

Seymour Board of Education



MEETING MINUTES

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING:
Seymour High School

November 9, 2011
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Strumello, Chairman
Bruce Baker
Judith Flood
James Garofolo – arrived 7:55 p.m.
Peter Kubik
Jeanne Loda
Yashu Putorti
Fred Stanek
James Ward – arrived 9:34
Reba Putorti, Student Representative
Luckaz Grabowski, Student Representative
Patricia Gillis, BOE Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Oper.
Nancy Snopkowski, Director of Special Education
Cathy Goodrich, Principal, Seymour High School
Jim Freund, Asst. Principal, Seymour High School
Paul Lucke, Asst. Principal, Seymour High School
David Willadsen, Teacher, Seymour High School
Melissa Anelli, Teacher, Seymour High School
Sara Morgatto, Teacher, Seymour High School
Jamie Yakushewich, Seymour High School
Saundra J. Gesek, Board of Selectman, Seymour
Jay Hatfield, Seymour Board of Finance
Jennifer Magri, Seymour Public School Parent
Nicole Klarides Ditria
Jean Falbo-Sosnovich, New Haven Register

I) CALL TO ORDER

- A. Ed Strumello, Chairman, called the meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 P.M.

Introductions were made by Chairman Strumello and Ms. Mascolo.

II) BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **21st Century Learning**
NONE

B. Recognitions

1. Presentation of High School Diploma to Mr. Edward Williams
Chairman Strumello recognized Mr. Edward Williams, a WW II Navy veteran, for his years of service to the country and presented him with a Seymour High School diploma.
2. Chairman Strumello congratulated meeting attendees Saundra Gesek, Jen Magri, and Jay Hatfield on their recent elections to the Seymour BOE.

II) BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

B. Recognitions (continued)

3. Ms. Mascolo recognized the following Seymour Public Schools administration, teachers, staff and students who volunteered at the Seymour Middle School shelter during the power outage:
 - Allison Acquavella
 - Monica Briggs
 - Joe Carrafiello
 - Mary Sue Feige
 - Bernadette Hamad
 - Mary Lavoie
 - MaryAnne Mascolo
 - Michael Oberdick
 - Louellen Pagliaro
 - Leslie Sojka
 - Nancy Snopkowski
 - Christine Syriac
 - Allissa Cervellino
 - Amanda Harkins
 - Erica Spaulding
4. Mrs. Loda recognized and thanked Jen Magri for all her help at the SMS shelter during the power outage.
5. Reba Putorti, Student Council Representative, reported she and Stephanie Orts made all Brass Team in Girls Soccer.

C. Correspondence

1. Letter to MaryAnne Mascolo from Eugene Driscoll, Editor-Valley Independent Sentinel, dated October 28, 2011 expressing appreciation for allowing them to co-host the October 27th debate among the candidates for Seymour First Selectman

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10-3541: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. regarding Ms. Mascolo's performance in handling a series of anonymous letters and invited Ms. Mascolo into Executive Session
SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

Mr. Garofolo arrived at 7:55 p.m.

The BOE entered back into Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jen Magri thanked the community for putting their faith in her by electing her to the BOE, and she looks forward to working to help move the school system forward in a positive direction.

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular BOE Meeting – October 17, 2011
2. Special BOE Meeting – October 24, 2011

IV) CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

B. Staff Hiring – Non Certified

1. Zorena, Joan
 - Clerical Paraprofessional
 - Bungay Elementary School
 - Replacing Lisa Teixeira
 - Effective September 25, 2011

C. Staff Hiring - Volunteers

1. Mihaly, Zach
 - Assistant Football Coach
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective October 18, 2011

D. Nutrition Services –

1. July – September, 2011

10-3542: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Putorti) to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garafolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

VI) INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. INFORMATION

1. Student Representatives

- a. Candidates Debate, October 27, 2011 – hosted by Student Council
- b. Powder Puff Football Game – November 21, 2011
- c. Report on Homecoming Week Activities

2. School Improvement Plan – Seymour High School

Cathy Goodrich, Paul Lucke and Jim Freund gave an in-depth slide show presentation of the Seymour High School Improvement Plan and answered BOE members questions.

3. Classroom Visitation 2011-12

- Bungay School – 144 parents
- Chatfield – 158 parents
- LoPresti – 132
- SMS – 94 parents
- SHS – 5 parents

4. CIAC Fall Tournaments – Revised Schedule

B. REPORTS

1. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee Minutes – October 17, 2011
- b. Transportation Committee Minutes – October 18, 2011
- c. Awards Committee Agenda – November 15, 2011

2. Chairman's Report

a. Board Members' Comments

10-3543: MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec. Mr. Garofolo) to add to the agenda the conferring and presentation of a Seymour High School diploma to Mr. Edward Williams, a Seymour resident, who is a WW II Navy veteran.

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

Chairman Strumello noted we should be thankful to Mr. Williams for standing up for us.

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

C. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Mascolo distributed her report to BOE members which detailed her meetings, activities and ebasts of the previous two weeks, as well as upcoming meetings and activities. She recognized Heather Brown (Seymour High School) for selling Veteran's Day tee shirts to raise money for charities within the community.

VII) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Out of State Field Trip

10-3544: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Putorti) to approve the request of Nathaniel Dobas to take the 8th Grade Choir to an out of state field trip to New York City, NY on December 3, 2011 and December 10, 2011

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

B. Out of State Field Trip

10-3545: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Baker) to approve the request of Heather Brown, John McCasland, and Chris Pagliaro to take the 9th Grade Civilizations & Change classes to an out of state field trip to the Boston Museum of Science in Boston, MA on January 31, 2012

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

C. Winter Season Coaches

10-3546: (Mr. Putorti, sec. Mrs. Loda) move to rehire the following coaches for the Seymour High School Winter Season that starts on November 21, 2011 for Girls Basketball and November 28, 2011 for all other sports

Joseph Carrafiello	Head Coach	Boys Basketball
Craig Prasauckas	Assistant Coach	Boys Basketball
Nick Frosolone	Assistant Coach	Boys Basketball, Freshman
Brian Cleveland	Head Coach	Girls Basketball
Erika Natzel	Assistant Coach	Girls Basketball
Aaron Pawluk	Assistant Coach	Girls Basketball
Joe Perrucci	Head Coach	Wrestling
David Willadsen	Head Coach	Indoor Track
Brandt Schneider	Assistant Coach	Indoor Track
John Johnson	Assistant Coach	Indoor Track
Tom Lennon	Assistant Coach	Indoor Track
Pat DiCaprio	Head Coach	Boys Swimming
Missy Orosz	Volunteer	Boys Swimming
Jay Hatfield	Volunteer	Girls Basketball - TABLED

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

Mr. Ward arrived at 9:34 p.m.

D. Burden of Proof for Special Education Litigation

10-3547: MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec. Mr. Baker) to approve resolution requesting relief from the burden of proof for special education litigation

Chairman Strumello asked for a copy of the resolution ASAP.

10-3548: MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo, sec. Mr. Baker) to table the previous motion.

Mr. Belden attending a meeting in Hartford regarding this and explained the deadline is this month.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Garofolo withdrew his motion and Mr. Baker withdrew his second.

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

ABSTAINED: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Ward

10-3549: MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec. Mrs. Loda) to add to the agenda Mr. Willadsen's request to discuss and take action upon the CLOSE UP Washington, D.C. field trip.

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

Mr. Willadsen handed out packets for the BOE's review, gave a presentation of the trip, and answered all BOE members' questions.

E. Out of State Field Trip Request – CLOSE UP, Washington, D.C.

10-3550: MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec. Mr. Garofolo) to approve Mr. Willadsen's request to participate in the CLOSE UP Foundation trip to Washington, D.C. from March 18-23, 2012.

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

VIII) ADJOURNMENT

10-3551: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Baker) to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

SO VOTED:

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Ward

Submitted,

Patricia Gillis, Clerk