



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2012

Seymour High School

7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Yashu Putorti, Chairman
- Jim Garofolo
- Saundra Gesek
- Kristen Harmeling (8:17 p.m.)
- Jay Hatfield
- Peter Kubik
- Jennifer Magri
- Fred Stanek
- Ed Strumello

Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools
- Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent
- Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent, Finance & Operations
- Nancy Snopkowski, Director of Special Services
- Roberta Pratt, Systemwide Technology Coordinator
- Bernadette Hamad, Principal, Seymour Middle School
- Jim Freund, Assistant Principal, Seymour High School
- Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, Seymour High School
- Michael Milia, Teacher Bungay Elementary School
- Cathy Guerra
- Roque Orts
- Dolores Conroy
- Mary Pereira
- Richard Rossik
- Andy Moyher
- Ingrid Conlan

### I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Putorti welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He introduced Ms. Mascolo to begin the Awards portion of the meeting.

## II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

### A) Awards Recognitions

Ms. Mascolo also welcomed everyone for attending and began the Awards Presentations.

1. Principal's Awards (Mr. Freund)  
Stephanie Orts-Student, Mohamed Khalil-Student, Lisa Cheney-Teacher, David Willadsen-Teacher, Shane Cather-Teacher, Richard Kearns-Director of Security
2. 2012 Distinguished Alumnus of Seymour High School (Mr. Lucke)  
Karen Spargo
3. Retiring Staff Members (Ms. Mascolo and Mr. Putorti)  
Suzanne Akelaitis, Barbara Grudzias, Jean Uhlesky, Sheree Butcaris, Cathy Goodrich, Patricia Humeniuk, Mary Ellen LoGiudice, MaryAnne Mascolo
4. 25 Years of Service (Ms. Mascolo)  
Eric DeMarco
5. John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award (Mr. Putorti)  
Jay Gesek
6. Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award (Mr. Putorti)  
Michael Milia (Elementary), Lee Angelosek (Middle School), Stephanie Shelinsky (High School)
7. Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environment Award (Mr. Putorti)  
Umma Minhaz
8. David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award (Mr. Stanek)  
Donald Smith
9. Recognition of Awards Advisory Committee (Mr. Stanek)  
Mortimer Conlon, Eugene Coppola, Terri Ferrara, Regina Fitzgerald, Suzanne Garman, Yashu Putorti, Donna Tomas, Ashley Blackwell (Student Representative), Mallory Briggs (Student Representative)
10. 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year (Ms. Mascolo)  
Mr. Michael Milia
11. Recognition of Board of Education Student Representatives (Mr. Putorti)  
Lukacz Grabowski, Rebecca Putorti
12. National Honor Society (Ms. Mascolo)  
New Members Inducted (26), Two Year Certificates (25), Three Year Pins (20), Total (71)
13. High School Honor Roll Breakfast (Ms. Mascolo)  
Grade 12 (20 students), Grade 11 (30 students), Grade 10 (24 students), Grade 9 (26 students)
14. Middle School Evening of Honors (Ms. Mascolo)  
Grade 6 (101 students), Grade 7 (102 students), Grade 8 (71 students)
15. Governor's Scholar of CT 2012 (Mr. Lucke)  
Jessica Alves - Semi Finalist
16. Harvard Book Award (Mr. Lucke)  
Diana Yu
17. Michael's Jewelers Watch Awards (Mr. Lucke)  
Michael Conlan, Krista Pereira
18. Mt. Holyoake Book Award (Mr. Lucke)  
Jeanette Zygmunt
19. Rensselaer Medal Award (Mr. Lucke)  
Angela Tacinelli

20. St. Michael's Book Awards (Mr. Lucke)  
Krista Pereira, Brian Tomlinson
21. Smith Book Award (Mr. Lucke)  
Caitlin Syrett
22. Wellesley Book Award (Mr. Lucke)  
Sarah Valenti
23. Yale Book Award  
Jessica Alves
24. CABA Student Leadership Award, Nicholas Lifrieri, (Middle School), Erika Spaulding (Middle School), Mallory Briggs, (High School), Robert Brito (High School)

BREAK (7:44 p.m.), RECONVENE: (8:05)

### III. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

1. None

#### B. Recognitions

1. Congratulations to the Seymour High School Softball team on winning the NVL Championship
2. Congratulations to Erin Lifrieri, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Bungay Elementary School, on being selected as the winner for the School Bus Safety contest and to Curtis Dion, Kiana Tan, Sarah Webb, Louis Giordano, and Alexandria DeNigris who also participated in the School Bus Safety Poster contest
3. The SMS Marching Band performed in the Seymour Memorial Day Parade on May 28th. Rebecca Floodquist and Morgan Machowski, (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) read their winning essays at the parade. Mrs. Hamad noted their essays were very thoughtful.
4. Congratulations to the following 2012 Author Celebration winners on their exceptional literacy work: Grade 5: - Sami Kowal, Reilly Bronson, Andrew Bernhardt, Sophia A. Fioretti, Daniel Bouzolin, Grade 4 - Ryan Falcha, Taylor Nelson, Lexi Robinson, Abby Solomon, Grade 3 - Jocelyn Fedorka, Sarah Masotta, Alyssa Moher, Kayla Pollman, Madeline Dunham, Grade 2 - Gianna Routhier, Sarah Webb, Kevin Engstrom, Camryn Sudimick, Grade 1 - Madison Jarvis, Justin Zwolinski, Duncan Plude, Abbey Bruder, Kindergarten - Alexandria DeNigris, Emily Masotta, Jillian Keogh, Rebecca Miller
5. Mr. Strumello recognized the following past students: Caitlin Eastwood, (Salve Regina) National College Athletic Honor Society BS, Jessica Meyer (Salve Regina) National College Athletic Honor Society BS, Leah Smith (Quinnipiac) National Biological Honor Society, Stephanie Thorpe (Quinnipiac) International Nursing Honor Society, Jakob Lavranчук (Quinnipiac) International Business Honor Society, Joseph Kassay (UVM), National History Honor Society, and Alyssa Downs (SCSU) honorable mention for the Daktronics All-American, All-Region by Daktronics, and National Fastpitch Coaches Association, All-Northeast Conference First Team. He was especially moved by the congratulatory message: "Congratulations to Alyssa, her parents, and those remarkably successful coaches and teachers at Seymour"
6. Mr. Hatfield recognized the Seymour Middle School Cheerleaders who participated in the Seymour Remembers Memorial Day Parade

**B. Recognitions (continued)**

7. Mr. Hatfield recognized former Seymour students and current Sacred Heart University students John Murphy and Dan Perez as they play in their second Baseball NCAA tournament

**C. Minutes**

1. **Regular BOE Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2012**

**1112-060401 MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield)** to accept the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting of May 21, 2012 as presented

**SO VOTED**

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

**D. Correspondence**

1. None

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Richard Rossik, 35 Robert Avenue: At a previous board meeting, under an FOI request, Mr. Rossik asked for certificates for the special education teachers who teach his daughter. Ms. Mascolo responded to his FOI Request with a list of the teachers he referenced and the certificate that is held by them. Mr. Rossik indicated that is not what he asked for, that he wanted the actual certificates from the state.

**IV. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

**A. INFORMATION**

1. **E-RATE Online**

Information from E-RATE Online was distributed to the board members.

2. **Student Representative Report**

Reba Putorti reported on the high school activities.

a. **HIGH SCHOOL**

- National Honor Society Ceremony – was student run and was very nice
- Awards Ceremony – A total of \$58,000.00 in awards was given to the students
- Senior Picnic – Holiday Hill
- Culinary Arts Challenge – Was very successful and a lot of fun. Students received aprons at the end of the challenge
- Senior Banquet – Aqua Turf
- Athletics update

b. **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- Hot Tamales Mexican Grill Parent Council Fundraiser- May 30, 2012 (between 4:00 and 10:00 p.m.)
- Book Fair - May 29 –June 1
- 8th Graders to tour Seymour High School - June 1, 2012
- Squid Dissection Grade 6 - June 4, 2012
- Grade 8 Dance - June 8, 2012
- Chris Clark - June 11, 2012
- Colonial Tavern - June 14, 2012

- b. MIDDLE SCHOOL (continued)
  - Field Day Grades 6 and 7 - June 14, 2012
  - Promotion/Last day of School: June 19, 2012
- c. BUNGAY SCHOOL
  - Hawaiian Day – Donations to Cancer Walk - June 1, 2012
  - Volunteer Social Hour - June 1, 2012
  - Rosa’s Readers Celebration - June 2, 2012
  - Presidential Luncheon - June 4, 2012
  - Kindergarten Field Trip to Wells Hollow - June 4, 2012
  - Careers on Wheels - June 6, 2012
  - PTA Induction Dinner - June 7, 2012
  - Spring Concert, SMS - June 6, 2012
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Day - June 8, 2012
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to State Capitol - June 11, 2012
  - One School, One Read Author Visit - June 12, 2012
  - High School Mentor Ice Cream Social - June 12, 2012
  - Marine Science Day - June 13, 2012
  - Kindergarten Class Day - June 14, 2012
  - 2012 Author Celebration - June 18, 2012
  - The Bess Choice for Kindergarten - June 18, 2012
  - Cool Cat Jazz for entire school - June 19, 2012
- d. CHATFIELD and LoPRESTI SCHOOLS
  - LS Grade 5 Class Day - June 15, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
  - CS Grade 5 Class Day - June 18 at 10:00 a.m.
  - Grade 1 and 2 students present BUGZ, a musical – LS, June 6, 2012, 2:00 p.m., CS, June 7, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

**2. Staff Retirement – Non Certified**

- a. Akelaitis, Suzanne
  - Instructional Paraprofessional
  - Seymour High School
  - Effective June 20, 2012

**B. REPORTS**

**1. Revised Minutes**

- a. Regular BOE Minutes – May 21, 2012

**2. Committee Reports**

- a. Policy Committee – May 22, 2012

3. **Chairman's Report**

Mr. Putorti spoke about the Culinary Challenge saying it was fun to watch and the food was excellent. He hopes this will continue and eventually have Seymour High School participate in the NVCC challenge. He was pleased to announce that the Board of Selectmen have decided to name the high school driveway "Wildcat Way" and paw prints will be placed on the driveway before graduation. He briefly touched on the education budget and noted that the board had been advised that the number would stay the same for the next referendum.

Mr. Hatfield thanked the high school for the honor roll breakfast and noted that \$58, 000 in awards was very impressive. He also indicated that he felt we need to do something about the paper used and the delivery process for the BOE agenda.

4. **Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Mascolo responded to Mr. Rossik's public comment saying the state sends the Board of Education a list of the certifications and an actual certificate is not available to copy for him.

V. **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*

VI. **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

A. **Policy #5131.911 – Bullying Prevention and Intervention**

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:** to accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee to approve Policy #5131.911 – Bullying Prevention and Intervention

Mr. Strumello asked about the Permission Form and what would happen if a parent said no, what would be the impact on the investigation? Ms. Harmeling explained that the permission form is for the parent of the child who is allegedly being bullied and it would be the decision of those parents to give permission.

**1112-060402 MOTION:** (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Ms. Magri) to accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee to approve Policy #5131.911 and regulation #5131.911 (a-d) Bullying Prevention and Intervention

**SO VOTED**

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

B. **Regulation #6154(a) – Homework**

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:** to accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee to approve Regulation #6154(a) – Homework

Mr. Garofolo made several grammatical corrections to the policy. Mr. Strumello congratulated the Policy Committee on removing the time limits on homework in this policy. Mr. Stanek said he would prefer to see the proposed corrections before making a motion on this policy.

**1112-060403 MOTION:** (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Stanek) to table the motion to accept the recommendation of the policy committee to approve regulation #6154(a) – Homework to the June 18, 2012 BOE meeting

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

**OPPOSED:** Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Strumello

The motion passed.

**C. Regulation #2000.1(a-d) – Board/Superintendent Relations**

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:** to accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee to approve Regulation #2000.1(a-d) - Board/Superintendent Relations

Mr. Garofolo made some grammatical corrections to the policy. Mr. Hatfield questioned why the board was being asked to approve regulations (a-d) when only d had been looked at. Ms. Harmeling questioned why Mr. Hatfield was questioning the policy when he sits on the Policy Committee. Mr. Hatfield explained he was directed by the superintendent to only look at regulation (d) while at the Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Garofolo made a motion to move to question.

Mr. Stanek again indicated that he felt the motion should be tabled until the corrections were made.

Mr. Strumello said he thought that if an item was tabled it should be tabled to a certain date and asked Mr. Stanek to confirm; who indicated it would be best to have a date in the motion.

**1112-060404 MOTION:** (Ms. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Stanek) to table the motion to accept the recommendation of the policy committee to approve regulation #2000(a-d) – Board/Superintendent Relations to the first meeting of July

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

**OPPOSED:** Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri

The motion passed.

Ms. Mascolo suggested that we do the policy at the June 18, 2012 meeting since she was meeting with Mr. Dorsey before then and these policies could be completed. Mr. Putorti said that because the motion indicated it would be with the first meeting in July and was already accepted, we should do it then.

**D. Education Budget**

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:** discussion and possible action on the 2012-13 Education Budget based on referendum results

Mr. Putorti opened the discussion by indicating that the Board of Finance had voted to send the budget to referendum with the same increase, \$753,000. He said he felt we should look at our budget and see if we might be able to make more cuts. Mrs. Syriac distributed the latest budget roadmap and explained the changes that were being considered. Mr. Putorti questioned the need to go any further since this roadmap matches the \$753,000 increase and asked board members for their input.

Mr. Kubik asked about the Projected Utility Cost savings and Mr. Belden indicated that this was a conservative estimate. The decrease in electricity is factored into this number based on the past six months of data/trends and he is comfortable with the amount.

Ms. Gesek asked if we could keep one World Language teacher at the middle school. Ms. Syriac explained that based on the needs of the schedules we would have to have two World Language teachers.

Mr. Syriac indicated that we would not be hiring a STEM teacher, the two World Language teachers at the middle school and the Behaviorist. In addition, several maintenance projects will be put off including the work to the high school pool.

Ms. Harmeling said she would like to see a list of the changes for the public and questioned whether we should make changes to the proposed roadmap. Mr. Putorti said he felt the administration had done the work since the bottom line matches the Board of Finance increase amount of \$753,000.00. Ms. Harmeling said she felt strongly that the two World Language teachers were needed at the middle school. She also questioned if we could make changes to the Library/Media Specialist class load and if we could make World Language work by crossing over teams. Mrs. Hamad explained that this would not work because of the scheduling and said that they really tried to make it work.

Mr. Hatfield said he was very concerned about the Common Core State Standards and how we will be able to get our teachers up to speed. Mrs. Syriac said the plan was to use professional development money for some and will ask our teachers to volunteer their time whenever possible. Ms. Mascolo said that based on the money spent at other districts in the area, we are negligent in supporting our teachers with professional development.

Mr. Garofolo objected to Ms. Mascolo's use of the word "negligent" and said he felt we were not negligent in fulfilling our obligations. We were doing our best working under constraints but would continue to provide professional development under those constraints.

Mr. Hatfield said we need to create more opportunities in the classrooms. Where can we move around funds to make the World Language teachers available? He asked Ms. Harmeling for suggestions. Ms. Harmeling asked if the Library/Media Specialist could be split over the two elementary schools. Mrs. Syriac said the Library/Media Specialists are teaching so the union would require limited class sizes. Mrs. Syriac said that teacher prep periods require five specials to cover them and those teachers are teaching six to seven periods a day. Mrs. Harmeling asked about consolidating gym periods. Mrs. Syriac voiced her concern regarding class size. Mr. Stanek said he shares Ms. Harmeling's frustration but the suggestions just don't work due to contractual obligations.

Ms. Harmeling also asked about the effect of instituting a Pay to Participate program and eliminating Middle School sports. Mr. Belden said Middle School sports cost approximately \$31,000 and freshman sports at the high school cost approximately \$15,000. Sports overall cost about \$367,000; he felt a Pay to Participate program would not cover all the costs and we would have to create a system to for the accounting of the funds. Ms. Harmeling asked if we could look at our fundraising and make the distribution of those funds more equitable and possibly pay for some of the athletic expenses.

Mr. Hatfield asked if we had looked into consolidating with the town. Consolidating some functions such as IT, Facilities, Grounds Maintenance, and Human Resources has been looked at but do not have any cost savings estimates. When asked if there was a timetable, Mr. Miller indicated that they were hoping to start in July but there would be a need for union negotiations. Ms. Harmeling asked if it meant changes to the charter and Mr. Miller said it did not.

Mr. Hatfield asked if there were any cuts we could make to Administration or if anyone had any ideas where we might be able to cut. Mrs. Syriac again said they were prepared not to go ahead with initiatives and were not prepared to make further cuts at this time. Mr. Hatfield again said he felt we needed to reorganize and make changes in order to move forward. Ms. Mascolo said there have already been cuts totaling \$700,000 to which Mr. Hatfield responded that he sympathized with that but felt we need to do something drastic.

Mr. Putorti said he felt the vote was moving in the right direction and Ms. Gesek again said she felt the World Language positions as well as the STEM teacher were important so we need to make changes. She asked if we had considered funding something with another town. What about the behaviorist? Ms. Snopkowski said the behaviorist is contracted through ACES so she is already shared with other towns.

Ms. Harmeling questioned whether anyone, possibly those in Security or Facilities, might be willing to work part time. Mr. Belden said this would cause many things to go un-done. Ms. Magri asked Mrs. Syriac to explain the College Intern program. Is this something that we have to do? What is the impact if we do not participate in the intern program? Ms. Syriac explained that our interns are often used as substitutes and our substitute pay would increase if they were not available to us. In addition, she said we have the opportunity to train them in our system which makes them invaluable to us and sometimes when there is an opening we have hired them. Ms. Magri also asked if there was anything we could do to reduce the Postage/Communications cost. What about report cards; do they really need to be mailed? Mr. Belden reminded her that the cost would shift to cover the changes. Mr. Belden also told the board that over the years we have done our best to cut costs and do what we can with the resources we are given. We look at every opportunity to save.

Mr. Putorti asked if there were any cuts we could make in Technology. Mr. Kubik objected saying we always make cuts in Technology and that is a disservice to our kids. We need to look at other areas. Ms. Harmeling said she felt Technology is important and she was not willing to compromise. Ms. Mascolo reminded everyone that layoffs will incur unemployment costs.

Ms. Gesek asked what funds we had left over. Mr. Belden indicated that there are no funds left over, that at the end of the year those funds were spent on budgeted Technology items.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Stanek) to accept the working draft as present with the \$753,000 increase for the next referendum.

Mr. Putorti said he felt uncomfortable making a motion just in case we need to make changes. Ms. Harmeling agreed but again said she felt that we needed to release the information to the public and include an illustration of what has already been lost. Mr. Putorti said he has no problem getting this out to the public but needed it to indicate that our work is not done. Mr. Hatfield again said we needed to do something, we need to find money and this year is more of a challenge because of the Common Core Standards. Ms. Mascolo said we have tried; we need to save for the classroom. Ms. Harmeling asked if we could trade off Middle School sports for the Common Core Standards

Mr. Garofolo made a motion to withdraw his previous motion and which was seconded by Mr. Stanek.

Ms. Harmeling asked if we could look at the elimination of middle school sports and instead develop an intramural program with approximately three stipend positions. Mr. Stanek reminded her that we tried to eliminate middle school sports in the past and we were inundated with parent complaints. Doing this now would probably sabotage a positive vote.

Ms. Magri asked if any of the teachers who currently receive a stipend would be willing to volunteer instead. Mr. Garofolo said he felt that this would cause a grievance and Ms. Mascolo spoke about a previous arbitration that was similar. Ms. Magri said she felt one of our problems was that the public did not understand our contractual obligations. Mr. Putorti said he felt the union would not allow teachers to volunteer even if there were teachers willing to do so. Mrs. Syriac said she felt these teachers work hard and do time consuming work for these stipends and deserve to be paid.

Mr. Stanek said we have two choices; make more cuts or accept what the administration has proposed. Mr. Putorti said he felt it was critical that the public know we are not done and there may be changes. Mr. Garofolo expressed his concern that if we release the roadmap as is, the public will expect us to follow through with the changes; they will come back asking "where are the cuts?" Mr. Hatfield said he felt we should do what the public wants as far as cuts. Ms. Harmeling said she felt we could not make cuts without a firm number of how much to cut. She felt a decision could not be made tonight. Mr. Putorti said we might make changes but the bottom line will not change. The cuts may be moved around to achieve more teaching positions.

Ms. Harmeling said we publicized the information last year and the referendum passed. Mrs. Syriac was asked if we have had any personnel layoffs and she said we have not; we are not replacing those positions that are open.

Mr. Garofolo suggested we survey the board on exactly what they would like to change.

Ms. Harmeling: Find \$35,000 to put in to the Common Core Standards and research the implications of Pay to Participate

Ms. Magri: Agree with Ms. Harmeling and research ways to reduce Postage and Communication Costs

Mr. Kubik: Find the necessary \$218,000 to fund the two World Language positions and the Common Core Standards

Mr. Strumello: Agree with Common Core and fund the World Language positions  
 Mr. Putorti: Common Core State Standards  
 Mr. Hatfield: Common Core State Standards, STEM teacher, World Language positions, consolidate an administrator's position  
 Ms. Gesek: World Language positions, STEM Teacher, Common Core Standards, administrator also  
 Mr. Garofolo: No additional cuts  
 Mr. Stanek: No additional cuts

Mr. Putorti summarized that the proposed roadmap meets the \$753,000 increase approved by the Board of Finance, should we use or wait for further cuts? Present this as it is? He felt a special Board of Education meeting before the referendum would not be possible due to time constraints. We need to tell the public that we are not finished.

Ms. Magi suggested we marry the first roadmap to the 2<sup>nd</sup> roadmap and show the loss of World Language and STEM teachers with instructions to the Superintendent to try to reinstate these positions.

Ms. Mascolo said we are currently talking about new positions, no one is hurt. Maybe we can find \$218,000 but people will be hurt. We feel we can wait another year.

Mr. Stanek suggested we state that this is the consensus of the board and there could be changes.

Mr. Harmeling said she had committed to the Board of Finance that she would bring up how we might be able to increase voting participation. The Board of Finance has been very supportive and feels we should discuss this. Ms. Harmeling proposed a mailer to parents, a document that could go home. It would have to be information only, we cannot say vote yes. Must be delivered by Monday, this would be a daunting task. What about board members going door-to-door? If the Superintendent's office is involved it cannot say vote yes. Board members, as politicians, can say vote yes but not the Superintendent's office; no resources can be used. How about placing signs that say "Vote Yes"? Mr. Miller said he felt a mailer would alienate voters. But the Board of Education can set up a table at the polling place to hand out information. Mr. Miller cautioned the board about proposing a yes or no vote, it would be best to be informational. It was also suggested that a note from the BOE Chairperson go out on Edline, have a board member do a Connect Ed message or have Kurt Miller do a Code Red. It was also suggested we do a guest interview with the Valley Independent Sentinel like MaryAnne has done in the past but it should be a board member this time.

**VII. ADJOURMENT**

**1112-060404 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, Mr. Strumello

Submitted by:  
 Lee-Ann Dauerty  
 Board Clerk