



SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2011
Seymour Middle School
7:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Garofolo
Saundra Gesek
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Peter Kubik 7:35
Jennifer Magri
Yashu Putorti
Frederick Stanek
Edward Strumello

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Rebecca Putorti
Luke Grabowski

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

II. ELECTIONS

A. Ms. Mascolo asked for a nomination for a temporary chairman.

Mr. Garofolo nominated Mr. Putorti and Mrs. Harmeling nominated Mr. Strumello.

There was a question as to whether having Mrs. Harmeling participating in the meeting via phone conference. Attorney Dorsey said that it was legal and there was nothing against having a member of the Board participate by telephone.

Ms. Mascolo asked for a show of hands for Mr. Putorti as temporary Chairman of the Board of Education there were no hands. Next, Ms. Mascolo asked for a show of hands for Mr. Strumello as temporary Chairman the following people voted in favor of Mr. Strumello as temporary Chairman – Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello, and Mrs. Harmeling – by voice.

B. Mr. Strumello asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Education

Mrs. Harmeling nominated Mr. Strumello; it was seconded by Ms. Magri

Mr. Hatfield nominated Mr. Putorti; it was seconded by Mr. Garofolo

1 MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield, sec., Mr. Garofolo) to vote by paper ballot.

SO VOTED

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

OPPOSED: Mrs. Harmeling

The vote for Chairman of the Board of Education was done by written ballot and Ms. Mascolo read the following votes

Mr. Putorti as Chairman – Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Putorti
Mr. Strumello as Chairman – Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Strumello

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

Mr. Garofolo nominated Mr. Stanek

Mrs. Harmeling nominated Mr. Strumello. Mr. Strumello declined

One vote was needed for the nomination of Mr. Stanek as Vice Chairman of the Board of Education.
Mr. Putorti voted for Mr. Stanek.

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

Mr. Stanek nominated Mr. Strumello. Mr. Strumello declined

Mr. Stanek nominated Ms. Gesek

Mrs. Harmeling nominated Ms. Magri

Mr. Garofolo nominated Mr. Hatfield

This vote was by paper ballot and Ms. Mascolo read the following votes

Ms. Gesek Mr. Stanek

Ms. Magri Ms. Magri, Mrs. Harmeling, Mr. Strumello, Mr. Kubik

Mr. Hatfield Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Putorti

Another paper ballot was taken and Ms. Mascolo read the following votes

Ms. Magri Mrs. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Kubik

Mr. Hatfield Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Putorti

III. COMMITTEES – APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Putorti asked Board Members to send him 3 sub-committees they would like to serve on. He also said he would like to not have a curriculum committee but have all Board Members serve as the curriculum committee.

2 MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mr. Hatfield) to put on the next agenda to discuss Mr. Putorti's request to have the full board serve as the curriculum committee and the list of standing committees.

SO VOTED

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

3 MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield, sec., Mr. Garofolo) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie