

## SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING  
Seymour High School

October 20, 2008  
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Joseph Kassay

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent  
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent of Finance &  
Operations  
Mary Lavoie, Director of Instruction  
Cathy Guerra, Mary Sue Feige

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 recognized Stephen Miller for being named as a Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program.
2. Mrs. Geffert commended the teachers from Bungay School who attended the PTA's Harvest Festival on Friday, October 17, 2008

B) Board Correspondence:

Mrs. Yitts reviewed the correspondence.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of BOE Minutes of October 6, 2008

B Staff hiring – Certified – Monica Fasciano – Mathematics Teacher at Seymour High School pending certification

C. Staff Resignations – Certified

Joan Belinsky – Reading Specialist – Bungay School

D. Finance Committee – October 2008

Recommend to approve the Financial Management Summary ending September 30, 2008, as presented and the proposed transfers as presented.

08-3663 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the consent agenda as presented.

SO VOTED

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

#### V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - NONE

#### VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

##### A) Student Representatives Report

1. Joe told Board Members that the homecoming dance was very successful. The other activities, such as the volley ball game, held during the week went well too. The car decorating contest winner received a \$50.00 gas card. Mr. Kassay asked about an athletic trainer for the students. Ms. Mascolo said Mr. Rostowsky is looking for an Athletic Trainer.

##### B) Art Contest, Seymour Cultural & Arts Commission

Linda Bellevance explained to Board Members the Arts Commission idea for an Art Contest. Students in grades 3-12 create will a flag. There will be one winner from each school. Two flags will be made from their designs one to be hung on Main Street during the summer months and the other to be hung on a flag pole out side the school for the beginning of the school year.

08-3664 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Flood) to accept the community art contest in all five schools.

SO VOTED

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

##### C) Curriculum

School Improvement Plan, Seymour High School – Cathy Goodrich, Paul Lucke and Jim Freund

Mr. Lucke and Mr. Freund reviewed with Board Members the CAPT test results and what areas are in need of improvement. They also reviewed with Board Members the strategies that are already in place for improvements as well as what will be used in the future. Mrs. Goodrich told Board Members that the common formative assessments have enhanced the curriculum development. Mrs. Goodrich said a special report is due to the NEASC committee by February 1, 2009. They are looking for two pieces one has to do with curriculum, which is what they have been working on. The other piece addresses whether the district has been adequately funding instructional supplies for the High School. The High School is on a two-year plan to purchase text books. They have also purchasing 6 smart boards and are waiting for a lap top cart for the library. Mrs. Goodrich said they look like they will be in good shape for the special report.

##### D) Committee Reports

1. Athletic Committee Meeting October 16, 2008 Mr. Stanek reviewed this meeting with Board Members. Mr. Stanek said at this time the Athletic Sub-committee has decided not to consider Pay for Participation for the sports and extra-curricular activities. Mr. Stanek said Mr. Belden informed the committee that the track was in disrepair and since this area is shared by the community the committee is in hopes that the Finance Board would share in some of the financial responsibility since this will be a costly repair.
2. Liaison Committee Meeting – October 20, 2008 – Mrs. Loda reviewed this meeting with Board Members.
3. Finance Committee meeting – October 20, 2008 – Mr. Ward reviewed this meeting with Board Members. Mr. Belden told Board Members that workman's compensation looks like it may be an issue again this year. Mr. Belden also explained how the fuel consortium worked and that they would be meeting soon to consider purchasing fuel for the 2009-2010 school year. He requested the following motions be made.

08-3665 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to participate in the heating oil & diesel fuel consortium for the 2009-2010 season.

SO VOTED

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

08-3666 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to authorize the Superintendent or her designee to lock in a price should a favorable price come available for the 2009-10 school year.

SO VOTED

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

E) Chairman's Report

Mr. Baker said the Chatfield/LoPresti Building Committee met on October 14, 2008. There are some concerns with construction costs. Mr. Stanek said they need to move forward optimistically. Mr. Baker will keep the Board informed.

F) Superintendent's Report - NONE

VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A) Review and approve Computer Laptop Bid #09-01 – Rick Belden

This action was tabled for further information

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION

A) Pending Litigation - Cancelled

IX ADJOURNMENT

08-3667 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Submitted by  
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk