



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2012
Chatfield-LoPresti School
7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Yashu Putorti, Chairman
Jim Garofolo
Saundra Gesek
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Peter Kubik
Jennifer Magri
Fred Stanek
Monica Mordowanec, Student Representative
Katherine Acquavella, Student Representative
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools
Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent, Finance & Operations
Glenn Lungarini, Principal, SHS
Jim Freund, Asst. Principal, SHS
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, SMS
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, SMS
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, BS
Mary Lavoie, Principal, BS
David Olechna, Principal, CLS
Eleanor Brasche
Cindy Dion
Jon Han
Terry Lyn Kiampotz
L. M. Dadio
Martin Dadio
Pastor Iwy Patel-Yatri
Heather Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

A. Salute to the Flag

Mr. Putorti read the following statement:

Good evening everyone. As we open this meeting tonight, we do so with heavy hearts for the community of Newtown and the families drastically affected by the tragedy of last Friday. On behalf of the Seymour BOE, we send our condolences, our sympathy, and our support to everyone associated with the children and staff of Sandy Hook Elementary School. We extend our gratitude to the first responders and heroic teachers, administrators and staff who experienced this unfathomable tragedy. To all the students, families and residents of Newtown, we send our love and strength so that they may in time heal. And to the 6 adults and 20 children who lost their lives in school last Friday, we all mourn their loss and the promise of their futures which were taken far too soon. Though mere words will never erase the heartache that we as parents, educators and community members feel, we do stand united in our grief and resolve to work diligently to not only support our fellow school district in their time of need, but to also ensure that the safety of all students always will remain in the forefront of our minds. We will never forget. Please join me for a moment of silence and prayer.

Mr. Putorti introduced Pastor Iwy Patel-Yatri of the Great Hill United Methodist Church who said a prayer. This was followed by a moment of silence.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Recognitions

Mrs. Syriac read the following recognitions:

1. Congratulations to Jonathan Han (Gr. 11), Julia Maturo (Gr. 11), and Kathryn Petroski (Gr. 11) who have been recognized by Stefan Pryor, Commissioner of Education, for performing at the Advanced Level on the CAPT Mathematics, Reading, Writing, and Science Subtests.
2. Congratulations to Michael Valverde (Gr. 10) on being selected for All State Soccer.

B. Correspondence

1. None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dadio, 132 Great Hill Road – Husband and wife work in law enforcement and wanted to comment on how the district handled Friday. As parents, their first instinct was to pull son out of school but they trusted the school to keep him safe. When he got home he did not know what happened. They think having the police in the schools is appropriate and it made their son feel safe. They thanked the superintendent for how things were handled.

Mrs. Cindy Dion, 18 Carriage Drive – Stated that she was disappointed in the turnout of parents at the meeting. She admitted that she did not want to send her son to school but felt better after the teacher emailed and reassured her. She noted that Facebook is a nightmare with what should be done. She said she supports the district 100% and wished more parents would get involved.

Ms. Heather Smith, 19 Chamberlain Road – She stated that she has explained as little as possible to her daughter but her daughter asks many questions. She said her main reason for coming to the meeting was to try and get a better idea of what a lockdown really is.

Ms. Terry Lynn Kiamptz, 5 Heritage Drive – Explained that she was a representative of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and distributed information on their program entitled “Parents and Teachers as Allies” which has been presented in many schools and is done at no charge to the districts.

IV. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. REPORTS

1. **Chairman's Report**
 - a. Chairman's Report
 - b. Board Members Comments

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to add to agenda matters concerning security strategies or the deployment of security personnel or devices affecting security within our district

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

Mr. Kearns was asked to do an overview of security within the Seymour Public Schools. Mr. Kearns said we have a very good working relationship with the Seymour Police Department and with the Emergency Management teams. Each school practices lockdown or fire drills on a monthly basis. Campuses are closed and doors are locked, we have cameras at each front entrance. Visitors to the schools must ring a bell and identify themselves and state the reason why they are there and who they wish to see. Mr. Kearns said he is passionate about having staff asks lots of questions before letting a visitor into the building. Mr. Putorti said that in talking to board chairs across the state he feels we are ahead of many districts with regard to security but noted that we may have to do more. Mr. Kubik asked Mr. Kearns how a lockdown would occur. Mr. Kearns explained there are two types of lockdowns. Phase 1 lockdowns are due to a threat and shuts down the whole population of the building. Shades are drawn and lights are turned off and everyone is directed to be out of sight. A Phase 2 lockdown is when people within the building are moved to a safe area, an example of why this would occur would be the threat of violent weather. Mr. Stanek asked how often lockdown drills occur and Mr. Kearns said they are done 4-6 times a year. When asked how many have been done this year, Mr. Kearns responded he did not have that information with him. He said there was no formal protocol as to how many lockdown drills occur; this is left to the administrators to decide however some type of drill must occur each month. Mr. Kubik asked if there was a review after the lockdown to evaluate how it went and where there might be room for improvement. Mr. Kearns said yes, he, the police, and administrators walk the building to be sure everyone is following protocol. Mr. Hatfield asked if there was a formal written report of each lockdown drill and Mr. Kearns responded they do not do a written report. When asked why the police are not at every lockdown drill he said there are times when they are not available. Mr. Hatfield asked how we can protect our administrators and Mr. Kearns said that during a Phase 1 lockdown everyone secrets themselves this includes administrators and office staff. Mr. Garofolo talked about barrier security and asked if the panic bar would work if the glass is broken. Mr. Kearns said it would work. Mr. Garofolo said he felt we should find a way to delay entry by the assailant. At the security meeting at town hall there was a suggestion to make barriers between kids and assailants and that the average police response time is 3-4 minutes. The town will investigate security matters but will not divulge their plans as it will compromise security. Mr. Garofolo asked about arming administrators with tasers, mace, or pepper spray. He also acknowledged that our superintendents and administrators are our first responders in the district and they are on the front line. He said they needed to be acknowledged as first responders and applaud them for providing security within our buildings. Ms. Gesek asked if there was a way for motion sensor lights to be turned off. Mr. Kearns confirmed they can be shut off and there is a switch by each door. Mr. Stanek suggested we hire a security consultant to evaluate our security and it should be done immediately. Mr. Kearns said he has some contacts and he might be able to get it done for free.

He also noted that troopers are trained to do risk assessments. Mr. Kearns confirmed that he is already looking into this. Mr. Stanek said the board should empower the Superintendent to begin a search for a company to do a Vulnerability Risk Assessment and to get the cost from at least three different companies.

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to direct the Superintendent to solicit information and quotes from security companies to do a Vulnerability Risk Assessment in our schools

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to enter into Executive Session to discuss security within the district and to invite Mr. Kearns, Mrs. Syriac, Mr. Belden, and First Selectman Miller into the Executive Session

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

The board and invited persons entered into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

The board came out of Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

The Board confirmed that the police will be at the schools tomorrow.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Syriac reported that we have been selected to participate in pilot tests for The Smarter Balanced Assessment that will replace the CMT/CAPT in 2015. It will be a two week window sometime between February 20th and May 10th and will test students in grade nine.

Mr. Hatfield complimented Mrs. Syriac and the Administrators on the Citizens Academy. He was able to attend the last one and he thoroughly enjoyed it and thought it was wonderful.

3. Revised Minutes

a. November 19, 2012

4. Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee Meeting Agenda – December 12, 2012

b. Finance Committee Meeting Agenda – December 17, 2012

B. INFORMATION

Mr. Putorti made note that the schools' activities and recognitions were included in the agenda for their information.

1. Student Representative Report – High School

a. SHS students and staff have been contributing to the holiday season by collecting toys for tots and participating in the annual giving tree. The boys basketball team is

leading the toys for tots collection and a bin full of toys is visible in the main office entrance.

- b. The staff is contributing to the giving tree produced by Mrs. Studley. The tree is decorated with angels that have requests from various people in need. Staff members purchase the gifts and return them wrapped with the angel tag attached ready for distribution.
- c. The following SHS students performed on December 7th at the "Valley's Got Talent" talent show which took place at Oxford High School: Julia Pietruszka, Austin Scott, Miles Livoisi, Josh Pulgarin, John Shusdock, Kane Granda, Bri Schneider and Savannah Nido. Their performances were amazing and the band received the loudest ovation of the evening.

2. Student Activities and Recognitions – Seymour Middle School

- a. Both basketball teams defeated Derby in their season opening games.
- b. Our student council President, Will Bennett, served as a member of our Welcoming Walkthrough Committee, along with staff members, parents, and community members
- c. Our second PBIS Ticket Celebration was held on November 29, 2012. The grand prizes of two tickets to the movies were donated Entertainment Cinemas 12 in Seymour. The raffle winners were Taylor Robinson, Christopher Seeland, and Ashleigh Perisco. There were a total of 545 "Doing the Right Thing" tickets handed out in the month of November.
- d. The SMS Winter Concerts will be held on the December 18, 2012 and December 19, 2012

3. Student Activities and Recognitions – Bungay School

- a. Walter Schuttler's Dream Comes True
Congratulations to Bungay custodian Walter Schuttler who achieved his goal and aspiration was to be a 50 state marathon runner. In Anchorage, Alaska, at the Mayor's Marathon, on June 23, 2012, Walter was recognized for his outstanding athletic accomplishment and achievement of finishing a certified full marathon of 26.2 miles in all 50 States of the United States.
- b. Hurricane Sandy Collection - November 9, 2012
What an incredible amount of support Bungay Elementary School received from our students and staff for those in need due to Hurricane Sandy. So many people donated clothing, non-perishable food, flashlights, and other essential items in support of our fellow Americans. Thank you to Rich Kearns and several fifth graders for helping load the items on a school bus and prepare the supplies to be transported. It is an excellent learning experience for our children to see acts of kindness and giving to people in distress.
- c. Veterans' Day Program - November 12, 2012
The Seymour Veterans did an outstanding program for our school on Monday, November 12th. The assembly started off with the Pledge of Allegiance and The Star Spangled Banner. The children were then shown the correct folding of the flag. The Veterans also told the history of the flag and had a question and answer period at the conclusion of the show. Bungay Elementary School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Seymour Veterans for helping our students and staff remembers everyone that has given service to our country.

- d. PTA Presents "Treasure Island" - November 14, 2012
The Bungay School PTA presented The Hampstead Stage Company performance of the legendary story "Treasure Island". There was lots of laughter in the audience, especially during the sword fight. Mrs. DeAngelis and several students were called up on stage and did an outstanding job participating in the script. We may have some future actors in our school!!!
- e. - Can the Principals Food Drive - November 12 – 20, 2012
Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to our annual Can the Principals Food Drive. Parent volunteer, Deb Engstrom, filled her vehicle to the brim with non-perishable foods and brought them to the Spooner House in Shelton. Bungay Elementary School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Deb for taking the time to deliver the food and to Lisa Heneghan, third grade teacher, for organizing and overseeing this meaningful cause. Many individuals in our community will benefit from their hard work.
- f. Principal for a Day - November 28, 2012
Congratulations to Nick Marchetti, Bungay School fifth grader. Nick was the winner of the essay contest "Principal for a Day". The contest was open to fifth grade students and the winner was selected by a group of staff members after reading all the entries. On Wednesday, November 28th Principal Marchetti handled his responsibilities with composure, assurance, and leadership. Some of the highlights of his itinerary included bus duty with Mr. Cyr, morning announcement, attendance check, and cafeteria/recess responsibilities.
- g. Lorraine Judd Dance Studio - November 30, 2012
The students and staff at Bungay Elementary School were entertained by the Lorraine Judd Dance Studio on Friday, November 30th. The dancers performed a mix of dances, including music from The Nutcracker and The Rockettes. The girls looked amazing as they danced to the March of the Wooden Soldiers and dazzled the audience with their impressive high kicks. The ages of the ensemble cast ranged from elementary through high school students. Please accept a heartfelt thank you for the very professional performance at Bungay.
10. Art Horn Visits Grade 5 - November 30, 2012
Art Horn, a meteorologist and former weather forecaster for NBC 30 visited the fifth grade to explain about Earth's climate and weather patterns. He also talked about the seasonal cycles and the impact of the moon on Earth's tidal patterns.
11. Sound Tigers Mascot Storm - December 7, 2012
The students at Bungay really enjoyed their recess on Friday, December 7th. The Sound Tigers Mascot, Storm, visited the children outdoors on the blacktop and playscape. There were lots of high fives and hugs from as he greeted the kids.
12. National Geography Bee - December 12, 2012
Bungay Elementary School held the annual National Geography Bee on Wednesday, December 12th. Students from grades four and five participated in a classroom competition which determined the ten finalists listed below: Grade 5 Students: Thomas Glidden, Jaxon Grim, Philip Fioretti, Morgan Rzasa, Nicholas Marchetti, Lexi Robinson, Grade Four Students: Alyssa Johnson, Adam Violano, Colin Strang, Karli Ricciuti

13. Bungay School Events
PTA Program for Kindergarten "Science Snoopers" – 11/02/12, 11/05/12
Seymour Red in Support of Diabetes – 11/09/12
Parent Teacher Conferences - 11/13/12, 11/15/12, 11/16/12
Grade 4 visits CT Science Center - 11/14/12
Performance by Brian Gillie for grades K–5 – 11/21/12
Ms. Garofalo's class visits Humphrey House – 11/28/12
Mrs. Durette's 5th grade visited Humphrey House – 12/06/12
Picture Retake Day – 12/11/12
PTA Holiday Fair – 12/13/12
Kindergarten Holiday Sing-A-Long – 12/19/12

4. **Student Activities and Recognitions – Chatfield-LoPresti School**

- a. Congratulations to 5th grade students Isabelle Bunosso, Ariana Deljanin, Emily Fitzgerald, Sean Kiernan, David Morales, and Ryan Novitski who were chosen to attend the CAS Elementary Leadership Conference at NVCC on January 9, 2013:

5. **Staff Retirement –Certified**

- a. Warecke, Lynn
 - Art Teacher
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective June 30, 2013

Mr. Stanek requested the Board write a letter to Mrs. Warecke thanking her for her years of service and congratulating her on her retirement.

6. **BOE Discussion of 2013-2014 Education Budget**

Mrs. Syriac distributed the Level Services Budget which shows current staffing and moving everything forward one year. The increase is \$670,085 or 2.2%. Mr. Putorti asked Board members to make any suggestions or changes. Mr. Stanek asked to renew his request from last year to add two fine arts positions. Ms. Harmeling agreed with Mr. Stanek on the fine arts position, saying we may be able to do with one person split between the high school and the middle school. She also said she would like to see Track and Field at the Middle School, expand the band program at the elementary level, have Subject Support Coordinators, and a late bus for the Middle school. Ms. Harmeling also expressed a concern that it has been difficult to add positions because of scheduling and hoped we might be able to do a better job of making additions work. She also mentioned that prior to the events in Newtown she would have wanted a discussion on the elimination of the Director of Facilities position. Mr. Hatfield said he supported a late bus at the middle school, cross country at the middle school, and some type of after school academic support. Mrs. Syriac noted that an after school program for academic support would be starting in January. She noted that a bus is not available physically but would be making a suggestion with the budget in January. Mr. Garofolo asked about adding a bus and he was told it would cost approximately \$50,000 to add a bus. Mr. Hatfield also said he would like to maintain the Athletic Trainer position because he feels it is an important function. Mr. Belden confirmed that anything that is in the budget currently was moved forward. Mr. Putorti said he would like to add stipends for more after school clubs. Ms. Magri said she would like to see more enrichment opportunities for our students. Possibly add additional high school classes, additional language classes, A/P classes online.

She said she felt that we are falling behind with our talented and gifted students. She also asked that we be as creative as possible to make things happen.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Minutes – Regular BOE Meeting – December 3, 2012

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2012 Board of Education meeting as presented

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

ABSTAIN: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Magri,

B. Financial Management Summary ending November 30, 2012

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to approve the Financial Management Summary ending November 30, 2012 as recommended by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent, Finance & Operations and approved by the Finance Sub-Committee

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

C. CISCO Switch Lease Payment

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the line item transfer in the amount of \$44,099.57 for the CISCO Switch Lease Payment to Key Government Finance

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

D. Close Out of Projects

1. Close Out of Seymour Middle School Project

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to accept the Seymour Middle School building (State project #124-0045) as completed and to authorize the Superintendent to certify the ED049F report as prepared and submitted by the Town of Seymour

Mrs. Harmeling asked if this was what we have been waiting for from the Board of Finance and Mr. Belden confirmed that it was

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

2. Close Out of Seymour High School Project

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Magri) to accept the Seymour High School building (State project #124-0052) as completed and to authorize the Superintendent to certify the ED049F report as prepared and submitted by the Town of Seymour

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

E. Lighting Upgrade (tabled – December 3, 2012 BOE Meeting)

MOTION: to approve the upgrade of parking lot and exterior lighting fixtures as proposed by DBS Energy Inc. and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement with DBS Energy to perform all work as necessary utilizing Option 1 in the proposal. Further, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a grant agreement with CL&P to offset the costs of the upgrade and to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a 60 month financing agreement at 0% financing with CL&P for the balance of the project.

Mr. Belden said he had spoken to Mr. Natzel and it was decided to expand this project to interior lights also and they would be looking at the twelve vendors CL&P recommends. Mr. Belden said no action was necessary at this time and would be bringing a new proposal back to the Board at a later date.

F. New Course Proposals – High School

1. The Play is the Thing

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec. Mr. Hatfield) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve a new course for the high school entitled "The Play is the Thing"

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

2. Reading Writing & Reasoning

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Ms. Magri) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve a new course for the high school entitled "Reading, Writing & Reasoning"

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

3. Math for Problem Solving

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Magri) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve a new course for the high school entitled "Math for Problem Solving"

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

4. Statistics

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Kubik) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve a new course for the high school entitled "Statistics"

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

5. **Trigonometry**

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Magri) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve a new course for the high school entitled "Trigonometry"

Mr. Hatfield asked what grades Trigonometry would be offered to and Mrs. Syriac said it would be 11th and 12th grades after they have completed Algebra 2

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

6. **Injury Care & Prevention**

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Kubik) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve a new course for the high school entitled "Injury Care & Prevention"

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

7. **Introduction to Forensics**

MOTION: (Mr. Harmeling/sec., Ms. Magri) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve a new course for the high school entitled "Introduction to Forensics"

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

8. **Spanish V Conversation and Composition**

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve a new course for the high school entitled "Spanish V Conversation and Composition"

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

G. **Curriculum Revision - High School 9th and 10th Grade English and Early American Literature**

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Kubik) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve the revised 9th and 10th grade English and Early American Literature Curriculum aligned to Common Core State Standards

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

H. Middle School Curriculum – Social Studies

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Magri) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve the Middle School Social Studies Curriculum

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

Mr. Stanek said he had challenged the high school Administration to produce a musical and said that they responded by saying the plan is to produce a musical in the spring and a drama in the fall.

I. Homeschooling Notification

Ms. Kelly DaCruz has informed the Board of Education of her intent to home school her children, Nathan and Nikol DaCruz, for the 2012-2013 school year

Motion for Consideration: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to acknowledge the receipt of Ms. Kelly DaCruz's form informing the Board of Education of her intent to home school her children, Nathan and Nikol DaCruz and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

J. Staff Hiring – Certified Staff

1. Swann, Sarah

- Health and Physical Education Teacher
- Part Time
- Seymour High School
- Step 1, Masters
- Replacing Nick Frosolone

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Magri) to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Sarah Swann as the part time Health and Physical Education Teacher at Seymour High School

Mr. Hatfield asked why it has been so long since she has been in the job since September. Mrs. Syriac explained that she has been working as a long term substitute while we have been waiting for her Praxis Scores and Mrs. Syriac has confirmed that Sarah Swann has her health and physical education certification.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

2. Brasche, Eleanor

- Language Arts Consultant
- Seymour Middle School
- Step 11, 6th Year/MA +30
- Replacing Joy Marino

MOTION: to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Eleanor Brasche as the Language Arts Consultant Seymour Middle School

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

K. Team of One

1. Barrett Hardman, New Haven Sound School

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to approve the recommendation of the Athletic Director and the Superintendent to approve the request of Barrett Hardman to participate as a member of the Seymour Basketball team for 2012-13 school year.

Mr. Stanek asked if this was a Team of One and Mrs. Syriac responded that this student is a Seymour resident and can participate according to state mandates. Mr. Stanek said he was only checking to make sure our policies coincide with what we are doing.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

2. Jacob Henry-Parks, Emmett O'Brien Technical High School

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Kubik) to approve the recommendation of the Athletic Director and the Superintendent to approve the request of Jacob Henry-Parks to participate as a team of one with the Seymour High school wrestling team for 2012-13 school year.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

L. Volunteers (Winter Coaches)

Motion for Consideration: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Stanek) to approve the recommendation of the Athletic Director and the Superintendent to appoint the following winter volunteer coaches: HS Girls Basketball - Jay Hatfield, Nicole Markey, HS Indoor Track - Gregory Murphy, Joe Poulsen, HS Boys Swimming -Missy Orosz

There was a brief discussion on what is expected of a volunteer coach and Mr. Hatfield explained what was expected of him since he is a volunteer coach for girls' basketball.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

M. Staff Hiring – Appendix E Winter Coaches

Motion for Consideration: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Kubik) to approve the recommendation of the Athletic Director and the Superintendent to hire the following winter coaches: HS Boys Basketball - Joe Carrafiello, Head Coach, Craig Prasauckas, Asst. Coach, Nick Frosolone, Freshman Coach, HS Girls Basketball - Brian Cleveland, Head Coach, Erika Natzel, Asst. Coach, Aaron Pawluk, Asst. Coach, HS Wrestling - Joe Perrucci, Head Coach, HS Indoor Track - David Willadsen, Head Coach, Brandt Schneider, Asst. Coach, John Johnson, Asst. Coach, Tom Lennon, Asst. Coach, HS Dance Team - Teresa Diaz-Hennessey, Head Coach, HS Boys Swimming: - Pat DiCaprio, Head Coach, Chris Durette, Asst. Coach, MS Girls Basketball - Paul O'Connor, MS Boys Basketball: - Michael Oberdick

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

VI. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ASTERISKED ITEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ 1. None
- ◆ *It is anticipated that the asterisked items will be discussed in Executive Session*

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty