SMITH VOCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NORTHAMPTON, MA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Tuesday March 21, 2023 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mr. Michael T. Cahillane, Dr. Julie Spencer-Robinson, Mr. Richard Aquadro, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra

ABSENT: Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell NPS Interim-Superintendent

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Dr. Andrew Linkenhoker, Principal Mr. Joseph Bianca, Ms Crystal Fairman, School Business Administrator, Facilities Director Mr. Tim Smith

STUDENT REP: Ms Mandy Wright. Ms Jayanna Daniels was absent.

Chair Michael T. Cahillane called the meeting to order at 5:00pm Vice-Chair Dr. Spencer-Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Aquadro read the Mission Statement of the School.

Participation by the Public: None

Participation by the Trustees: Mr. Cahillane recognized Mr. Joe Cook, the City Procurement Officer, for many years of service. Dr. Linkenhoker, on behalf of the Trustees, congratulated Mr. Joe Cook on his retirement. Ms Fairman added that Mr. Cook was so very helpful to both Tim Smith and herself and for his assistance and willingness to guide us in the procurement process which allowed us to acquire a lot of equipment the school has purchased over the years. Mr. Cook thanked everyone for the praise, it has been a delight to work with the team, particularly with Crystal Fairman and Tim Smith, they've always wanted to do things the right way and were willing to go above and beyond. One case in point was a recent correction to a bid that Ms Fairman discovered that saved \$13,000.

Dr. Spencer-Robinson gave a brief update on CES, recent workshop she attended.

Mr. Aquadro thanked Ms Fairman and Mr. Smith on behalf of the Trustees for the work they put in on the current projects and keeping them moving forward.

Mr. Cahillane gave a brief report on recent Irish Heritage events celebrated in the city. Mr. Cahillane also reported Criminal Justice student Jacob Furtaw received the Bill O'Connor Award for Storytelling. Mr. Cahillane added he participated with the CJ group in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day parade, felt there was a lot of good PR for the school, thanked the students and instructors for participating.

Approval of Minutes: A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Aquadro and seconded by Dr. Spencer-Robinson to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting. **APPROVED 4-0**

School spotlight: Jeff Lareau, Athletics Director and Co-operative Employment Coordinator gave a brief report on the Spring sports teams and the current students placed on Coop.

Information and Proposals/Trustees Questions & Answers (Q&A):

Property Subcommittee Report – Mr. Aquadro gave a brief report on the OPM bid result, will begin paperwork with School House. Also, the demolition of the pig barn with Wyles Architect.

Mr. Aquadro ask Tim Smith to add updates on other facility projects. Mr. Smith reported on the following: Summer project A/C in C building – B&G Mechanical. Sidewalk renovation anticipate this to start in the summer. Repair apple storage with Cornerstone who will demo. Chip activated door system.

Dr. Spencer-Robinson asked how a project can move forward without full funding? Mr. Aquadro replied it is a process, and hiring a design team to work out details to stay within budget is important.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Linkenhoker presented his report, an initial draft of his budget presentation (attached). Dr. Linkenhoker posed to the Trustees to schedule a budget presentation meeting April 4th. This will allow any potential changes to be made and voted at the regular scheduled meeting April 11th and in time for submitting to the City.

Principal's Report – Mr. Bianca requested Student Rep Mandy Wright to give her report (attached). Mr. Bianca gave his report (attached).

Business Report – as submitted.

New Business:

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Spencer-Robinson and seconded by Mr. Aquadro to approve a one day out of state field trip to NYC to visit the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the 9/11 Memorial/Museum for 12th grade students in Criminal Justice - date to be determined

APPROVED 4-0

A MOTION was made by Dr. Spencer-Robinson and seconded by Mayor Sciarra to approve a one day out of state field trip to NYC for an organized food tour May 5, 2023 for 12th grade students in Culinary Arts **APPROVED 4-0**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Aquadro and seconded by Dr. Spencer-Robinson to approve payment of an FY22 invoice to O'Neal Consulting for \$1,378.80 E-rate funding from tuition revolving **APPROVED 4-0**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Aquadro and seconded by Dr. Spencer-Robinson to approve an additional in kind \$20,000 donation for the Skills Capital Grant Animal Science from tuition revolving.

Discussion: Dr. Linkenhoker briefly explained this request. This in-kind donation will cover the cost of code compliance, material list increase, epoxy flooring and fire alarm system.

APPROVED 4-0

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Spencer-Robinson and seconded by Mayor Sciarra to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar

Discussion: Dr. Linkenhoker briefly explained this is the same model we are using this year; a MOA will be needed as this is outside the Unit D contract.

APPROVED 4-0

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Spencer-Robinson and seconded by Mr. Aquadro to approve the City standardized annual longevity for all non-represented employees retroactive to July 1, 2022 Discussion: Dr. Spencer-Robinson briefly explained. Dr. Linkenhoker added this would be for paraprofessionals and vocational assistants who currently are not receiving this benefit. Mayor asked if this would match what the city does, Dr. Spencer-Robinson replied yes.

APPROVED 4-0

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Aquadro and seconded by Dr. Spencer-Robinson to approve to surplus fresh eggs for donation to the 4H Food Booth at the Blue-Ribbon Calf Sale Discussion: This is an event held at the Big E

APPROVED 4-0

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Spencer-Robinson and seconded by Mr. Aquadro to approve to surplus for disposal the stage curtain and representation flags of world countries

APPROVED 4-0

Future Business:

April 11, 2023 Regular Board of Trustees meeting 5:00pm – Library May 16, 2023 Regular Board of Trustees meeting 5:00pm – Library

Upcoming Events:

March 22, 2023 Program Advisory Committees Dinner and Meetings – 6:00pm – Cafeteria April 4 – 6, 2023 FFA State Convention – Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center April 13, 2023 MAVA Outstanding Vocational Student Awards Banquet – Mechanics Hall Worcester

Mr. Aquadro asked the Chair before entering executive session, the property committee meets prior to the monthly board meeting should we move its beginning time from 3pm to 4pm. Mr. Cahillane expressed his concern should the meeting run over, it will interfere with the start of the board meeting. Mr. Aquadro agreed, the meeting time will remain at 3pm.

The Chair moves to enter into Executive Session, under Massachusetts General Law - Open Meeting Law chapter 30A, Sec.21 (a) (2) to conduct collective bargaining with Unit H and to reconvene in open session for possible action. Dr. Spencer-Robinson seconded.

Mr. Cahillane – yes Dr. Spencer-Robinson – yes

Mr. Aquadro – yes

Mayor Sciarra – yes

At 7:45 pm the Board returned to open session.

A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Spencer-Robinson and seconded by Mr. Aquadro to approve the Unit H contract.

APPROVED 4-0

Adjourn:

At 7:55pm Mayor Sciarra MOTIONED to adjourn Mr. Aquadro seconded.

APPROVED 4-0

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Carver, Board Secretary

Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School Superintendent's FY24 Budget Presentation



March 21, 2023

Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School Board of Trustees

- Mr. Michael Cahillane, Chair
- Dr. Julie Spencer-Robinson, Vice-Chair
 - Mr. Richard Aquadro, Trustee
- Honorable Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor
- Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell, Interim Superintendent NPS

Administration 2022-2023

- **Dr. Andrew Linkenhoker**, Superintendent
 - Mr. Joseph Bianca, Principal
- Ms. Crystal Fairman, School Business Administrator
- Ms. Rebecca Wanczyk, Director of Student Services
 - Ms. Heather Bouley, Food Service Director
 - Ms. Melanie Chartier, Vocational Director
- Mr. Jeffrey Lareau, Athletic Director/Co-Op Coordinator
 - Mr. Michael Parks, Director of Curriculum
 - Mr. Anthony Sabonis, Assistant Principal
 - Mr. Joshua Shearer, IT Director
 - Mr. Timothy Smith, Director of Facilities
- Ms. Lorena Turner, Adult and Community Education Director

Mission Statement

The mission of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School is to prepare students for social responsibility, employment, and post secondary education through rigorous, applied technical and academic programs.

Student Demographics

Enrollment by Gender (2022-2023)

| | School | State |
|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Male | 335 (+16/ +5.0%) | 469,563 (+1,791/ +0.4%) |
| Female | 225 (+0/ NC) | 442,564 (-199/ -0.04%) |
| Non Binary | 6 (+3/ +100%) | 1,608 (+614/ +61.8%) |
| Total | 566 (+19/ +3.5%) | 913,735 (+2,206/ +0.24%) |

Student Demographics: Continued

| Enrol | Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity (2022-23) | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Race | % of School | % of State | | | | | | | |
| African American | 1.6% (-0.7%) | 9.4% (+0.1%) | | | | | | | |
| Asian | 0.5% (NC) | 7.3% (+0.1%) | | | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 13.4% (+0.8%) | 24.2% (+1.1%) | | | | | | | |
| Native American | 0.2% (NC) | 0.2% (NC) | | | | | | | |
| White | 83.0% (-0.4%) | 54.4% (-1.3%) | | | | | | | |
| Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander | 0.2% (NC) | 0.1% (NC) | | | | | | | |
| Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic | 1.8% (+0.3%) | 4.4% (+0.1%) | | | | | | | |

Selected Populations

| Title | % of school | % of state |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| First Language not English | 4.4% (NC) | 25.0% (+1.1%) |
| English Language Learner | 4.2% (+0.5%) | 12.1% (+1.1%) |
| Students with Disabilities | 39.9% (-0.3%) | 19.4% (+0.5%) |
| High Needs | 62.7% (-0.7%) | 55.1% (-0.5%) |
| Economically Disadvantaged | 40.1% (-1.4%) | 42.3% (-1.5%) |

Plans of High School Graduates Class of 2022

| Plan | % of School | % of State |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 4-Year Private College | 7.3% (+1.5%) | 27.9% (NC) |
| 4-Year Public College | 2.7% (-4.8%) | 29.8% (-0.6%) |
| 2-Year Private College | 0.0% (NC) | 0.5% (+0.2%) |
| 2-Year Public College | 12.7% (+0.2%) | 13.5% (+0.1%) |
| Other Post-Secondary | 1.8% (-4.9%) | 2.8% (+0.5%) |
| Apprenticeship | 0.0% (NC) | 0.8% (+0.1%) |
| Work | 55.5% (+3.8%) | 14.4% (+0.7%) |
| Military | 9.1% (+2.4%) | 1.4% (-0.2%) |
| Other | 0.0% (-0.8%) | 2.0% (-0.3%) |
| Unknown | 10.9% (+2.6%) | 6.7% (-0.7%) |

Western MA Regional CTE Comparisons

| | Boys | Girls | N. Binary | Total | AfAm. | Asian | Hispanic | Nat Am. | White | Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander | Mit-Race, Non-Hisp. | First Lang. not Eng. | Eng. Lang. Learner | Stud. w/ Dis. | High Needs | Econ. Dis. |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| SVAHS (64) 15 Programs | 335 (59.2%) | 225 (39.8%) | 6 (1.1%) | 566 (9.4/shop grade) | 1.6% | 0.5% | 13.4% | 0.2% | 83.0% | 0.2% | 1.8% | 4.4% | 4.2% | 39.9% | 62.7% | 40.1% |
| Franklin Tech (19) 13 Programs | 345 (57.3%) | 257 (42.7%) | 0 (0.0%) | 602 (11.6/shop grade) | 1.0% | 0.2% | 6.1% | 0.3% | 89.4% | 0.3% | 2.7% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 21.8% | 54.5% | 42.5% |
| McCann Tech (9) 9 Programs | 326 (60.1%) | 210 (39.1%) | 1 (0.2%) | 537 (14.9/shop grade) | 1.1% | 0.4% | 1.1% | 0.0% | 95.7% | 0.2% | 1.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 14.4% | 48.8% | 43.0% |
| Pathfinder (9) 16 Programs | 388 (60.1%) | 249 (38.9%) | 3 (0.5%) | 640 (10/shop grade) | 1.9% | 0.3% | 9.1% | 0.2% | 85.2% | 0.2% | 3.3% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 24.1% | 55.0% | 41.9% |

Western MA Regional CTE Comparisons (Cont.)

| | Dropout Rate | Graduation Rate | Attendance Rate | Students/Computer | Accountability Percentile |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| SVAHS (64) 15 Programs | 1.3% | 95.2% | 91.8% | 1.6 | 26th |
| Franklin Tech (19) 13 Programs | 0.7% | 93.3% | 91.5% | 1.0 | 22nd |
| McCann Tech (9) 9 Programs | 0.8% | 93.0% | 91.1% | 1.1 | 37th |
| Pathfinder (9) 16 Programs | 2.0% | 89.1% | 91.8% | 1.6 | 12th |

Enrollment Projections

2022-2023 (566 Students)

| Freshmen | 151 |
|------------|-----|
| Sophomores | 150 |
| Juniors | 135 |
| Seniors | 130 |

2024-2025 (601 Students +15)

| Freshmen | 150 |
|------------|-----|
| Sophomores | 150 |
| Juniors | 151 |
| Seniors | 150 |

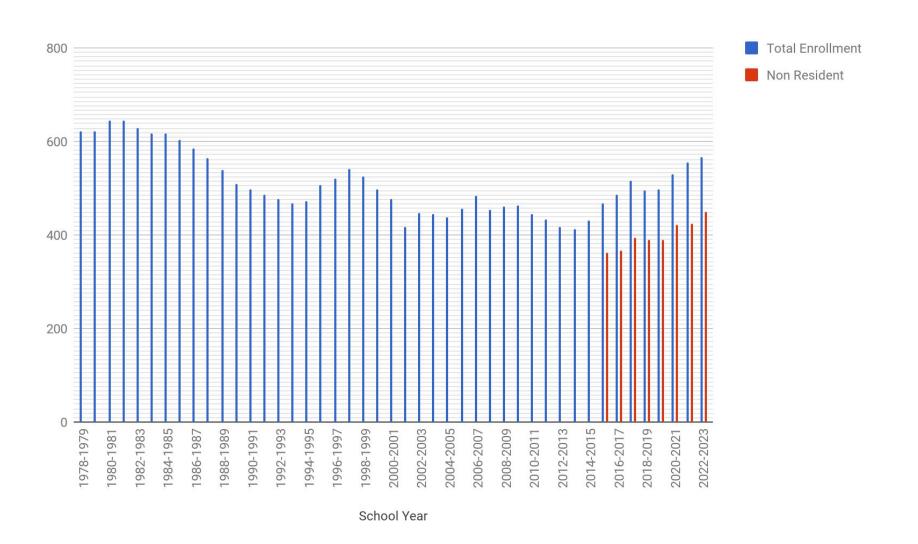
2023-2024 (586 Students +20) (# Applicants as of February)

| Freshmen | 150 (243) |
|------------|-----------|
| Sophomores | 151 (215) |
| Juniors | 150 (163) |
| Seniors | 135 (184) |

2025-2026 (601 Students +0)

| Freshmen | 150 |
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| Sophomores | 150 |
| Juniors | 150 |
| Seniors | 151 |

Historical Enrollment



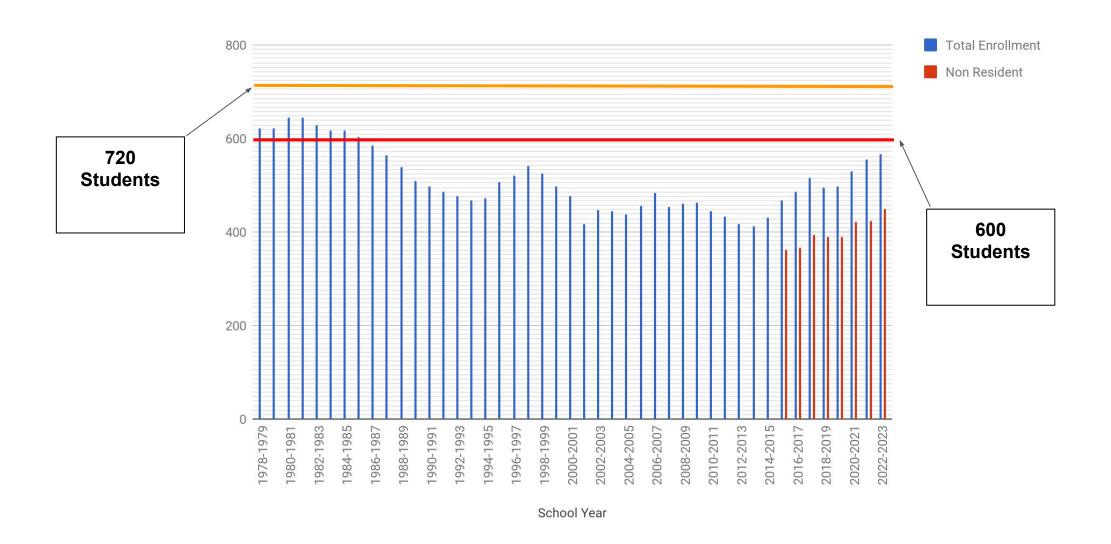
Vision

 To be the predominant Career, Technical & Agricultural High School in Western MA that is consistently at capacity within ALL of our Chapter 74 Programs while providing the most rigorous and relevant educational experience for ALL students.

Admissions

- What is our capacity?
 - Current Admissions Policy:
 - 150 students/grade = 600 students
 - 600 students/ 15 Ch. 74 Programs = 10 students per shop/grade
 - Maintaining current enrollment...How many shops to be at capacity:
 - 12 students per grade/shop = 12.5 shops
 - Maintaining 15 Ch. 74 Programs...How many students to be at capacity:
 - 12 students per grade/shop = 720 students
 - 180 students/grade
- Admissions Policy Updates (must be submitted annually)
 - o DESE received civil rights case against its admissions regulations
 - Opponents requesting lottery system compared to selective criteria

Goal Enrollment?





CTE Chapter 74 Admissions & Waitlist Analysis Smith Vocational and Agricultural High



School Name

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Smith Vocational and Agricu...

This page shows the number of students eligible for and applying to Grade 9, and their demographic breakdowns, across the application stages and member municipality. Beginning with the Final SY2023 Collection, an application is Complete if a student/family has provided their info to initiate the admissions process.

→Agricultural schools have unique arrangements.Click here to see the Relationships/Membership section on a district's Profile page

Grade 9 Seats:

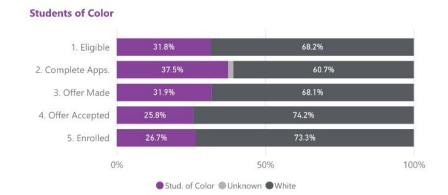
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| Stage | Total | Stud. of Color | White | LOWINC* | Not LOWINC | SWD | Not SWD | EL | Not EL | Unknown |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|---------|---------------|-----|---------|----|--------|---------|
| _ | | | | | LOWING | | | | | |
| 1. Eligible | 223 | 71 | 152 | 72 | 151 | 50 | 173 | 10 | 213 | 0 |
| 2. Complete Apps. | 56 | 21 | 34 | 40 | 15 | 24 | 31 | 5 | 50 | 1 |
| 3. Offer Made | 47 | 15 | 32 | 32 | 15 | 18 | 29 | 4 | 43 | 0 |
| 4. Offer Accepted | 31 | 8 | 23 | 21 | 10 | 14 | 17 | 4 | 27 | 0 |
| 5. Enrolled | 30 | 8 | 22 | 20 | 10 | 14 | 16 | 3 | 27 | 0 |

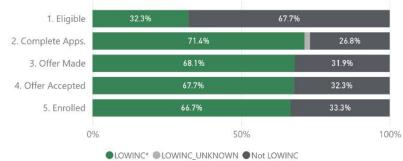
Application Gap

Opportunity Gap

Residents & Non-residents



Low Income (LOWINC)*



Northampton

Member municipality

All Municipalities

All Municipalities - Residents



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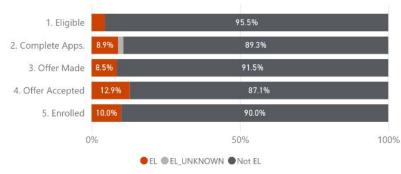
Initial for SY 2023

Final collection for students applying to start School Year 2023 (collected in Fall).

More District Context



English Learners (EL)



Curriculum/Instruction

- Offer ALL Animal Science Concentrations to become true "Aggie"
 - Create Companion Animal Concentration
 - Create Vet. Assisting Concentration
 - Create Equine Concentration
- Animal Science expansion aligns with school's flagship program and mission within Oliver Smith's Will
 - No need for new Chapter 74 approval
 - Immediate ability to increase student enrollment
- Horticulture Concentrations are NEXT big topic at state level
- Expansion of Animal Science & Horticulture increases overall enrollment
 - Builds case for more academic classrooms = NEW D BUILDING

Staffing Focus Areas

Academic

- History Teacher: COMPLETED
- English Teacher: COMPLETED (combination with ELL needs)
- P.E Teacher: COMPLETED

Vocational

- Animal Science Teacher (with expanded Concentrations): COMPLETED
- Graphic Communications
- Carpentry: COMPLETED

Administrative

- Assistant Principal (FY24 Budget Priority)
- Divide Facilities Director & Farm Manager (Upon Retirement)

Support

- SPED?
- Administrative Support?

Facility/Capital Improvement Projects

- Weather Vane on Dairy Barn (Donated): COMPLETED
- ADA Compliant Doors: COMPLETED
- Nurse's Suite: COMPLETED
- Renovate Locker Rooms: COMPLETED
- 2 C Building Boilers: COMPLETED
- D Building Hallways & Carpentry Epoxy Floor: COMPLETED
- Advanced Manufacturing Lighting Upgrades: COMPLETED
- Gym Lighting Upgrades: COMPLETED
- A, B, & C Buildings Faculty Rooms Renovation: COMPLETED
- Front Sign: COMPLETED
- Update Shop Lockers: IN PROGRESS

Facility/Capital Improvement Projects

- Complete consistent paint theme across campus: IN PROGRESS
- New windows in A & B Buildings: COMPLETED
- Motivational Signage on light posts: COMPLETED
- Automated Door Control System: IN PROGRESS
- Sidewalk Upgrades: IN PROGRESS
- Paint Barns
- SVAHS Bushes (SVAHS Trustee Request)
- Expanded Animal Science Complex: IN PROGRESS
- New "D" Building: GOVERNANCE MODEL DISCUSSION
- New Building in General: GOVERNANCE MODEL DISCUSSION
- School-Based Health Center: IN PROGRESS
- Horticulture Building Rebuild: IN PROGRESS
- Northampton Animal Control Facility: IN PROGRESS

Animal Science Complex

- New Animal Science Complex
 - Former GCC Building
 - Provides 2 classrooms, locker room, and instructor office space
 - Move in April 2023
 - MS Barn
 - Classroom becomes pocket pet lab
 - Egg production facility
 - New animal quarantine area
 - Renovations begin after students move to new Animal Science building
 - Nursery Barn
 - Rebuild into dog grooming/boarding area
 - Demolition during April vacation 2023
 - Construction begins June 2023

Animal Science Complex

- New Animal Science Complex
 - Dairy Barn
 - Renovate to pig and other animal housing
 - Renovations begin April 2023
 - Horticulture Rebuild
 - Provide more efficient learning areas
 - Additional classroom for related needs (Animal Science & Horticulture)
 - OPM being hired
 - Next phases:
 - Bid for design architect
 - Finalize design
 - Bid for construction contractor
 - Demolition of existing building
 - Break ground

Horticulture Building Financial Outlook

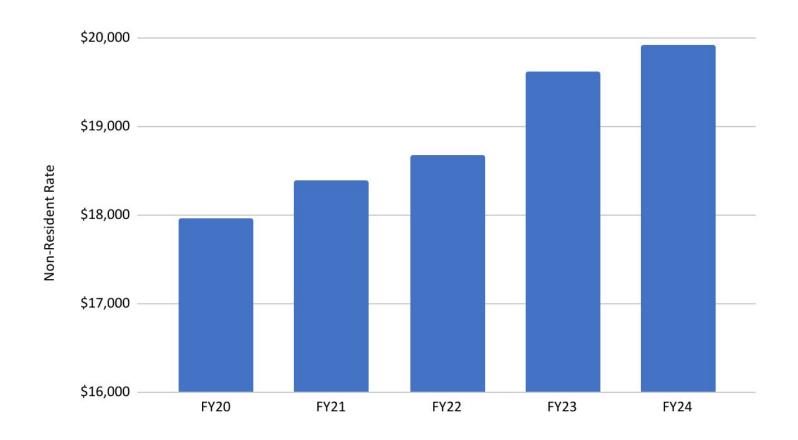
- Updated Financial Picture:
 - Structure insurance settlement: \$1,039,779.89.
 - Lost equipment/tools insurance settlement: \$421,445.05.
 - 1st Skills Capital Grant: \$600,000 towards facility rebuild
 - 2nd Skills Capital Grant: \$3,500,000 towards facility rebuild
 - Economic Bond Bill (Thank you Senator Comerford): \$275,000
 - Smith College Donation: \$150,000
 - Monetary Donations: \$39,884.37
 - Potential Total: \$6,026,109.31 million towards building construction
 - Current Building Estimate: \$7,432,100
 - Estimate includes approximately \$1,000,000 in contingency fees
 - Must anticipate finding \$405,990.69 to \$1,405,990.69

Skills Capital Grant Focus

- July '22: Culinary: \$484,580
- July '22: Culinary CTI Grant: \$149,292
- Sept '22: Animal Science & Horticulture: \$2,121,200
- Dec '22: Horticulture, Ag. Mechanics, Cabinet Making, Adv. Manufacturing: \$5,000,000

TOTAL for 2022: \$7,755,072!

Five Year Non-Resident Tuition Rate Comparison



FY24 Tuition Rate: \$19,921 UNOFFICIAL DESE Recommendation
1.52% Increase over FY23
5 Year Average: 2.91% Increase

Five Year Budget Comparison

| Fiscal Year | Budget Amount | Increase / Decrease | % Change |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| FY20 | \$10,644,838 | \$285,701 | 2.76% |
| FY21 | \$11,391,798 | \$746,960 | 7.02% |
| FY22 | \$11,822,665 | \$430,867 | 3.78% |
| FY23 | \$12,795,891 | \$973,226 | 8.23% |
| FY24 | \$13,360,348 | \$564,457 | 4.41% |

^{*}Budget amount includes Indirect Costs paid to the city*

Budget Highlights

- Non-Resident Tuition Rate (Not official): +1.52% from current FY
- Non-Resident Students: +18 students
 - In two years enrollment will be at "capacity" per Admissions Policy
 - If this was the case now the budget would only increase 1.6%...NOT 4.41%
 - How do we maintain current programming and services then?
- Northampton contribution over NSS: +4% from current FY
- Recommend Schedule 19 Credit for NPS MTRS Monthly Reporting
- Recommend Stormwater Drainage Credit
- Staffing Priorities:
 - Assistant Principal
 - Move Vocational Director to current Athletic Director Office in B Building
 - Renovate Gym Closet into Athletic Director Office
 - Prepare for division of Facilities Director & Farm Manager roles

Budget Highlights

- Level Fund Supplies/Materials
- Extraordinary Maintenance Budget: -\$61,204 from current FY
- NEASC Accreditation Year requires over \$6,000 increase in budget
- Utilities: 21.07% increase
- Building Maintenance: 16.06% increase
- Approximately \$50,000-\$60,000 deficit to close
 - Recommendations/Priorities?

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS?

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- Crystal Fairman, School Business Administrator<u>cfairman@smithtec.org</u>413-587-1414 x3436



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Mr. Joseph C. Bianca Principal



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March 21, 2023

Principal's Report March 2023 Board Meeting

Student Representative:

Mandy Wright

Enrollment:

566 students

Admissions:

March 2023 – 305 applications, with 59 (19.3%) from Northampton. March 2022 – 255 applications, with 53 (20.8%) from Northampton. March 2021 – 238 applications, with 48 (20.1%) from Northampton. March 2020 – 210 applications, with 49 (23.3%) from Northampton. March 2019 – 197 applications, with 33 (16.75%) from Northampton.

Report Cards:

Trimester 2 ended on March 17, 2023. We are working through the grade verification process and our target date for electronic distribution of report cards is Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Personnel:

Hired an Electrical Instructor, Ray Racine, starting on May 1, 2023 Hired an Agricultural Mechanics Instructor, Dan Kelley, starting on March 27, 2023 Hired a Social Worker, Jessika Ayala, started Monday, March 20, 2023.

SkillsUSA District Results

Gold and Silver going on to compete in the State Competition.

| Gold - 5 | Silver - 7 | Bronze - 7 |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Maren Freedman | Keith Cable | Ivan Faria-Caballero |
| Madison Gorrell | Megan Courtney | Myles Albitz |
| Madeline Lamke | Emory Caron | Katherine Costa |
| Talan Beckman | Jessa Craig | Aidyn Nugent |
| Dane Radwich | Gabriel Chambers | Riley Miller |
| | Juliana Santos | Seth Ostrowski |
| | Trevor Lemoine | Dominic Crochier |

Respectfully submitted, Joseph Bianca Principal March 21, 2023

Student Representatives Report March 2023 Board Meeting

Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School Board of Trustees:

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| | Lowerclassmen: |
| | FFA: |
| | Athletics: |
| | Shops: |
| | |

Mandy

Skills:

SkillsUSA District Medalists were announced March 20th. https://docs.google.com/document/d/165pLa3z8JlpOlJZtZwlbhVuriRZqaT-o2lln5iQFeQ8/edit?us p=sharing

Clubs:

Student Government (with Ms. Brisbois and Mr. Brewer) are planning our Spring Spirit events to be held before April Break.

Fundraisers:

- 1) Criminal Justice Annual Pasta Dinner to be held on April 7th in the Cafeteria. Money raised will help with costs associated with Criminal Justice student uniforms, field trips, and events.

 2) Student Government Pie Eating Contest As part of Spring Spirit Events, members of the Smith Community will battle of who can eat the most pie in the fastest amount of time. Money
- Smith Community will battle of who can eat the most pie in the fastest amount of time. Money raised will help with costs of future Student Government events and contributions to scholarships.
- 3) The Viking Runestone Advertising campaign students and staff are selling advertisements to be published in the Spring 2023 edition. Money raised will help support publishing costs

English, Math, Special Ed, Humanities:

A student in art, Josie Dubay, won the silver key award for her drawing "A Meshed Society" in the National Scholastic Art & Writing competition.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayanna Daniels and Mandy Wright Student Representatives