

## SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING  
Seymour Middle School

January 4, 2010  
7:30 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Edward Strumello, Chairman  
Judith Flood  
Jeanne Loda  
Bruce Baker  
James Ward 7:35  
Peter Kubik  
Yashu Putorti  
Frederick Stanek  
James Garofolo  
Kristiann Kassay  
MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent  
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent of  
Finance & Operations

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:  
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:  
OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Lavoie, Liz Tift, Joseph Cole, John & Dorie Poeta, Jason Weaving, Sandra Gesek, Evelyn Molner, Paul Roy

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Strumello, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Strumello asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence for Olga Paidoussis, a teacher at Seymour High School, who recently passed away.

**II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. Recognitions**

1. Mr. Strumello recognized both the girls and boys basketball teams for their games. The girls won their first game and the boys are 2 & 3.

Board Correspondence: NONE

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Poeta said he is the coach of a U16 Girls' Winter Soccer League. Mr. Poeta said he submitted the required forms and received approval to use the gym at LoPresti School on Friday nights and Seymour Middle School on Wednesday nights. The third week of October Mr. Poeta was notified that to use the gyms it would cost the him \$100.00 a night to use the gyms. Mr. Poeta said by the time he found that information out it was too late for the girls to go to other leagues and it was too costly for the parents. Mr. Poeta asked Board Members if they would waive the fee for this year only. Mr. Belden and Ms. Mascolo said that the custodial contract states there is no custodial fee for the use of the buildings if the activity is affiliated with the school or is scheduled through the Recreation Commission. Mr. Belden suggested that Mr. Poeta talk with Mr. Ahearn from the Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Poeta said that they are a not for profit and all the girls on the team are from Seymour. She said this is the first time they have heard anything about calling the Rec. Commission about scheduling to use a gym for the U-16 girls' soccer. Mrs. Poeta request that Board Members consider waiving the custodial fee for the remainder of the season.

09-2925 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Flood) to add to the agenda item VIIC U16 Soccer Team  
SO VOTED

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

09-2926 MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec., Mrs. Loda) to move VIIC up on the agenda to be discussed after Public Comment.

SO VOTED

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

More discussion ensued about the U-16 Girls Soccer team. It was suggested to Mr. Poeta that he speak with Mr. Ahearn and ask to be put on the Recreation Commission's master schedule.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

##### A. Approval of minutes –

1. BOE meeting – December 21, 2009

##### B. Staff Hiring – Certified

1. Brittany Turner, - Grade 5 Teacher, LoPresti Elementary School

09-2927 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Putorti) to approve the consent agenda with item A1 BOE Meeting removed and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

SO VOTED

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

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

#### VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

##### INFORMATION

##### A. Student Representatives:

Kristiann told Board Members that the Color Wars that the Student Leadership Council sponsored was fun and successful. The Color War took place on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students dressed in their grade level colors. During 4<sup>th</sup> period the teachers tallied up the number of student wearing their team colors. The senior class won the competition with 96% of the students participating. The class won an ice cream sundae social on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> during 6<sup>th</sup> period.

##### B. Strategic School Profile – MaryAnne Mascolo

Ms. Mascolo and Mrs. Syriac reviewed the Strategic School Profile with Board Members. When they were finished Mr. Strumello asked members of the public that were present if they had questions for Ms. Mascolo or Mrs. Syriac. Mr. Weaving asked if copies could be made available. Ms. Mascolo said since this version is not available on the state website she would have a copy of the Strategic School Profile scanned and put on the district website.

##### REPORTS

##### A. Committee Reports - NONE

##### B. Chairman's Report

Mr. Strumello handed out the third revision of committee appointments with all corrections made.

##### C. Superintendent's Report

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

#### VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Review of Policy #5145.122(a) Use of trained sniffer dogs to detect odor of illegal drugs and other illegal substances on school property.

09-2928 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Baker) to accept the revised Policy #5145.122(a) as presented.

SO VOTED

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

B. Review of Policy #0521.2 Religious Neutrality Policy

09-2929 MOTION: (Mr. Putorti, sec., Mrs. Loda) to accept Policy #0521.2 Religious Neutrality Policy.

SO VOTED

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Ward

09-2930 MOTION (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Flood) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by  
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk