

**SEYMOUR
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Athletic Committee**

Minutes

**March 9, 2009
Bungay Elementary School
7:00 p.m.**

Those in attendance: Fred Stanek, Judy Flood, Bruce Baker, Jim Ward, Ed Rostowsky, MaryAnne Mascolo

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stanek addressed the first item on the agenda regarding the status of the Seymour High School golf program. Mr. Rostowsky informed the Committee that he has petitioned the Ansonia Board of Education to allow two, possibly three Seymour High School students to participate as a team of one. Mrs. Flood expressed concerns that the golf program was eliminated and wanted to know what the sign ups for the program had been. Mr. Rostowsky indicated that last year's team had five participants and when an interest survey was done earlier in the year; five to seven students indicated interest in the golf program. Mr. Rostowsky was notified on Monday that there was a possible third student interested in participating in the team of one. The committee voted to send the following motion to the full Board. Both Mr. Baker and Mr. Ward indicated that as the high school's population decreases with the exit of Oxford students, it will be increasingly difficult to run the number of current sports programs. Mrs. Mascolo indicated that the enrollment for Seymour High School will be approximately 730 students for the 09-10 school year.

MOTION: (Mrs. Flood/Mr. Ward) to recommend to the full Board that they consider a team of one for students wishing to participate in Ansonia's golf program, not to exceed three participants.

SO VOTED

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

Mrs. Mascolo and Mr. Rostowsky informed the Board of the process of hiring the new Head Football Coach. The job was posted and one internal application was received. The interviewing committee consisted of High School Principal Cathy Goodrich, Athletic Director Ed Rostowsky, Paul Sponheimer and Cathy Federowicz. The candidate gave an excellent interview and is being recommended to the full Board for their approval.

Mr. Stanek proposed to the Committee that Coach Paul Sponheimer jersey be retired as he has been the High School football coach for 29 years as well as a Seymour High School football player. Mr. Sponheimer's high school football number was "87." Mr. Ward indicated that as an athlete himself, he would like to see the number retired but he would also enjoy seeing a current player running around with his numbered jersey. The Board said that they would give Mr. Sponheimer the choice of retiring his jersey and that number would not be used again or allowing the number to be used for current players.

MOTION: (Mrs. Flood/Mr. Ward) to recommend to the full Board that Mr. Paul Sponheimer's high school football jersey, # 87, be retired.

SO VOTED

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

Mr. Baker will present Mr. Sponheimer with a trophy at his retirement party. Representative Theresa Conroy and Themis Klaridies have secured a resolution from the State Legislature honoring Mr. Sponheimer's service to the Seymour community. Should the representatives be unable to attend the retirement party, Mr. Stanek will present the resolution along with the retired jersey.

Under the Athletic Director's report, Mr. Rostowsky informed the Board that the High School track is in poor condition. Mr. Belden added that the life of the track was for five years and it is now finishing its eighth year and the re-lining and repairs are overdue. Mr. Belden also mentioned that this project has been on our planning horizon for years and due to budgetary issues, it continues to be pushed back.

Coach Pereiras and Coach Yacusewich presented a proposal to the committee regarding a softball scoreboard offer from the National Guard. Mr. Belden provided the full Board with the appropriate materials to review and consider in this matter. Mrs. Mascolo indicated that this item was planned to be discussed at the March 16th Board of Education meeting.

MOTION: (Mrs. Flood/Mr. Ward) to refer the offer of a softball scoreboard for the National Guard for the full Board's consideration.

SO VOTED

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

MOTION: (Mrs. Flood/Mr. Ward) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo