



SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2013

Seymour Middle School – Media Center

7:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandra Gesek
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Theodora Klarides
Jennifer Magri
Yashu Putorti
Allison Sobieski-McAndrew
Frederick Stanek
Edward Strumello

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Christine Syriac, Superintendent
Nancy Snopkowski, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent, Finance & Operations
Rob Dyer, Systemwide Technology Coordinator
Ginny Tagliatela, Director of Special Services
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, Bungay School
Kristopher Boyle, Assistant Principal, Bungay School
David Olechna, Principal, Chatfield-LoPresti School
Leslie Sojka, Assistant Principal, Chatfield-LoPresti School
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, Seymour Middle School
Glenn Lungarini, Principal, Seymour High School
Jim Freund, Assistant Principal, Seymour High School
Polly Putorti
Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Themis Klarides
Bill Paecht
Lucy McConologue
Len Greene
Scott Barton
Kurt Miller

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Opening of Meeting by the Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Syriac, Superintendent of Schools, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:15 p.m.

Unless changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, the order of business for the organizational meeting of the Board of Education shall be as follows:

II. ELECTIONS

A. **Temporary Chairperson**

Mrs. Syriac asked for a nomination for a temporary chairman.

Mr. Stanek nominated Mr. Putorti and Ms. Harmeling seconded this nomination.

Mrs. Syriac asked for a vote for Mr. Putorti as temporary Chairman of the Board of Education

YES: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

NO: Jay Hatfield

B. **Chairperson**

Mr. Putorti asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Education

Mr. Stanek nominated Mr. Putorti; it was seconded by Ms. Magri

No further nominations were made

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/sec., Mr. Putorti) to vote by paper ballot.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

The vote for Chairman of the Board of Education was done by written ballot and Mrs. Syriac announced there were 7 yes votes and 2 no votes.

The votes were as follows:

Mr. Putorti as Chairman of the Board of Education

YES: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Stanek

NO: Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Strumello

Mr. Putorti was elected Chairman of the Board of Education.

C. **Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Putorti called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board of Education.

Mr. Putorti nominated **Mr. Stanek for Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education.**

No further nominations were made

YES: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Strumello

DISQUALIFY: Mr. Stanek

Mr. Stanek was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Education

D. **Secretary**

Mr. Putorti called for nominations for Secretary of the Board of Education.

Mr. Putorti nominated **Ms. Magri for Secretary of the Board of Education.**

YES: Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti

Ms. Gesek nominated **Mr. Hatfield for Secretary of the Board of Education.**

YES: Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

Mr. Hatfield was elected Secretary of the Board of Education

III. COMMITTEES – APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Putorti asked Board Members to send him 3 sub-committees they would like to serve on and asked for a motion to table this item to the next Board of Education meeting. Mr. Hatfield asked if postponement was the proper term, Mr. Stanek said postponement, table, and laid on the table was acceptable. Mr. Hatfield also asked that the Liaison Committee be changed so that there are more Board members participating and Mr. Putorti said this would require a by-law change and we can think about this. He asked for Board members to email him if they are interested in serving on a Bylaw Revision Committee. Mr. Stanek suggested this could be handled by the Policy Committee.

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Ms. Magri) to table Item III to the next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

VI. DETERMINING WHETHER DATES AND TIMES FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS SHOULD BE CHANGED

Mr. Putorti said we had changed to having one meeting per month and asked if there was any interest in changing this back to two meetings per month. Mr. Hatfield said he felt doing one meeting a month would require a Bylaw change. Mr. Strumello reminded everyone that the second meeting in the month was to be reserved for regularly scheduled committee meetings. Mr. Hatfield said it was bylaw #9321. Mr. Putorti said the dates can be discussed in the regular Board of Education meeting following this meeting as it is an agenda item.

After adjournment of this meeting, the Board shall reconvene in regular or special meeting if it wishes to consider additional matters. The order of business for any such special meeting shall be that established for regular and adjourned business meetings.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Stanek) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski-McAndrew, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk