



MEETING MINUTES

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING:
Seymour Middle School

June 20, 2011
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Strumello, Chairman
Bruce Baker
Judith Flood
James Garofolo
Jeanne Loda
Yashu Putorti
Fred Stanek
James Ward
Patricia Gillis, BOE Clerk

ABSENT:

Peter Kubik

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Oper.
Mary Lavoie, Director of Curriculum
Roberta Pratt, System-wide Technology Coordinator
Cathy Goodrich, Principal, Seymour High School
Jim Freund, Assistant Principal, Seymour High School
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, Seymour High School
Cindy Brooks, Director of Food Services
Cathy Guerra, Assistant, Food Services
Ernie DiStasi, Administrative Intern, Bungay School
Leslie Sojka, Administrative Intern, Chatfield School
Paul Roy, First Selectman, Town of Seymour
Jennifer Magri, Seymour Public School parent

I) CALL TO ORDER

A. Ed Strumello, Chairman, called the meeting to order 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. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the Seymour High School Baseball and Softball teams who made it to the state championships. Both teams had a very successful season
2. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Seymour Middle School student William Bennett, who was named the Derby Elks Lodge # 571 Student of the Year
3. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the 8th graders at Seymour Middle School who participated in the promotion ceremony on June 15, 2011
4. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the Seymour High School administration, faculty and staff for an outstanding graduation ceremony

II) BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

B. Recognitions (continued)

5. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the 2011 graduates of Seymour High School
6. Ms. Mascolo informed the BOE members the ULP filed against her for speaking with the middle school teachers was dismissed.
7. Chairman Strumello congratulated both the high school and middle school on their outstanding school ceremonies, and commented the speakers were excellent.
8. Chairman Strumello also congratulated the Seymour High School Baseball and Softball teams on their outstanding performances during the playoffs and their regular season

C. Correspondence

1. Chairman Strumello read a letter from the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials on the recent election of Rick Belden to their Board of Directors, and offered his congratulations to Mr. Belden.
2. Chairman Strumello received a letter from Acting Commissioner George Coleman confirming Christine Syriac's eligibility for appointment as Superintendent of the Seymour Public Schools.

III) PUBLIC COMMENT

Seymour Public School parent Jen Magri commented how pleased she was with this year's graduation ceremony, noting parents and students were very happy with the ceremony as well.

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes

1. Regular BOE Meeting – June 6, 2011

B. Staff Resignation – Appendix E

1. Humeniuk, Patricia
 - Advisor, Best Buddies Program
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective June 15, 2011

C. Staff Resignation – Non Certified

1. Simpson, Judith
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Effective June 15, 2011
2. Tomas, Donna
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Bungay Elementary School
 - Effective June 15, 2011

D. Staff Resignation – Certified

1. Choti Bayreuther, Elizabeth
 - K-5 Music Teacher
 - Chatfield and LoPresti Elementary Schools
 - Effective June 15, 2011

E. Nutrition Services

1. Financial Report – May, 2011

F. Finance Committee – June 20, 2011

1. Recommendation to approve the acceptance of the Financial Management Summary for May, 2011

IV) CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

10-3476: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Putorti) moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item A, 1 - June 6, 2011 BOE minutes.

SO VOTED:

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

V) ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

10-3477: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to amend under Item , A, 1 of the BOE June 6, 2011 minutes, **MOTION 10-3473** to read, "**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek, **OPPOSED:** Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Loda, Mr. Ward

SO VOTED:

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

VI) INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. INFORMATION

1. Appendix E Positions

10-3478: MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec. Mr. Putorti) to commit this agenda item to the Athletic Committee for further discussion, review, and recommendation to the full Board.

A lengthy discussion followed on this item.

10-3479: MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec., Mr. Putorti) moved to withdraw the motion.

SO VOTED:

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

2. Staff Hiring – Certified

- a. Antosh, Ashley
 - Social Studies Teacher
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Replacing David Willadsen
 - Step 1, Bachelors
- b. Catanese, Michael
 - Business Education Teacher
 - Seymour High School
 - Step 1, Bachelors
- c. Inzero, Nina
 - School Counselor
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Fran Messier
 - Step 1, Masters
- d. Markey, Nicole
 - Social Studies Teacher
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Replacing Caitlyn Ferraiolo
 - Step 1, Masters

VI) INFORMATION AND REPORTS (continued)

A. INFORMATION (continued)

2. Staff Hiring – Certified (continued)

- e. Stock, Michael
 - Technology Education Teacher
 - Seymour High School
 - Step 1, Bachelors

3. Grant Awards – Ms. Mascolo

- a. Naugatuck Savings Bank - \$1500.00
 - Ms. Mascolo reported to the BOE that Mr. Kearns applied for and was awarded a grant of \$1,500.00 from the Naugatuck Savings Bank Foundation to be used towards our “Take a Stand Day!” program.
- b. Valley Community Foundation - \$1250.00
 - Ms. Mascolo reported to the BOE that Mr. Kearns applied for and was awarded a grant and sponsorship of \$1,250.00 from the Valley Community Foundation to be used towards our “Take a Stand Day!” program.

B) REPORTS

1) Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee Minutes – June 9, 2011
Minutes passed out for BOE members review
- b. Finance Committee – June 20, 2011
Mrs. Flood reported the Finance Committee approved the financial management summary for May; they are in the process of doing the audit for the year.

2) Chairman’s Report – Ed Strumello

Chairman Strumello updated BOE members on the latest update of the “No Child Left Behind” law.

a. Board Members’ Comments

Mr. Stanek commented that he agreed the SHS graduation “moved to a kinder and gentler ceremony” from last year, and he thanked everyone for attending the pre-graduation ceremony.

Discussion was held regarding inviting town officials to sit on the platform during graduation ceremonies.

3) Superintendent’s Report

Ms. Mascolo reviewed the details of her report, including meetings and activities of the last two weeks, upcoming meetings and events. Also, she attended a workshop on collective bargaining that discussed the New Haven’s teachers’ contract that was negotiated by the American Federation of Teachers. Ms. Mascolo and Mr. Roy met with Mr. Smith and the architects regarding the signage at Chatfield School. Discussion was held about the renaming of Chatfield School and the policies/procedures necessary if the school was going to be renamed.

VII) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. State of Connecticut Healthy Food Certification

Cindy Brooks, Director of Food Services, gave an informative/comprehensive presentation of district’s the Food Services program and why she supports the district’s participation in the State of Connecticut Healthy Foods Certification program.

10-3480: MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec. Mrs. Flood) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation that we participate in the State of Connecticut Healthy Foods Certification program

VII) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

SO VOTED:

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

B. Textbook Approval

10-3481: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, Mr. Putorti) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to purchase "*Introduction to Business*" by Brown, Clow

SO VOTED:

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

C. Textbook Approval

Motion for Consideration: to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to purchase "*Literature and Composition, Reading Writing and Thinking*" by Carol Jago, Renee Shea, Lawrence Scanlon, and Robin Dissin Aufses

D. Textbook Approval

Motion for Consideration: to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to purchase "*Public Speaking Handbook 3rd Edition*" by Steven A. Beebe and Susan Beebe

F. Textbook Approval

Motion for Consideration: to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to purchase "*Chemistry Matter and Change*" by Thandi, B. et.al.

10-3482: MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec. Mrs. Flood) to accept the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee, Items C, D, F, to purchase "*Literature and Composition, Reading Writing and Thinking*", "*Public speaking handbook 3rd Edition*", and "*Chemistry Matter and Change*",

SO VOTED:

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

E. Textbook Approval

10-3483: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Putorti) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to purchase "*Geometry*" by R. Charles, B. Hall, D. Kennedy, A. Johnson, S. Murphy, G. Wiggins

SO VOTED:

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

G. Textbook Approval

Motion for Consideration: to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to purchase "*Living in the Environment 17th Edition*" by G. Tyler Miller Jr.

I. Textbook Approval

Motion for Consideration: to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to purchase "*Powering the Future*" by Botkin, D.B.

VII) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

10-3484: MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec. Mr. Putorti) to accept the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee, Items G and I, to purchase "*Living in the Environment 17th Edition*", and "*Powering the Future*".

SO VOTED:

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

H. Textbook Approval

10-3485: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Putorti) to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to purchase "*Government by the People, AP Edition*" by Magleby, Light, Nemacheck

SO VOTED:

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

J. Assistant Principal Hiring

10-3486: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Stanek) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Ernest DiStasi as the Assistant Principal of Bungay Elementary School

SO VOTED:

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

K. Assistant Principal Hiring

10-3487: MOTION: (Mr. Loda, sec. Mr. Baker) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Leslie Sojka as the Assistant Principal of Chatfield Elementary School

SO VOTED:

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

Mr. Ward noted it is nice to see our Internship Program is working.

10-3488: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to add to the agenda discussion of increasing student lunch prices in the Seymour elementary, middle and high schools.

SO VOTED:

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

A lengthy discussion and questions followed. Cindy Brook answered all BOE members' questions.

L. Increase in Seymour Public School lunches

10-3489: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Baker) to approve a twenty-five cents lunch increase for elementary, middle school and high school student lunches across the board.

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Stanek, Mr. Ward

VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

IX) ADJOURNMENT

10-3490: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

SO VOTED:

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

Submitted,

Patricia Gillis, Clerk