

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
Seymour Middle School

December 21, 2009
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Edward Strumello, Chairman
Judith Flood
Jeanne Loda
James Garofolo
James Ward
Peter Kubik
Yashu Putorti
Frederick Stanek 8:10

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Bruce Baker
Stephanie Walsh
Kristiann Kassay

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. Mr. Strumello then introduced the Board Members. Mr. Strumello asked Ms. Mascolo to make her introductions. Ms. Mascolo introduced – Mrs. Christine Syriac and thanked her for making the holiday dinner, Michael Skott – Director of Technology, Rick Belden – Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations, Nancy Snopkowski – Director of Special Education and Mary Lavoie – Curriculum Coordinator.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Recognitions

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Julia Maturo and Zachary Sirowich of Seymour Middle School and Kristiann Kassay and Taylor Searles of Seymour High School for being named recipients of the 2009 Superintendent's Award of Excellence.
2. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the Seymour Middle School students who performed in the Winter Concert on December 15th.
3. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the Seymour High School students who performed in the Winter Concert on December 16th.

Board Correspondence: Mr. Putorti reviewed the correspondence. Mr. Strumello received a letter that will be discussed in Executive Session since it contained names of school members.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes –

1. BOE meeting – December 7, 2009
2. BOE Organizational Meeting – December 7, 2009

B. Staff Resignations – Non Certified

1. Kristin Coughlin – Instructional Paraprofessional – Seymour Middle School

09-2916 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Putorti) to approve the consent agenda with item A1 BOE Minutes and A2 BOE Organizational Meeting minutes removed to Va.

SO VOTED

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

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA –

A. BOE Minutes of December 7, 2009

09-2917 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Putorti) to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of December 7, 2009 with the following correction item VIB the correct date should be December 21, 2009.

SO VOTED

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

B. BOE Organizational Meeting of December 7, 2009

09-2918 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Flood) to approve the minutes of the Board of Education's organizational meeting of December 7, 2009 with the following correction – Mr. Stanek asked that Mr. Strumello restore the Curriculum sub-committee as identified in the Board of Education's By-laws.

SO VOTED

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

VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

INFORMATION

A. Student Representatives:

Kristiann told Board Members that the Winter Concert was a success. The band, the developmental band, the chorus and the girls' choral did a wonderful job and she hopes there will be a Spring Concert. Kristiann also told Board Members of the Student Council's Secret Santa. Students are able to purchase a carnation for someone and it will be sent to that person.

Stephanie told Board Members of the Color Wars that the Student Leadership Council is sponsoring. The different grade levels have a color that they must use to decorate their halls. The winning grade level receives an ice cream sundae social.

B. Inclusion Video – Nancy Snopkowski

Mrs. Snopkowski presented a video for Board Members review of the Inclusion Program in the Seymour School District. The video was made at Seymour Middle School and showcased the school experience of one of the Special Education students. This video was presented by Mrs. Snopkowski to the School Administrators in Holland as well as the Holland Parliament. The purpose of the video is to help other communities and countries learn of the Inclusion Program.

C. Nutrition Services Financial Report

Ms. Brooks submitted her November 2009 Financial Report for Board Members' review.

D. Valley Regional Adult Education Superintendent's Meeting – MaryAnne Mascolo

Ms. Mascolo presented the information from the Valley Regional Adult Education – Superintendent's Meeting for Board Members' information.

REPORTS

A. Committee Reports - NONE

B. Chairman's Report

Mr. Strumello submitted to Board Members his committee appointments. Mr. Strumello also appointed Mr. Stanek as the Board's Parliamentarian. Mr. Strumello said if Board Members have any comments or concerns there will be a letter added under REPORTS in the agenda for that.

C. Superintendent's Report

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

09-2919 MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec., Mrs. Flood) to add to the agenda the 2010-2011 school calendar for reconsideration.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Strumello, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Ward, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek

OPPOSED: Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti, Mrs. Loda

09-2920 MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec., Mr. Ward) to accept the amended 2010-2011 school calendar as presented.

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Stanek

VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Request for Out of State Field Trip – Ms. Ashly Scharn, Cheerleading Coach, is requesting permission for the High School Cheerleading Team to attend a competition in Albany, NY on March 5, 2010 to March 7, 2010.

09-2921 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Putorti) to approve the request for the High School Cheerleading team to attend a competition in Albany, NY on March 5, 2010 to March 7, 2010.

SO VOTED

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

B. Team of One – Review and approve the request of Ed Rostowsky, Athletic Director at Seymour High School, to have Hannah Turner and Mary Kraynak, Ansonia High School, compete as a team of one with the Seymour High School Indoor Track team.

09-2922 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Putorti) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the request to have Hannah Turner and Mary Kraynak, Ansonia High School, participate as a team of one with the Seymour High School Indoor Track team pending approval of the Ansonia Board of Education.

SO VOTED

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

09-2923 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Kubik) to go into Executive Session to review the performance of the Superintendent regarding parental concerns/situation and to review pending litigation.

SO VOTED

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

09-2924 MOTION (Mrs. Flood, sec., Mrs. Loda) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk