



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2014
Seymour Middle School
7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Yashu Putorti, Chairman
Saundra Gesek
Jennifer Magri
Allison Sobieski-McAndrew
Fred Stanek

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Nancy Snopkowski, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent, Finance & Operations
Cindy Brooks, Director of Nutrition Services
Fred Dorsey, Board Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Health Food Certification Program

Mrs. Brooks explained the healthy food certification program and noted that this is the third or fourth year we have participated. We follow the State of Connecticut standards for foods that we sell to students. Beverages are mandated and we have no choice but to follow the mandate. The USDA has its own standards that are effective on July 1, 2014. By participating in the Healthy Food Certification program, we receive reimbursement of 10¢ per meal which equals approximately \$27,000 coming back to the Nutrition Services department. Mr. Stanek wanted more detail on what the Board was being asked to act upon stating he has a concern regarding the amount of food waste that is going on. Mrs. Brooks explained that they are being asked to approve the Healthy Food Certification which has to do with the sale of ala carte items such as snacks, chips, cookies, items that are sold to the students outside of the meal service. Mr. Stanek said he would like the Nutrition Committee to discuss food waste at their next meeting. Mrs. Brooks said she felt our students do not waste as much food as other districts. She explained that the Board has two choices in this matter: 1) follow the State standards and get the reimbursement money or 2) follow the USDA standards and not get the reimbursement. Mr. Stanek said he thought it was a crazy system and Mrs. Brooks agreed noting she can sell one whole grain cookie to a student but if the student wants two cookies, the student cannot buy them together. However, if the student gets back in line, a second cookie can be purchased.

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Ms. Gesek) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Nutrition Services to participate in the State of Connecticut Healthy Food Certification program for the 2014-15 school year

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Stanek

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Ms. Gesek) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Stanek

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk