

NORTH SMITHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

June 29, 2026

North Smithfield Middle School

Members Present: T. Bartomioli, W. Connell, C. Simpkins, D. de la Cruz

Others Present: M. St. Jean, C. Arnold, A. Melvin, K. Dailey

Meeting convened in Open Session via Zoom Virtual Meeting and in-person at North Smithfield Middle School cafeteria at 2:04 p.m.

1. Roll call was taken with all members noted as present except for J. Meo.
2. On motion by C. Simpkins, seconded by D. de la Cruz, the Committee voted (motion carries 4-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the exception of Nos. 2, 3, and 13.

Items Approved:

1. Approval of Regular Session Minutes: 6/16/26 SC Meeting
 - ~~2. Disbursement Report: May 2026~~
 - ~~3. Cash Receipts Report: May 2026~~
 4. Disbursement Report: June 2026
 5. 2nd Reading New/Revised Policies/Protocols:
 - A. III.E.6.A. Personnel Benefit Policy for Administrative and Administrative Support Personnel
 6. Homeschooling Requests:
 - A. X.A.
 - B. J.D.
 - C. M.N.
 - D. L.L.
 7. Approval of Edgenuity/Imagine Learning Contract Renewal for NSHS for 2026/27; MPA #579
 8. Approval of Edgenuity/Imagine Learning Contract Renewal for NSMS for 2026/27; MPA #579
 9. Approval of Renaissance/Star Assessments Renewal for 2026/27
 10. Approval of Bayada Nursing Services contract for the 2026-27 school year
 11. Approval of School Links Work-based Learning Module for NSHS for 2026-27; MPA #536
 12. Administrator's Reports
 - ~~13. Financial Report~~
3. Superintendent's Report: Mr. St. Jean stated that there were no new updates at this time.
 4. The informational portion of the agenda was accepted and shared with the committee.
Informational (Discussion only):
 1. **Personnel Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence/Appointments:**
 - A. Brea Alves – Girls Junior Varsity/Assistant Volleyball Coach – Resignation
 - B. 1.0 Teacher – One year Leave of Absence for 26/27 school year
 - C. Autumn Blakely, 1.0 Special Education Teacher @ NSMS – Appointment
 - D. Courtney Pasquel, 1.0 Special Education Teacher @ NSHS – Appointment
 - E. Danielle Buckingham, 1.0 Special Education Teacher @ NSHS – Appointment

- F. Gabriella Athaide, 1.0 Grade 5 Teacher @ NSMS – Appointment
- G. Madisyn Lafreniere, 1.0 Grade 5 Teacher @ NSMS – Appointment
- H. Kaya Kennedy, 1.0 Special Education Teacher @ NSMS – Appointment
- I. Courtney Anderson, 1.0 Grade 3 Teacher @ NSES – Appointment

2. **Extended School Year (ESY) (grant-funded; 26-27 school year only) and Special/Extra-Curricular Appointments (all assignments could change based upon district/student need):**

- A. Gillian Pepin, ESY Instructional Assistant
- B. Kerri Greco, Choral Director @NSES
- A. Breonna Lenart, Gr. 5 Team Leader @ NSMS
- B. Valerie Carnevale, Gr. 7 “Noreasters” Team Leader @ NSMS
- C. Lynn Hannah, Gr. 8 “Wildfire” Team Leader @ NSMS
- D. Kailee Patrie, Student Council Co-Advisor @ NSMS
- E. Isabella Parrillo, Student Council Co-Advisor @ NSMS
- F. Valerie Carnevale, Yearbook Co-Advisor @ NSMS
- G. Leah Latimer, Yearbook Co-Advisor @ NSMS
- H. Christopher Vitrano, Mock Trial Advisor @ NSMS
- I. Karen Bodden, English Department Chair @ NSHS
- J. Kathy Raymond, Sophomore Class Advisor @ NSHS
- K. Cayla Simmons, Freshman Class Advisor @ NSHS
- L. Karen Bodden, National Honor Society Advisor @ NSHS
- M. Lisa Cardin, French Club Advisor @ NSHS
- N. Lauren Nelson, Science Olympiad @ NSHS

5. **New Business V.1. 2026-2027 Teacher Recalls:**

On motion by W. Connell, seconded by C. Simpkins, the Committee voted (motion carries 4-0) to approve and accept the teacher recalls as presented.

6. **Old Business:**

- 1. **FY26 Operating/Capital Budgets:** No new information or actions were taken at this time.
- 2. **FY27 Operation/Capital Budgets:** Adoption of FY27 budget

On motion by W. Connell, seconded by C. Simpkins, the Committee unanimously voted on roll call vote (T. Bartomioli-yea; W. Connell-yea: C. Simpkins-yea: D. de la Cruz-yea: Motion carries 4-0) to adopt the FY27 Operating Budget as presented in the amount of \$32,463,726.00.

On motion by W. Connell, seconded by C. Simpkins, the Committee unanimously voted on roll call vote (T. Bartomioli-yea; W. Connell-yea: C. Simpkins-yea: D. de la Cruz-yea: Motion carries 4-0) to approve a \$0 Capital Budget (reflecting zero capital funds received from the town) as presented.

3. **Consideration of Termination, Renewal or Extension of Facilities Management Contract: Discussion/Vote/Other Action**

Following a consensus reached at a special meeting on June 25th, the Superintendent recommended a short-term extension of the existing contract. It was noted that the Athletic Director will take over scheduling duties, while ATM/Wide World will continue handling concessions, bathrooms, and other

maintenance. A new contract will be brought forward at the July school committee meeting including the agreements made at the June 25th meeting and of subsequent meetings between the parties.

On motion by W. Connell, seconded by C. Simpkins, the Committee unanimously voted on roll call vote (T. Bartomioli-yea; W. Connell-yea: C. Simpkins-yea: D. de la Cruz-yea: Motion carries 4-0) to approve an extension of the existing Facilities Management Contract with ATM/WWIS noting that scheduling will be handled by the district's Athletic Director through August 31, 2026.

7. On motion by C. Simpkins, seconded by W. Connell, the Committee voted (4-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.