



MEETING MINUTES

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING:
Seymour Middle School

October 17, 2011
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Strumello, Chairman
Bruce Baker
Judith Flood
James Garofolo
Peter Kubik
Jeanne Loda
Yashu Putorti
Fred Stanek – arrived at 8:21 p.m.
James Ward- arrived at 7:48 p.m.
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
Roberta Pratt, System-wide Technology Coord., SPS
Jim Freund, Asst. Principal, Seymour High School
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, Bungay School
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, Bungay School
Paul Roy, First Selectman, Town of Seymour
Saundra J. Gesek, Board of Selectman, Seymour
Kristen Harmeling, Seymour Board of Finance
Jay Hatfield, Seymour Board of Finance
Meagan Krushinski, SEA President & SMS Teacher
Jennifer Magri, Seymour Public School Parent
Richard F. Grudzian
Jean Falbo-Sosnovich, New Haven Register

I) CALL TO ORDER

A. Ed Strumello, Chairman, called the meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 P.M.

Introductions were made by Chairman Strumello and Ms. Mascolo.

II) BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. **21st Century Learning**
NONE

B. Recognitions

1. Congratulations to **Stephen Machnicz** and **Krista Pereira**, Class of 2013, who have been named CAPT Scholars (earned all 5's on the CAPT in 2011)
2. Congratulations to **Alexandra Rice**, Class of 2012, who has been recognized by the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program as a Commended Student
3. Congratulations to **Christopher Angelone**, **Brian Donofrio**, **Zachary Felchner**, **Adam Piechocki**, and **Dustin Zrelak**, Class of 2011, who have been named as AP Scholars (scored 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams)

II) BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS(continued)

B. Recognitions (continued)

4. Congratulations to **Bhupinder Singh**, Class of 2011, who has been named as an AP Scholar with Honors (received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams)
5. Congratulations to **Lauren Almonte, Maggie Crocamo, and Divya Shiba**, Class of 2011, who Were named AP Scholars with Distinction (received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams)
6. Best of luck to the students who will be performing in the IPAD Orchestra Experience with the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra on May 12, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the NVCC Fine Arts Center

C. Correspondence

1. Letter to Consortium Members from Edward Arum, Arum & Associates LLC dated October 5, 2011 regarding the purchase of diesel fuel from East River Energy
2. Letter to All Superintendents of Schools from George A. Coleman, Acting Commissioner of Education, dated September 29, 2011 regarding the Implementation Dates for the Student Success Plan
3. Letter to MaryAnne Mascolo from Rich Kearns, Director of Security, dated October 6, 2011, regarding the Pedestrian Safety program that was conducted at LoPresti School on October 5, 2011
4. Letter to MaryAnne Mascolo from Rich Kearns, Director of Security, dated October 6, 2011 indicating what Emergency Preparedness Drills have been conducted throughout the district

III) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Magri, 16 Union Street, Seymour, complimented Ms. Mascolo on the eblast sent out over this past weekend regarding all the students recognized for their academic achievements as AP Scholars, a student recognized by the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program, and students who will be performing in the IPAD Orchestra Experience with the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra on May 12, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the NVCC Fine Arts Center. Ms. Magri suggested having binders placed at the Town Hall and Senior Center in Seymour with all these positive accomplishments for people to see. She also asked if the BOE had acted on the bus issue discussed at the October 3, 2011 meeting. This issue will be addressed later on in the meeting. Ms. Magri commented she was surprised to see the hiring of the Associate Superintendent on tonight's agenda so soon and asked how many applicants there were, how many people were interviewed and what the process entailed.

Meagan Krushinski, SEA President and SMS teacher, voiced her support of the Superintendent's recommendation to change the Chatfield School calendar by eliminating the November 23rd half day for student attendance thus allowing teachers the time to pack their classrooms for the move to the new wing.

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular BOE Meeting – October 3, 2011
2. Special BOE Meeting – September 26, 2011

B. Staff Resignations – Non Certified

1. Tate, Rebecca
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - LoPresti Elementary School
 - Effective September 13, 2011

C. Ms. June Cardow has informed the Board of Education of her intent to home school her child, Chloe Pechinski, for the 2011-2012 school year

1. To acknowledge the receipt of this form and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program

D. Finance Committee – October 17, 2011

1. To accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Financial Management Summary for September, 2011

IV) CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

10-3534: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Kubik) moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

SO VOTED:

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

ABSTAINED: Mr. Garofolo

Mr. Ward arrived at 7:48 p.m.

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

VI) INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. INFORMATION

1. Student Representatives

a. NONE

2. The History of America's Disability Rights Movement

3. Wamogo Students Step Up Technology – Waterbury Republican American

B. REPORTS

1. Committee Reports

- a. CS LS Building Committee
 - Executive Summary
 - 2-Week Look Ahead

2. Chairman's Report

- a. Board Members' Comments
Chairman Strumello liked Ms. Magri's idea of putting binders in the Town Hall and Senior Center for people to see.

Ms. Syriac explained the interviewing process to recommend a candidate for the Associate Superintendent's position:

3. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Mascolo distributed her report to BOE members which detailed her meetings, activities and eblasts of the previous two weeks, as well as upcoming meetings and activities. Also, the Transportation Committee will meet at Central Office on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Belden answered Ms. Magri's question about the busing issue from the previous meeting, stating the changes were made and started today.

VII) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- A. Move to enter Executive Session to discuss the appointment and employment of the Associate Superintendent of Schools and invite MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent, Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent and the candidate

VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION

10-3535: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss the appointment and employment of the Associate Superintendent of Schools and invite MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent, and Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent and the candidate

SO VOTED:

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

The BOE came out of Executive Session at 9:29 p.m. and entered back into Regular Session.

VII) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

B. Move to appoint the candidate to the Associate Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2012

10:3536: MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mrs. Loda) to appoint Nancy Snopkowski as the new Associate Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2012

SO VOTED:

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

C. Move to approve the contract of the Associate Superintendent of Schools for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015

10:3537: MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mrs. Loda) to approve the contract of the Associate Superintendent of Schools, Nancy Snopkowski, for the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015

SO VOTED:

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Stanek

D. To approve the request of Tom Lennon to take the football team on an out of state field trip To Mitchie Stadium, West Point, NY on Saturday, October 29, 2012

10-3538: MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mrs. Flood) to amend and approve the request of Tom Lennon to read, to take the football team on an out of state field trip to Mitchie Stadium,, West Point, NY on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

SO VOTED:

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

E. Discussion and possible action on the Superintendent's recommendation to change the Chatfield School calendar by eliminating the November 23rd half day for student attendance thus allowing teachers the time to pack their classrooms for the move to the new wing

10-3539: MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec. Mrs. Flood) to allow the Superintendent flexibility to eliminate a school day at Chatfield School based on the needs of the school readiness, which would allow the teachers the time to pack their classrooms for the move to the new wing

Mr. Stanek asked why this might be necessary. Mr. Baker explained extra drying time might be needed for the floors to dry to put the tiles down before the move.

SO VOTED:

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

IX) ADJOURNMENT

10-3540: MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mrs. Loda) to adjourn at 9:38 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