

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
Seymour High School

April 6, 2009
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Jason Buchsbaum
Joseph Kassay
Allie Bachayrch

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent of Finance &
Operations
Mary Lavoie, Curriculum Director
Christine Harrison
Edward L. Strumello

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Bruce Baker, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:40 p.m.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

A) Recognitions:

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated the cast and crew of The Beatles on their fine performance.
2. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Christine Cretella for being named on the All-Suburban Girls Basketball team.
3. Congratulations to Bungay School for receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the soldiers of the 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry located in Balad, Iraq.
4. Congratulations to Kellie Robinson for being named an All-State All-Academic Cheerleader. Congratulations to Christine Lasto, Marissa Scinto, Kelly O'Connell, Rebecca Graham and Tanya Ralph for being named All-State Cheerleaders. Congratulations to Blakeley Cole for being recognized as All-NVL All Academic and congratulations to Jessica Lasto, Amanda Greer and Cara Staffieri for being named All-NVL.
5. Congratulations to the winners of the Community Spirit Art Contest. Rebecca Cyr, Seymour Middle School, Alex DeFranzo, Seymour High School, Raeanne Geffert, Bungay School, Samantha DeRosa, Chatfield School, Pamela Gibson, Seymour High School, Zachary Gildea, LoPresti School. The students winning artwork will be made into flags which will hang downtown in the business district of Seymour.
6. To honor the memory of Lorraine Petrocelli, a long term employee of the Seymour School district, the Lorraine Petrocelli Scholarship Fund has been established and a ziti benefit dinner to raise money for the fund will be held on May 9th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Seymour.
7. Thank you to Sarah Quinn and Mr. Wojtowicz for bringing the Connecticut Symphonic Band to Seymour Middle School on April 1, 2009.

B) Board Correspondence: Mrs. Yitts reviewed the correspondence.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

- A) BOE Meeting – March 16, 2009
- C) Staff Resignations – non certified staff
 - 1. Julie Horan – Special Ed Paraprofessional, Chatfield
 - 2. Jull Soricelli – Special Ed Paraprofessional, Bungay
- D) Staff Resignations – Appendix E
 - Nathaniel Dobas – Drama Director, Seymour Middle School
- E) Nutrition Services
 - Financial Report – February 2009

09-3740 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to approve the consent agenda with items B & D1 removed.

SO VOTED

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

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Staff Resignation – Certified staff
 - 1. Jay Brennan – Principal, Chatfield School

09-3741 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the retirement of Jay Brennan with regret and great appreciation.

SO VOTED

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

- B) Staff Resignations – Appendix E
 - 1. Stephanie Ciccone – Cheerleading Team Coach, Seymour High School

09-3742 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Stanek) to accept the resignation of Stephanie Ciccone as Cheerleading Coach with regret.

SO VOTED

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

VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

- A) Student Representatives Report
 - Allie told Board Members that the National Honor Society set up the Easter Egg Hunt and games at the Elementary Schools on April 1st.
 - Joe said that the spring sports have begun and the teams will be competing for the league championships and state titles. Mr. Seymour contest was won by Brian Federowitz – the contest raised a couple hundred dollars for the American Cancer Society.

- B) School Calendars and student newsletters
 - 1. The schools submitted their monthly calendars and student newsletters for Board Members' information.

- C) Chairman's Report –
 - Mr. Baker said the Chatfield LoPresti Building committee will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen to approve the contract manager and the architect.

Mr. Stanek asked why there was no district wide curriculum committee. Ms. Mascolo said the full board is the Curriculum Committee. Mr. Stanek said he feels there is a need for a district wide curriculum committee. He feels the present committee is more presentation oriented rather than more productive. Mr. Stanek also said he was not sure if the full board could be the district-wide curriculum committee. Ms. Mascolo said she would look at the state statue.

- D) Superintendent's Report – NONE

VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A) Review and approve the out of state field trip request from Ms. Alcutt, Ms. Dorosh and Mr. Carey to take the LoPresti gr. 5 students to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA.

09-3743 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the out of state field trip requested by the Gr. 5 teachers at LoPresti School to take their students on a field trip to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA.

SO VOTED

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

B) Review and possible action on parent requests for intra-district transfers.

09-3744 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to table consideration of intra-district transfer requests for the 2009-10 school year until the first meeting in June.

SO VOTED

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

RECUSE: Mrs. Yitts

OPPOSED: Mr. Ward

C) Review and discuss First Selectman Robert Koskelowski's letters

09-3745 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to send a letter to the First Selectman that the Board of Education cannot comply with his request.

SO VOTED

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

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

IX ADJOURNMENT

09-3746 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk