

## SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING  
Seymour Middle School

February 1, 2010  
7:30 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Edward Strumello, Chairman  
Judith Flood  
Jeanne Loda  
Peter Kubik  
James Garofolo  
Frederick Stanek

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Yashu Putorti  
Bruce Baker  
James Ward

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent  
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent of  
Finance & Operations

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Strumello, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

**II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. Recognition**

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the Bungay School Band and Chorus for the fine job they did at their Winter Concert on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
2. Congratulations to Fred Ames on winning the Bungay School 2010 National Geography Bee.
3. Congratulations to the students and staff at Bungay School for the excellent job they did raising donations for the March of Dimes Blue Jeans for Babies.
4. Congratulations to Edward Han for being selected to receive the CAS Elementary "Celebration of the Arts" Award in the area of Performing Arts.
5. Congratulations to Ethan Iott for being selected to receive the CAS Elementary "Celebration of the Arts" Award in the area of Visual Arts.
6. Thank you to Bungay School staff members Mary Ellen Coppola, Debra Durette, Lisa Heneghan, Lynn Marchetti, Lucille McGinn, Michael Milia, Katie Riordan and Patricia Sabatini for their participation in the Bungay Cares Community Outreach Program.
7. Thank you to Rick Belden from Mary Sue Feige for moderating the 2010 National Geography Bee on January 13, 2010.
8. Mr. Strumello recognized Kristianne Kassay for being chosen as Scholar Athlete in Girls Soccer.
9. Mr. Belden said he attended the Kick-Off Club's Football Awards Ceremony. He said it was an enjoyable evening and a good time was had by all.

Board Correspondence: Ms. Mascolo gave Board Members correspondence she received that day to review.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of minutes –**

1. BOE meeting – January 19, 2010

10-2937 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Kubik) to approve the consent agenda as presented

SO VOTED

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

**V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – NONE**

## VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS INFORMATION

A. Student Representatives: NONE

B. CAFE Presentation – Nick Caruso

Nick Caruso is a presenter from CAFE and talked with Board Members about their responsibilities and what they could do to take on a bigger role. What they could do to impact student achievements and support the vision of the district. Mr. Caruso said professional development for Board Members would be a good idea. Mr. Strumello said with his position he needs to be careful with the line between micro-managing and managing. How does he assume a leadership role without doubt? What professional development answers these questions?

Mr. Caruso also answered questions about sub-committees. He said sub-committees would be able to get more in-depth information on something. They would do the detail work and then come back with a recommendation to the full Board. The full Board would have to trust the good rational of the sub-committee to make the idea of sub-committees work.

C. Connecticut Loves to Read Day – February 6, 2010 – informational for Board Members

D. Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environment Award

10-2938 MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec., Mr. Garofolo) to add the Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environment Award to the agenda as item VII C.

SO VOTED

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

## REPORTS

A. Committee Reports –

1. Finance Committee Agenda – January 19, 2010

Mrs. Flood reviewed the Finance Committee meeting with Board Members – no action necessary

B. Chairman's Report

Mr. Strumello said the Mentoring Committee met at Bungay School. They had representatives from all the schools at the meeting. Mr. Strumello said Mary Lavoie will have a leadership role and the PTA Presidents put in a request for funding from the Valley Foundation. They will start with 9 mentors to work with 9 grade 5 students. These mentors will move with the students to the sixth grade. The mentors will spend one hour per week with the students.

C. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Mascolo submitted her Superintendent's Report for Board Members' information.

## VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

A. Request to Play Golf – Dominic Petronchak, Peter Tomlinson and Matthew Kozlowski request permission to play golf with Ansonia High School as a team of one for the 2009-2010 season.

10-2939 MOTION: (Mr. Kubik, sec., Mrs. Loda) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to permit Dominic Petronchak, Peter Tomlinson and Matthew Kozlowski play golf with Ansonia High School as a team of one pending approval from the Ansonia Board of Education.

SO VOTED

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

B. Parents Advocating Responsible Teen Years (PARTY)

Mrs. Tari Lavorgna on behalf of Parents Advocating Responsible Teen Years (PARTY) is requesting permission to organize a post prom event on May 14-15, 2010 at Seymour Middle School.

10-2940 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Kubik) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to permit Parents Advocating Responsible Teen Years (PARTY) to organize a post prom event on May 14-15, 2010 at Seymour Middle School.

SO VOTED

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

C. Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environment Award

10-2941 (Mr. Stanek, sec., Mr. Garofolo) to approve the Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environment Award as presented.

SO VOTED

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

10-2942 MOTION (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mrs. Flood) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by  
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk