



MEETING MINUTES

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING:
Seymour Middle School

March 7, 2011
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Strumello, Chairman
Bruce Baker
Judith Flood
James Garofolo
Peter Kubik
Jeanne Loda
Yashu Putorti
Mr. Ward – Arrived 8:00 p.m.
Patricia Gillis, BOE Clerk

ABSENT:

Mr. Stanek

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Christine Syriac, Associate Supt.
Rick Belden, Asst. Supt. of Fin. & Oper.
Cathy Goodrich, Principal, SHS
Jim Freund, Assistant Principal, SHS
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, SHS
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, Bungay School
Monica Briggs, Principal, LoPresti School
Mary Lavoie, Director of Curriculum, SPS
Nancy Snopkowski, Director of SPED
Roberta Pratt, System-wide Technology Coordinator, SPS
Reba Putorti, SHS Student Representative
Jennifer Magri, Seymour Public School parent
Virginia Calcagni
Paul Sponheimer

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 Teaching and Learning**
NONE

B) Recognitions

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated LoPresti School students Pauline Karwowski and Kristiauna Loffredo, Bungay School students Rebecca Findley and Jacob Zehall, and Chatfield School students Anna Peel and Jean Paul Viruet who were honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools and Liberty Mutual Twelfth Annual Connecticut Elementary Schools Celebration of the Arts Festival Arts Festival on February 7, 2011.
2. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Bungay School 4th grader Peyton Iott who performed in the Center Stage production of Miracle on 34th Street.

B) Recognitions (continued)

3. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Seymour High School students Eric Parmelee (Boys Soccer), Emily Coyne (Girls Soccer), Stephanie Burt (Volleyball), Hannah Saffo (Cross Country), Kevin Walkley (Cross Country), Maggie Crocamo (Girls Swimming), and Justin Guilette (Football) on being named Father's Club winners for 2010-2011.
4. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the staff and students of Seymour Middle School who participated in the inter district grant program of Aquaculture exchange day on February 10, 2011. They traveled to Thomas Edison Magnet Middle School in Meriden and participated in a series of workshops related to Aquaculture.
5. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Stephanie Orts (Grade 11) who was chosen as the winner in the National Turkey Hill Ice Cream Design a Cow contest. You can view her design on <http://www.turkeyhill.com/fun/design-cow.aspx>
6. Ms. Mascolo congratulated CJ Falcioni (7th Grade) and Julian Falcioni (8th Grade) who were named Pop Warner All-American Scholars.

C) Correspondence

1. MaryAnne Mascolo sent a letter dated February 15, 2011 to the Seymour Board of Finance Members asking them to reconsider her request to move the school budget presentation to Middle School.
2. A letter dated February 17, 2011 from Rick Beldento Attorney Paul Gaetano regarding the receipt of a check for restitution for damages.
3. A letter on February 16, 2011 to Cathy Goodrich received from Ronald Skurat and Elise Wood, Registrars of Voters thanking Seymour High School for the excellent turnout of 59 high school students who were registered at the voter booth.
4. Letter dated February 7, 2011 to First Selectman Paul Roy from Ed Strumello regarding the formation of a building and school needs Committee.
5. Letter dated February 24, 2011 to MaryAnne Mascolo from Doug Thomas, Finance Director giving notice of important dates.

III) PUBLIC COMMENT

Seymour Public School parent Jennifer Magri read a statement.

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

A) Approval of minutes

1. Regular BOE Meeting – February 7, 2011

B) Staff Hiring - Appendix E

1. Orosz, Missy
 - Coach
 - Girls Tennis
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Sarah Ramey

C) Staff Resignation - Non Certified

1. Buell, Kara
 - Clerical Paraprofessional
 - LoPresti Elementary School
 - Effective March 18, 2011

D) Staff Resignation - Non Certified

1. Stockman, Davida
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective March 9, 2011

IV) CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

E) Finance Committee – March 7, 2011

1. Recommendation to approve the acceptance of the Financial Management Summary for February 2011.
2. Recommendation to review and approve the request for a bid waiver for emergency snow removal

F) Nutrition Services

1. Financial Report - January, 2011

10-3396: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Baker) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

SO VOTED:

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

V) ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

VI) INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A) INFORMATION

1. Student Representative – Reba Putorti

- a. Winter Dance – 2/26/11 (230 attended) - Nick Ortiz was the D.J.
- b. Diversity Day – 3/01/11
- c. CAPT Testing – 3/7/11 to 3/15/11
- d. SAT Testing – 3/12/11 (Seymour High School)
- e. Mr. Seymour – 3/19/11 (Seymour High School, 7:00 p.m.)
- 5 students have signed up as of today

Ms. Putorti gave an update on SHS Winter sports. Ms. Mascolo also noted The Performing Arts club will be putting on Van Halen Friday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the SHS auditorium.

2. Block Scheduling at Seymour High School – Cathy Goodrich

Cathy Goodrich presented an in-depth and informative report and slide show to BOE members on the benefits of Block Scheduling at the high school level. Discussion was held on the pros and cons, and support data regarding this type of scheduling. Ms. Goodrich, Mr. Lucke and Mr. Freund answered BOE members' questions.

3. Advanced Placement Testing – Christine Syriac

Ms. Syriac gave an informative report on the Seymour Public Schools Advanced Placement testing scores and answered all BOE members' questions.

4. Seymour High School Boiler Update – Rick Belden

Mr. Belden reported on the heating problem a short time ago at SHS stating an Induction fan had shorted out and school had to be closed.

5. Seymour High School Softball Field Dugouts Dedication Ceremony

Ms. Mascolo extended an invitation to all in attendance to come to the dedication.

6. NEASC Changes – MaryAnne Mascolo

Ms. Mascolo distributed a handout for BOE's information and review.

B) REPORTS

1. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee Minutes – February 7, 2011
- b. Policy Committee Minutes – February 15, 2011
- c. Finance Committee Agenda – March 7, 2011

Mrs. Flood reported the committee reviewed Emergency Snow analysis. Mr. Garofolo asked if there is any insurance for the workers. Mr. Belden responded we did not have the opportunity to have insurance this year.

B) REPORTS (continued)

2. Chairman's Report

a. CABA/CAPSS Convention Recap

Chairman Strumello passed out updated information for BOE members review.

b. Board Member's Comments

NONE

3. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Mascolo noted the March is BOE Appreciation month, thanked the BOE members for all their hard work and dedication to the children of Seymour, and presented BOE members a gift of two books each. Ms. Mascolo reviewed the details of her report, including meetings and activities of the last two weeks, upcoming meetings and events.

10-3397: MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mrs. Flood) to add to the Agenda to accept a gift in the amount of \$6,301.68 from the Seymour the Lady Wildcat Diamond Club to be used for the purchase of new portable outfield fencing at the Seymour High School softball field. Further to authorize the payment of \$6,301.68 by March 11, 2011 to International Pipe & Steel Company, North Branford, CT 06471 upon timely receipt of the gift check from the Seymour Lady Wildcat Diamond Club.

SO VOTED:

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

10-3398: MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mrs. Loda) to accept a gift in the amount of \$6,301.68 from the Seymour the Lady Wildcat Diamond Club to be used for the purchase of new portable outfield fencing at the Seymour High School softball field. Further to authorize the payment of \$6,301.68 by March 11, 2011 to International Pipe & Steel Company, North Branford, CT 06471 upon timely receipt of the gift check from the Seymour Lady Wildcat Diamond Club.

Mr. Ward asked if Mr. Natzel had looked at this type of fencing. Mr. Belden responded this fence will stand up longer than the current temporary fencing and Mr. Natzel did not have any problem with it as long as it was not permanent. The fencing will be taken down at the end of the season and stored away until next season.

SO VOTED:

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

10-3399: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to add to the Agenda the posting of the Superintendent's position in-house for ten business days.

SO VOTED:

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

10-3400: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to post the Superintendent's position in-house for ten business days.

Mr. Garofolo asked if Connecticut Certification 093 would be required for this position by June, 2012. The BOE members were in favor of this suggestion.

SO VOTED:

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

VII) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A) Post Prom Event

10-3401: MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec. Mrs. Loda) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to permit Parents Advocating Responsible Teen Years (PARTY) to organize a post prom event on April 9-10 at Seymour Middle School.

SO VOTED:

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

B) Out of State Field Trip

10-3402: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to approve the request of Mr. DeMarco to take the High School 11th and 12th grade AP Comparative Government classes to attend a field trip to the United Nations in New York City, NY in May.

Chairman Strumello asked about the additional busses and Mrs. Goodrich responded the trip has been opened up to AP Psychology Classes.

SO VOTED:

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

C) Notice of Non-Renewal

No Action

D) Non Renewal of Long Term Substitute Teachers

10-3403: MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mrs. Loda) move that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Seymour Board of Education non-renew the teaching contracts of Sandra Andes, Sage Benjamin, David Calandro, Melissa Feige, Alla Grise, and Erin McGowen at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

I further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to Sandra Andes, Sage Benjamin, David Calandro, Melissa Feige, Alla Grise, and Erin McGowen and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any request, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151.

SO VOTED:

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

E) Hiring of Spring Coaches (Appendix E)

10-3404: MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec. Mr. Kubik) to approve the hiring of the Appendix E spring sports coaches as follows:

DELLAVOLPE	VINCE	BASEBALL	ASSISTANT COACH	HS
KELO	BOB	BASEBALL	HEAD COACH	HS
TILKI	STEVE	BASEBALL	HEAD COACH	MS
YAKUSEWICH	JAMIE	SOFTBALL (SPLIT)	ASSISTANT COACH	HS
YAKUSEWICH	JILL	SOFTBALL (SPLIT)	ASSISTANT COACH	HS
CATLIN	HARVEY	SOFTBALL	HEAD COACH	MS
PEREIRAS	KEN	SOFTBALL	HEAD COACH GIRLS	HS
OPEN		TENNIS	HEAD COACH	HS
LENNON	TOM	TRACK	HEAD COACH	HS
JOHNSON	JOHN	TRACK	ASSISTANT COACH	HS
PAGLIARO	CHRIS	TRACK	ASSISTANT COACH	HS
SIROWICH	MICHAEL	TRACK	ASSISTANT COACH	HS
WILLADSEN	DAVID	TRACK	ASSISTANT COACH	HS

SO VOTED:

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

F) Monetary Donation

10-3405: MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec. Mrs. Loda) to approve the acceptance of the donation of \$1300.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zehall to be used to cover the cost of a musical program from Young Audiences for Learning at Bungay Elementary School.

SO VOTED:

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

G) Formal Acceptance of Retirement

The Board did not put this motion forward as Mrs. Marcantonio's resignation had been accepted at the Board of Education meeting on February 7, 2011.

H) Policy # 1250 – Community Relations – Visits to the Schools

10-3406: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Baker) to approve the revision of policy #1250 - Community Relations - Visits to the Schools as recommended by the Policy Committee

SO VOTED:

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

I) Policy # 1251 – Community Relations – Loitering or Causing Disturbance

10-3407: MOTION: (Mr. Baker, sec. Mrs. Loda) to approve the revision of policy #1251 - Community Relations - Loitering or Causing Disturbance with several non-substantive changes as recommended by the Policy Committee

SO VOTED:

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

J) Policy # 1324 (a-b) and Regulation # 1324 – Community Relations – Soliciting of Funds

10-3408: MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec. Mr. Putorti) to approve the revision of policy #1324 (a-b) and Regulation #1324 - Community Relations - Soliciting of Funds as recommended by the Policy Committee

SO VOTED:

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

K) Policy # 1341 – Community Relations – Placement of Signs in School Buildings or on School Grounds

10-3409: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to approve the revision of policy #1341 - Community Relations Placement of Signs in School Buildings or on School Grounds as recommended by the Policy Committee

SO VOTED:

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

L) Policy # 1341 – Community Relations – Law Enforcement Officials

10-3410: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Baker) to approve the revision of policy # 1341 – Community Relations Law Enforcement Officials as recommended by the Policy Committee

SO VOTED:

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

M) Policy # 2141 – Administration – Recruitment and Appointment of Superintendent

10-3411: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mrs. Flood) to approve the revision of policy # 2141 - Administration - Recruitment and Appointment of Superintendent as recommended by the Policy Committee

SO VOTED:

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

AGAINST: Mr. Garofolo

VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

IX) ADJOURNMENT

10-3412: MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec. Mr. Baker) moved to adjourn at 9:06 P.M.

SO VOTED:

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

Submitted,

Patricia Gillis, Clerk