded by John E. Cotton to approve the a field trip for the 4H to attend the Hampden County Fair at the Big E Fairgrounds July 27th (set up) and 28th (showing)

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A motion was made by Thomas M. FitzGerald and seconded by John E. Cotton to approve the an out of state field trip for AG Mechanics to Seneca Falls, NY - Farm Expo in August

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A motion was made by Thomas M. FitzGerald and seconded by John E. Cotton to approve the an overnight field trip for the 4H to the Big E in September

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A motion was made by Thomas M. FitzGerald and seconded by John E. Cotton to approve the an out of state class trip in September

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A Building Boilers Replacement - \$180,637.26

A motion was made by Thomas M. FitzGerald and seconded by John E. Cotton to approve a contract for \$168,700 with Adams Plumbing and Heating Inc. for A Building Boilers

\$165,000 from capital improvement funding from the City and \$3,700 from tuition revolving

DISCUSSION: Dr. Provost asked if there were other bidders, Ms Fairman replied yes.

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A motion was made by Thomas M. FitzGerald and seconded by John E. Cotton to approve the payment of \$11,775.21 to Towsley Associates for site visit and plan drawing from tuition revolving for A Building Boiler Project

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A motion was made by John E. Cotton and seconded by Thomas M. FitzGerald to approve the payment of \$162.05 to Daily Hampshire Gazette for advertisement of bid from tuition revolving for A Building Boiler Project

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A motion was made by Thomas M. FitzGerald and seconded by John E. Cotton to approve the FY19 Cafeteria contracts with:

Thurston Foods for \$70,000

All Star Dairy for \$12,000

Sysco for \$34,500

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Surplus:

A motion was made by John E. Cotton and seconded by Thomas M. FitzGerald to approve the following SURPLUS for RESALE

from Engineering: an Electric Go Cart, project series sandstone core-recycling unit and a professional grade 3D printer and core-recycle.

from Health Technology: a television set.

from AG Mechanics: a Planer, Mig Welder, Radial Arm Saw, and a 300 Amp Arc Welder.

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Press Box Dedication.

The Chair invited the audience to join the Board outside at the Press Box as it is formally dedicated to Mr. Ed Shaughnessy.

Dr. Linkenhoker thanked everyone who joined the Board at the Press Box and briefly relayed how the dedication came about and highlighted the career of Ed Shaughnessy. A public dedication will take place during Alumni Weekend between the two soccer games on Friday September 21st.

Mr. Shaughnessy thanked the Administration and the Board for this honor.

A motion was made by Dr. Provost and seconded by Mayor Narkewicz to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Carver, Trustees Secretary

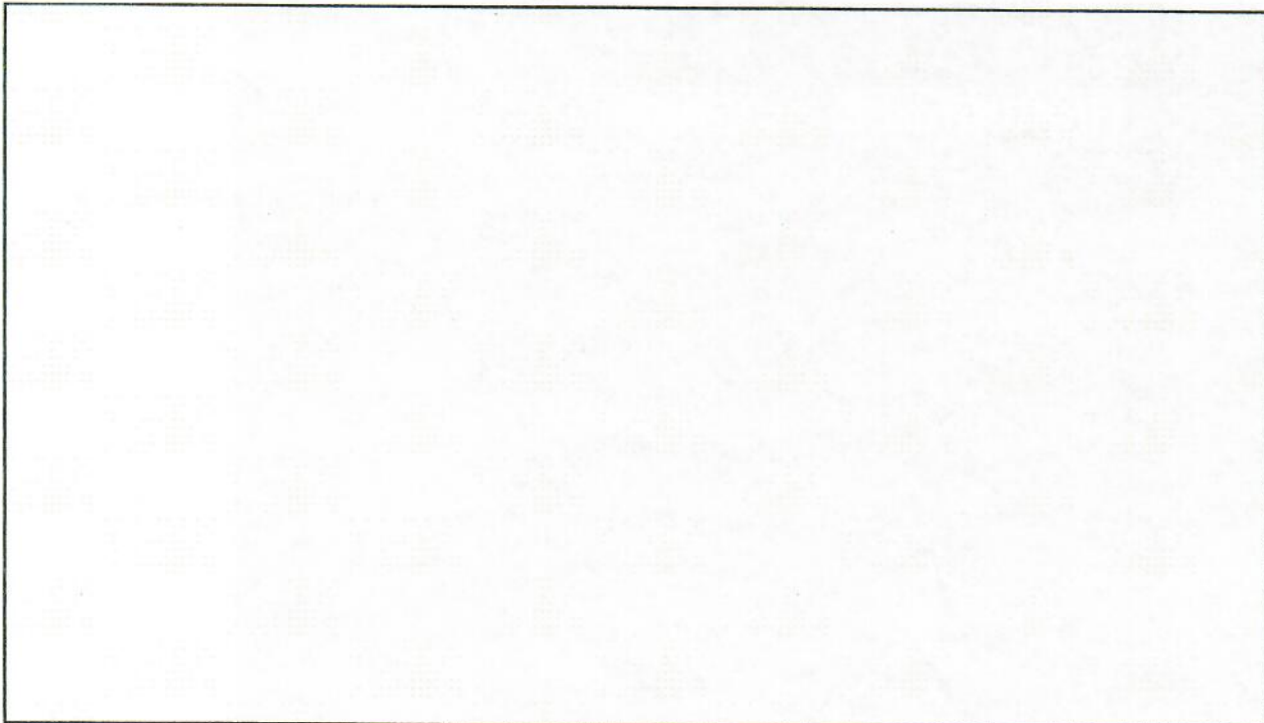
Superintendent Report

June 19, 2018

Submitted by
Andrew H. Linkenhoker, Ed.D

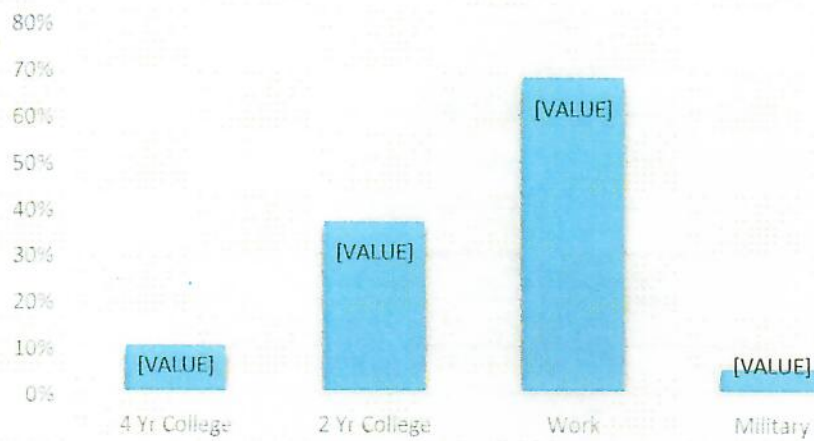
Highlights & Updates

- 5/24: Met with Rich Labrie regarding various funding sources for capital improvements
- 5/24: FFA Chapter Dinner & Awards Banquet
- 5/25: Graduation Rehearsal & Senior Breakfast
- 5/29: Senior Banquet
- 5/30: Senior Awards Night
- 5/31: Graduation
- 6/5: Conference call with Ed Bouquillon regarding capital assessment regulations
- 6/8: Junior Mock Interviews
- 6/13: NATEF visit in Collision Repair
- 6/13: Athletic Banquet
- 6/14: Cummington Selectboard Meeting
- 6/15: Joint Franklin and Hampshire Counties Superintendent Meeting
- 6/19: Advanced Manufacturing Update Meeting

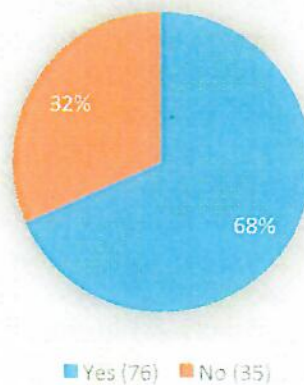


Post-Grad Plans for Class of 2018

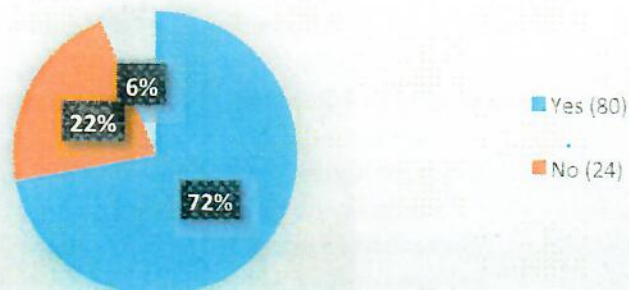
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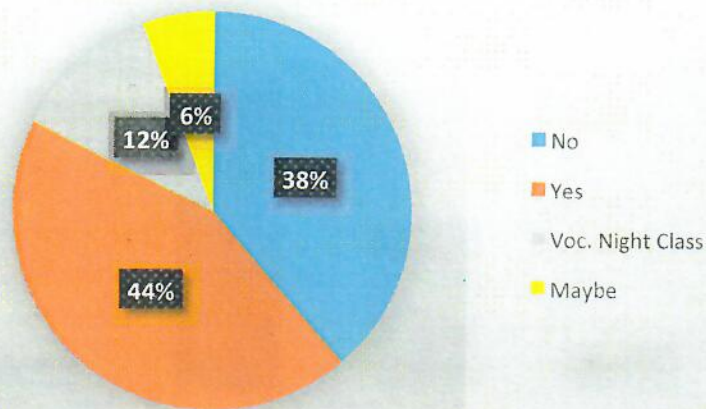
Seniors Who Have Jobs



Seniors Planning to Stay in Vocational Field



College Plans?



Schools students have been accepted to:

Ave Maria University
 Berkshire Community College
 Curry College
 Elms College
 Fairfield University
 Fitchburg State University
 Framingham State University
 Greenfield Community College
 Holyoke Community College
 Landmark College
 Lincoln Technical Institute
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
 Morrisville State College
 Ohio Technical College
 Porter & Chester Institute
 Springfield College
 Springfield Technical Community College
 Suffolk University
 SUNY Cobleskill
 Unity College
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Massachusetts, Boston
 University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
 University of New England
 University of Northwestern Ohio
 Vermont Technical College
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Western New England University
 Westfield State University

1:1 iPad Initiative Update

- After two years of implementation concerns have arisen over whether the goal has truly been achieved, or whether our valuable resources and benefits to students would be better used elsewhere.
- Admin surveyed freshmen and sophomores along with teachers.
 - Results showed concerns around the iPads and their true benefit.
- Parents shared their concerns over the security of the iPads and what their children were viewing and using them for at home.
- Mr. Shearer consulted with 2 Vocational Schools that also implemented a 1:1 iPad initiative. Both schools shared similar concerns and chose to move away from the initiative

1:1 iPad Initiative: Continued

- New online MCAS testing presented new challenge this year. Collecting and updating iPads was near impossible task to complete.
- We have chosen to move away from this initiative. The result will be:
 - Ability to upgrade our Chromebook inventory for on campus work and future MCAS testing
 - Increase number of Smart Boards on campus
 - Remove liability and security concerns with school equipment leaving campus
 - Save the district approximately \$15,000 annually after these changes and improvements.

Looking Ahead

- June 21st: Last Day of School
- June 26th-29th: SkillsUSA National Conference and Competition
- June 27th-28th: Connecting for Success Conference
- July 9th-13th: MAVA OSHA Training @ SVAHS
- July 10th: Board of Trustees Meeting
- July 30th-August 2nd: MAVA OSHA Training @ SVAHS
- August 8th-9th: MAVA Administrators Retreat
- August 23rd: New Staff Orientation
- August 27th: All Staff Return
- August 28th: New Student Orientation
- August 29th: School Begins

July Focus Topics

1. Present Superintendent Goal Evidence
2. Preview of 2018-2019 School Year (½ Day Updates & Alumni Weekend)

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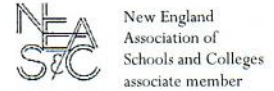
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Mr. Joseph C. Bianca
Principal



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**Principal's Report
June 2018 Board Meeting**

Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School Board of Trustees:

Student Representative to the Board:

No representation today

Enrollment:

493 students

Admissions:

We currently have 213 applications:

132 have been processed and accepted (30 Northampton)

112 of the 132 accepted students have registered (27 from Northampton)

84.8% Registration rate, up from the average of 60%-70%

Personnel:

Posted for all known vacancies for the 2018 2019 School year. Melanie Chartier is heading the hiring committees for Vocational Instructors, Mike Parks is heading the committees for Academic Instructors.

Hired:

Cabinet Making/Carpentry

Art

Culinary Arts

Collision Repair Vocational Assistant

Health Assisting Vocational Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Bianca
Principal

Founded in 1844 by Oliver Smith

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