



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2011

Seymour Middle School

7:30 p.m. (or end of the organizational meeting)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yashu Putorti, Chairman
James Garofolo
Saundra Gesek
Jay Hatfield
Peter Kubik
Jennifer Magri
Frederick Stanek
Edward Strumello

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kristen Harmeling

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Rebecca Putorti
Luke Grabowski

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent
Richard Belden, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Oper.
Nancy Snopkowski, Suzanne Garman, Mary Sue Feige,
Mary Pereira, George Roman, Debora Orts, Polly Putorti

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Putorti, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 8:00 p.m.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 21st Century Learning

1. NONE

B. Recognitions

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Stephen Machnicz on his excellent performance on the 2011 CAPT tests.
2. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Krista Pereira on her excellent performance on the 2011 CAPT tests.
3. Congratulations went to Basilla Stevens and the Seymour Middle School Gold Team on their very successful Turkey Drive. They collected 148 turkeys, numerous canned food items and \$193.00 in cash and gift cards.
4. Congratulations to the staff and students of Seymour High School. They collected stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, canned yams, other vegetables and dessert items to assemble into meal packs to combine with the turkeys the middle school collected. Both schools were able to feed the less fortunate citizens of our town.
5. Ms Mascolo congratulated the winners of the Seymour Lions Club Peace Poster Contest: Umma Minhaz – Overall, Jacob Zehall – 1, Destiny Glazier – 2 and Riley Johnson – 3. Their art work is on display in Seymour Middle School.
6. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Stefanie Slie, Katie Riordan, Sue Dowdell, Ernie DiStasi and Mary Sue Feige from Bungay School. They were honored by the Connecticut Association of School on November 21st for their successful pilot program called “The Motivating Summer Reading Program.”

7. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Sarah Meek and the Seymour Middle School Marching Band for placing first in the Seymour Christmas Parade on November 26th.
8. Mr. Hatfield recognized the 8th Grade choir and Mr. Dobas for their contribution to the Swearing-In Ceremony. Thank you for coming.

C. Correspondence

1. NONE

III PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Koskolowski welcomed and thanked the Board of Education Members. He wanted to recognize Meghan Koskolowski who had recently been awarded the Eisenhower People to People award. During the summer months Meghan will be traveling to Italy, Paris and Greece.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes –

1. Regular BOE meeting – November 9, 2011
2. Regular BOE meeting – November 21, 2011

10-3567 MOTION: (Mr. Kubik, sec., Mr. Strumello) to approve the consent agenda without item A2.

SO VOTED

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

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Regular BOE Meeting – November 21, 2011

10-3568 MOTION: (Mr. Kubik, sec., Ms. Gesek) to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011 with the following correction. Mr. Hatfield's address is 25 Patton Avenue.

SO VOTED

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

VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

INFORMATION

A. Student Representatives:

1. Rebecca Putorti told Board Members that the Link Crew Leaders gave a tour of Seymour High School to the incoming 9th grade students and their parents. There were also tables set up in the cafeteria letting them know of the various sports and activities that the students can participate in at Seymour High School.

Luke Grabowski told Board Members of the Color Wars and the Pep Rally. The freshmen who were Blue won the color wars. The Pep Rally was broken into two sessions. The juniors and seniors went to one half and the sophomores and freshmen went the other half.

The Girls' Basketball team will play this Wednesday at home and the Boys' Basketball will play December 14th at Derby High School. The Track and Swim meets are underway and are usually on Fridays and Saturdays. The FBLA annual toy drive has begun.

Rebecca Putorti told Board Members that the Student Council Mitten Tree is in place. If you donate mittens you will get a candy gram for free. They usually cost \$5.00.

2. Seymour High School Athletics Season Report
Mr. Rostowsky provided an athletics report for Board Members review. Mr. Strumello asked that when they prepare the budget they compare the number of assistants to the number of participants.
3. Teacher of the Year Ceremony – November 17, 2011
Ms. Mascolo passed around the program from the Teacher of the Year Ceremony. Harvey Catlin, the Teacher of the Year, was honored at this ceremony at the Bushnell in Hartford.
4. ED 050 Report
This report was put in the agenda for Board Members review.
5. OCR Compliance Review
This report was put in the agenda for Board Members review.
Mr. Stanek felt that the findings in the report were overwhelming. Mr. Putorti said they would need to put this report forward to the Board of Selectmen to get a sub-committee going.
6. Facilities Update – Summer Project List
This report was put in the agenda for Board Members review.

B. REPORTS

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Awards Committee Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2011
Mr. Strumello noted that he did attend this meeting though his name was left off the attendance. Mr. Strumello said that the committee looked at all the awards. The Tina Kobasa Award needs to have more information for the committee members to make a more informed selection.
 - b. Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2011
No comments
 - c. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2011
Mr. Kubik said the monthly business report was approved.
2. Chairman's Report
Mr. Kubik asked if there was any more thought in having an electronic board pack. Ms. Mascolo said she would get the figures as to the cost of doing a paper board pack and an electronic board pack.

Mr. Garofolo asked if it was possible to have Board Members have an e-mail address under the Seymour Schools website. Mrs. Syriac said she is looking into the legal ramifications. Mr. Garofolo said he thought it would make it easier for the public to find and send them e-mails without calling the Central Office. Ms. Mascolo reminded them that their e-mails need to be written as if they were going on the front page of the newspaper.

Mr. Strumello and Mr. Putorti went with Ms. Mascolo and Mrs. Syriac to the CABA conference. They will share what they learned at a later date.

Mr. Stanek asked about the propane gas incident at the High School. Ms. Mascolo said she will be sending a report to the Board.

3. Superintendent's Report
Ms. Mascolo would like to set up a budget workshop with Board Members. The date scheduled is January 25th at 7:00p.m. in Central Office.

Ms. Mascolo said that Mr. Baker was the representative to ACES and she is looking for a replacement. The meetings are held during the day. Ms. Mascolo said she will get more details about the meetings for Board Members.

Ms. Mascolo said she was meeting with the Guidance Counselors and would have a presentation ready for Board Members in the near future.

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. NONE

VIII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

A. One Man Team

10-3569 MOTION: (Mr. Strumello, sec., Mr. Kubik) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Emmett O'Brien Technical High School student Evan Lavoie to participate with Seymour High School as a one man team in wrestling for the 2001-12 season.

SO VOTED

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

B. Safe School Climate Plan

10-3570 MOTION: (Ms. Gesek, sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Safe School Climate Plan as submitted.

SO VOTED

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

C. 2012-13 Board of Education meeting Schedule

10-3571 MOTION (Mr. Strumello, sec., Mr. Kubik) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2012-13 Board of Education meeting schedule as submitted.

SO VOTED

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello

The Board then voted on motion 10-3571 as follows: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2012-13 Board of Education meeting schedule with the 12/17/12 meeting at Chatfield School and the 3/18/13 meeting at Bungay School.

SO VOTED

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

D. 2012-13 School Calendar

10-3573 MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2012-13 school calendar as submitted.

SO VOTED

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

E. ACES Representative

10-3574 MOTION: (Mr. Strumello, sec., Ms. Magri) to table discussion and possible action on the appointment of a Board of Education ACES Representative to the December 19th meeting.

SO VOTED

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

10-3575 MOTION (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mr. Hatfield) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie