

## SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING  
Seymour High School

October 19, 2009  
7:30 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce Baker, Chairman  
Frederick Stanek  
Judith Flood  
Jeanne Loda  
James Garofolo  
James Ward  
Rhonda Geffert

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rose Marie Yitts  
Jason Buchsbaum

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

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

Lisa Cheney, Alan Skiparis, Karen Studley, Melissa Anelli, Sara Morgatto, Bill Panchet, Peter Kubik, Mary Deming, Cathy Goodrich, Jim Freund

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. Recognitions**

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Lauren Almonte, Carrie Wyskiel and Dustin Zrelak for their achievement at the advanced level on all the CAPT subtests.
2. Mrs. Geffert recognized the High School girls' swim team on their 9-0 season, especially since they have new coaches.

**B. Board Correspondence:** Ms. Mascolo reviewed the correspondence.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Amanda Behuniak asked Ms. Mascolo if it was true and why students were not allowed to wear Halloween costumes at school. Ms. Mascolo said the elementary school students could wear costumes. Seymour Middle School and Seymour High School have not worn costumes for many years. A lot of instructional time is lost when students are distracted by the costumes. Also there are staff members and families who do not celebrate Halloween and they stayed out of school.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of minutes –**

- BOE meeting – October 5, 2009
- Special BOE Meeting – October 8, 2009
- Special BOE Meeting – October 13, 2009 (12:30 p.m.)
- Special BOE Meeting – October 13, 2009 (2:00 p.m.)

**B. Staff Hiring – Non Certified**

1. Wendy Castelot, Clerical Paraprofessional at LoPresti School replacing Jane Frosceno
2. Kristin Coughlin, Instruction Paraprofessional at Seymour Middle School replacing Cheryl Barrett
3. Lisa Teixeira, Clerical Paraprofessional at Bungay School replacing Erin Coughlin

**C. Staff Hiring – Appendix E**

1. David Willasden – Head Coach Indoor Track and Field at Seymour High School replacing Tom Lennon

D. Finance Committee – October 19, 2009

Recommendation to approve the acceptance of the Financial Management Summary ending September 30, 2009 as presented.

09-2880 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the consent agenda as presented.

SO VOTED

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

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

INFORMTION

A. Student Representatives:

Stephanie told Board Members of the following upcoming events planned at Seymour High School. The Junior Ring Dance is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Homecoming Dance is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> with Homecoming week activities beginning October 26<sup>th</sup> and running through October 30<sup>th</sup>. The HOPE club is sponsoring a Breast Cancer Walk on October 25<sup>th</sup>

B. Seymour High School Improvement Plan – Cathy Goodrich

Through a PowerPoint presentation Mr. Freund, Mr. Lucke and Mrs. Goodrich explained to Board Members their goals for Seymour High School. Mr. Freund and Mr. Lucke dissected the CAPT scores and showed areas that need work to make goal. Mr. Freund said they used CFA to monitor where 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are in certain sections of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade pre-assessments. Not all the data collected revolved around the CAPT tests score Mr. Freund also reviewed scores of the AP Tests to show areas of growth for those students. Mrs. Goodrich shared the administrative goals with Board Members. One of the goals is to create a school-wide Data Team which was put in place at the end of the last school year. Department chairs and teachers will be part of the school improvement plan by taking an active role in professional development. Mrs. Goodrich said the administrative team has put together many resources for the teachers such as a professional library for teachers, book studies with the departments and an on-line blog for teacher to share ideas on teaching strategies.

C. School Calendars and Newsletters

Seymour High School Newsletter and Calendar of events was submitted for Board Members information.

REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee Agenda – October 19, 2009

B. Chairman's Report – NONE

C. Superintendent's Report

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

VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Request for an Out of State Field Trip – Mr. Skiparis and Mr. Pawluk are requesting approval for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade US History Classes to attend a field trip to Ellis Island in New York City, NY on Monday, November 23, 2009.

09-2881 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the request for Grade 10 Seymour High School US History Students to attend a field trip to Ellis Island in New York City, NY on November 23, 2009.

SO VOTED

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

09-2882 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to add to the agenda and go into Executive Session to discuss the personal goals of the Superintendent and invite the Superintendent.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Ward, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek Board Members and Ms. Mascolo went into Executive session at 9:20 p.m.

09-2883 MOTION (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by  
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk