

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
LoPresti Elementary School

November 4, 2009
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman
Frederick Stanek
Judith Flood
Jeanne Loda
James Garofolo
James Ward
Rhonda Geffert
Rose Marie Yitts
Jason Buchsbaum

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

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

Mary Sue Feige, Bill Pascht, Pete Kubic, Mary Lavoie, Kristen Bruno, Monica Briggs, Jay Hatfield

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Bruce Baker, Chairman called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Baker then called for a moment of silence in memory of Sam Giannone, who was Principal at Chatfield School.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Recognitions

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Timothy Griffing and Tyler Hardman for being accepted into the Shelton/Trumbull Chapter of the ACE Mentor Program.

Board Correspondence: Mrs. Yitts reviewed the correspondence.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes –

1. BOE meeting – October 19, 2009

B. Staff Resignations – Non Certified

1. Doris (Bunny) Gondola, System-wide Bookkeeper at Central Office
2. Alane Oleksiak, Part-time Clerical Paraprofessional at Bungay School

C. Nutrition Services

1. Financial Report July – September, 2009

D. Team of One

1. Ed Rostowsky requests approval of a team of one for Zach Carroll of Derby High School, in boys swimming for the 2009-2010 school year.

09-2884 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Loda) to approve the consent agenda with item E1 moved to V.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Yitts, Mr. Ward, Mr. Buchsbaum, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Consortium/State of Connecticut contracts

09-2885 MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec., Mrs. Loda) to waive formal bidding per Town Charter and authorize the Superintendent to enter into any purchase or contract to purchase made in conjunction with either a consortium or municipalities/Board of Education or contractors listed/awarded by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Yitts, Mr. Ward, Mr. Buchsbaum, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek

VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

INFORMATION

A. Student Representatives:

Kristianne told Board Members the Homecoming Dance held on October 24th was a good time. The Pasta Dinner Volleyball Tournament on Monday, October 26th went well. The teachers won the volleyball game against the students. Kristianne also told Board Members that she along with Allison Garman and Stephanie Walsh attended the Leadership Conference at NVCC. The students met with Mrs. Goodrich to talk about what they had learned.

B. LoPresti School Improvement Plan – Monica Briggs

Mrs. Briggs told Board Members that the 08/09 goal was to increase reading comprehension 70% at goal or above. LoPresti School did not make this goal. The staff looked at the data from last school year and the beginning of this school and realized that the students are almost at goal. Mrs. Briggs said if they up the expectation of the student work the students will do better. The action plan will be to determine the needs of the specific students; monitor the progress and adjust the instruction as needed. The staff has developed a scoring rubrics and they have worked together to ensure there will not be gaps in the instruction within the grade levels.

Mrs. Briggs said they are starting several programs one will be to have students from the High School come to read to the LoPresti students. Another program will be an after school math program that will begin in November. LoPresti will continue with the One School One Read program. Mrs. Briggs said new programs she would like to see happen at LoPresti are a literacy workshop and a math workshop both involving the parents. Mrs. Briggs said she hope to teach the parents what they need to know to help their students.

C. ED006- Public School Information System Summary Report – Rick Belden

Mr. Belden explained to Board Members about the ED006 Report. This report outlines the enrollment status, students that are homeschooled and attendance. Mr. Belden said this report is also part of the Aura Funds that Mrs. Syriac has talked about at past meetings. Mr. Belden said this portion of the Aura Funds come from the Cost Sharing Grant 15 % is from the Federal stimulus money and 85% is from ECS (funded by the State of CT). The state is no longer giving the full amount to the town. They will need to discuss how to handle this in the budget.

D. Classroom Visitation Summary – MaryAnne Mascolo

The classroom visitation summary was submitted for Board Members' review.

E. School Calendars and Newsletters

The Elementary and Middle School submitted their Newsletters and Calendar of events for Board Members' information.

REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee minutes – October 19, 2009

2. Transportation Committee minutes – October 21, 2009

These minutes were submitted for Board Members' information

B. Chairman's Report –

Mr. Baker said the binding arbitration is completed. The ruling results will be made available November 20th. Mr. Stanek asked about the dog sniffing regulations being brought back to the full board at the next meeting.

C. Superintendent's Report

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

VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Sale of High School Machine Shop Equipment

1. Final payment for the sale of the high school machine shop equipment

09-2886 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to request that the appropriate town board authorize the establishment of a Special Revenue Fund with the funds from the sale of the high school machine shop equipment, and that said funds are utilized to resurface and repair the Seymour High School track.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Yitts, Mr. Ward, Mr. Buchsbaum, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Frank Warecke thanking him for his hard work.

09-2887 MOTION (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Yitts, Mr. Ward, Mr. Buchsbaum, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek

The meeting adjourned at 9:18p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk