

## SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING  
Seymour Middle School

June 15, 2009  
7:30 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce Baker, Chairman  
Frederick Stanek  
Judith Flood  
Jeanne Loda  
Rose Marie Yitts  
Rhonda Geffert  
James Ward 7:20  
Jason Buchsbaum

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

James Garofolo

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent  
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent of Finance &  
Operations  
Mary Lavoie, Curriculum Director

Jay Brennan, Ed Rostowsky, Dennis Rozyus, Meagan Krushinski, Mariann Stack, Lee Anfo, Christine Kazeta, Jen Peterson, Carol Upshun, Jennifer Batterton, Deborah Davies, M. LoGuidice, Regina Fischer, Nate Dobas, Evelyn Molner, S. Gesek, Paul Roy, Kristiann Kassay, Dave Olechna, Jay Hatfield, Rep Theresa Conroy, Cathleen Cohen, Suzanne Garman

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Bruce Baker, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 p.m.

**II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. Recognitions**

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Liz Choti-Bayreuther and the students who performed in the LoPresti Choral Concert. The concert was wonderful.
2. Ms. Mascolo congratulation Joanna King and the students who performed in the Bungay School band and choral concert at Seymour Middle School. It was a great success.
3. Ms. Mascolo thanked Wayne Natzel, Dan Laforme, Al Fleck and others from the maintenance staff who provided support for the "Take a Stand Day 09" at Seymour High School.
4. Congratulations to the Seymour High School music department for their success at the Trills & Thrills Music Festival on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Concert Choir, Concert Band and the Chorale were awarded a rating of excellent. The Choral received a rating of 87 which is close to superior. All the ensembles performed at the spring concert on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Knecht for his dedication to the music department.
5. Thank you to Patty Kassay, Terri Lavorgna and the Post Prom Committee for all of their hard work in putting the Post Prom Party together for the students. The students had a great night.
6. Congratulation to Lucille McGinn, Mary Ellen Coppola and the Bungay School students for raising over \$7,200 for the American Diabetes Association.
7. Congratulations to the Seymour High School Girls softball on their championship win. Mrs. Flood said there was a good turnout at the game.

Board Correspondence: Mrs. Yitts reviewed the correspondence.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Mockler told Board Members he was representing the Seymour Middle School faculty and the SEA and asked them if they were aware of what was going on at Seymour Middle School. He handed out packets of information to each Board Member. Mr. Baker said he felt this was not the appropriate time to discuss this matter. He said Board Members would discuss the information during Executive Session.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of minutes

1. BOE meeting – June 1, 2009

B. Staff Hiring – Appendix E Position

1. Eric DeMarco – Assistant Football Coach at Seymour High School

C. Staff Hiring – Volunteer

1. Stephanie Ciccone – Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach at Seymour High School

E. Staff Resignations – Appendix E Position

1. Ernie DeStasi – Student Council Advisor at Seymour Middle School
2. Nate Dobas – Drama Club at Seymour Middle School
3. Pam Finkle – White Team Leader at Seymour Middle School
4. Regina Fischer – Green Team Leader at Seymour Middle School
5. Dinalyn Garrow – Team Leader at Seymour Middle School
6. Joel Knect – Choral & Pep Band Advisors at Seymour High School
7. Meagan Krushinski – Head Girls Soccer Coach at Seymour Middle School
8. Judy Laudati – Purple Team Leader at Seymour Middle School
10. Caroline Sweeney – HOPE Club Advisor at Seymour High School

F. Nutrition Services

1. Financial Report – May 2009

09-3779 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mr. Ward) to approve the Consent Agenda with items D and E9 removed to Item V as presented.

SO VOTED

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

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Staff Resignation – Non-Certified Staff

1. Al Fleck – Custodian – Seymour High School

09-3780 MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec., Mrs. Loda) to accept the resignation of Al Fleck as Head Custodian at Seymour High School with appreciation and regret.

SO VOTED

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

B. Staff Resignation – Appendix E Position

1. Chris Pagliaro – Model UN Advisor at Seymour High School

09-3781 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to accept the resignation of Chris Pagliaro as Model UN Advisor at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

INFORMATION

A. School Improvement Plan

1. Chatfield Elementary – Jay Brennan

Mrs. Brennan told Board Members of the progress Chatfield School has made since the last progress report. Mrs. Brennan reviewed the goals in the grade level. Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation Mrs. Brennan showed the progress the different grade levels had made in DRA. In the upper grades 3-5 the goals were in CMT strands

and those results will not be available until the summer months. The teachers are hoping for good results on the CMT's based on what they have seen through the use of their CFA's.

**B. Report on Use of ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) Funds for Positions and Programs**

**1. ARRA Funds – Christine Syriac**

Mrs. Syriac told Board Members of the ARRA Funds pertaining to the Title I program. The Connecticut State Dept of Education gave guidelines in how they would like to see the funds utilized. Some things were expanded learning time for students, professional development or technical assistance for teachers and direct services to students and parents. The programs must supplement what is in the school district already.

At this time LoPresti School and Seymour Middle School are the only schools in the district that are eligible for the Title I funds. Mrs. Syriac said the funds will be used at LoPresti and Seymour Middle School for an extended day program that will include expanded learning time, literacy support, numeracy support and homework support. The funds will also be used for professional development for the teachers at those schools and increase parental involvement by increasing the number of workshops for parents of students in this sub-group.

**C. School calendars and student newsletters**

All the district schools submitted their calendars and student newsletters for Board Members information

**REPORTS**

**A. Committee Reports**

1. Finance Committee met on June 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. Ward reported on this meeting. Mr. Ward said Mr. Belden reviewed the Financial Report with the committee.

09-3782 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Ward) to approve the Financial Report of May 31, 2009 as presented.

SO VOTED

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

2. Athletic and Facilities Committee met on June 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. Stanek said the committee reviewed the maintenance and conditions of the fields.

**B. Chairman's Report –**

Mr. Baker said the Chatfield/LoPresti Building Committee is moving along. There will be a facilities meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Mr. Stanek reminded Board Members of the pre-graduation reception at 5:00 in the Library at Seymour High School to honor the Distinguished Alumnus. If graduation is indoors, the reception will be held at Seymour Middle School in the Library-Media Center. Ms. Mascolo will notify Board Members by 3:00 p.m. if the graduation ceremony will be held indoors.

**E Superintendent's Report –**

Ms. Mascolo and Mr. Belden have been working with Mr. Wareke to sell the large equipment to area colleges. They will present their proposal to the First Selectmen for approval. They are hoping the money made from the sale of the equipment will be used for a one time capitol project like resurfacing the track.

Ms. Mascolo told Board Members of two letters that will be going out before the end of the school year. One letter will go to staff and the other letter will go to parents concerning the dress code for the upcoming school year. The letters state that the dress code will be enforced during the 2009-10 school year.

**VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

A) Review and approve Seymour Middle School's Textbook request for the purchase of two textbooks.

09-3783 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Flood) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the purchase of two textbooks as requested by Seymour Middle School.

SO VOTED

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

B) Review and approve an out of state field trip request from Ms. Ashly Scharn and Ms. Stephanie Ciccone to take the Seymour High School Cheerleading team to the NCA Camp in Honesdale, PA.

09-3784 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Stanek) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the out of state field trip requested by Ashly Scharn and Stephanie Ciccone to take the Seymour High School Cheerleading team to NCA Camp in Honesdale, PA.

SO VOTED

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

09-3785 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to add item VII C – Seymour Soccer Association to the agenda.

SO VOTED

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

C) Review and approve the request of the Seymour Soccer Association to donate soccer equipment to the three Elementary Schools.

09-3786 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to approve the request of the Seymour Soccer Association to donate soccer equipment to the three Elementary Schools.

SO VOTED

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

09-3787 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to add to the agenda item VIID Executive Session – Pending Litigation

SO VOTED

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

09-3788 MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mrs. Loda) to go into Executive Session and invite Ms. Mascolo, Mr. Belden and Mrs. Syriac to discuss pending litigation.

SO VOTED

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

Board Members and those invited went into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. No actions were taken upon coming out of Executive Session.

#### IX ADJOURNMENT

09- 3789 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Loda) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Submitted by  
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk