

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
Seymour Middle School

October 6, 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:

Allie Bachyrycz

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Mary Lavoie, Director of Instruction

Cathy Guerra, Brian Cleveland, Katie Riordan, Noelle Milano, Kristen Bruno, Julliann Moskowitz, Tebecca Triaski, Laura Pepe, Alison Calvert, Mary Sue Feige, Edward L. Strumello

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 Alan Skiparis for being recognized by the State of CT Dept of Education for his assistance in scoring BEST portfolios this summer.

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 September 15, 2008 with the following corrections – Mrs. Flood did not request the removal of the resignation of James Perna and Millie Gonzalez from the Consent Agenda; Mr. Stanek had made that request.

Mrs. Flood requested that item C from the Consent Agenda be moved to item VA.

2. Special BOE Meeting – September 24, 2008

B Staff hiring – Certified – Mellissa Anelli -Guidance Coordinator

D. Staff Hiring – Appendix E

Thomas Jurzynski – Assistant Coach Seymour High School Girls' Swim Team

E. Volunteers

Kaitlin Tereskiewicz – Assistant Coach Seymour High School Girls’ Soccer

F. Staff Resignations – Certified

Craig Hogarth – Math Teacher at Seymour High School

G. Staff Resignation – Appendix E

Brian Cleveland – Seymour High School Girls’ JV Basketball coach

H. Notice of Intent to Home School

Ms. Powers and Mr. Zemaitaitis have informed the Board of their intent to home school their children for the 2008-09 school year.

08-3655 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the corrected consent agenda with the corrected minutes.

SO VOTED

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

ABSTAINED: Mrs. Yitts

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

A. Staff Hiring – Non-Certified

April Judd – Administrative Assistant to the Associate Superintendent

There was much discussion about the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Superintendent position. There were questions as to signing the service agreement and the pay schedule.

08-3656 MOTION: (Mr. Buchsbaum, sec., Mrs. Loda) to hire Ms. Judd for 3 years October 20, 2008-June 30, 2009 \$48,500; July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010 \$52,835 and July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011 \$54,420 and all the provisions of Mrs. Dauerty agreement will be in place.

08-3657 MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec., Mrs. Flood) to table the motion.

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

OPPOSED: Mrs. Yitts, Mr. Buchsbaum, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Ward, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Loda

Motion 08-3656 was voted

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

OPPOSED: Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek

VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

A) Field Trip Demonstration

Ms. Cunningham, Grade 5 Teacher at Chatfield School, and some of her students presented to Board Members work related to their field trip to the Big E on September 22, 2008. Students showed Board Members samples of their work. Ms. Cunningham said they will continue working on revising and completing the final copy of their report on their trip to the Big E.

08-3658 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to move item VIC up on the agenda.

SO VOTED

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

C) Student Representatives Report

1. Allie told Board Members about the Homecoming activities that will be held during the week of October 14-October 18, 2008. There will be a volleyball tournament on October 14th between the students and the teachers, also during the week there will be a pasta dinner, the big football game and the Homecoming Dance. Board Members each received a ticket to all the events of the week. Allie also said each day during the week has its own unique dress code i.e. pajama day. Allie told Board Members every Friday will be Blue and Gold day for students and teachers.

B) Curriculum

School Improvement Plan, Bungay Elementary – Mary Sue Feige

Mrs. Feige reviewed with Board Members the Bungay School Improvement Plan. She talked to Board Members of the improvements made at Bungay School. How they have been able to track student through the progress tests and benchmarks. She explained their strengths and talk to Board Members of areas of growth and her plan of action.

D) Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee meeting – September 15, 2008
2. Liaison Committee Meeting – September 29, 2008

E) Chairman's Report

Mr. Baker reminded Board Members that the vote for the new school would take place on October 7th at the Senior Center. There seems to be a lot of favorable comments about the new school. Mrs. Flood asked if they had gone ahead with the wrestling team. Mr. Baker said yes. Mr. Garofolo said he saw two signs on the Seymour High School property. Ms. Mascolo said she was not aware of the signs and would have it taken care of.

F) Superintendent's Report

Ms. Mascolo told Board Members there would be no Middle School trip to Boston or to Philadelphia. Mrs. Hamed told Ms. Mascolo that no teachers had stepped up to take on the trips.

G) Northeast Utilities Demand Response Test

Mr. Belden reported on the results from Northeast Utilities demand response test. The annual savings from this action plan can be used for instructional services.

H) Newspaper Article – bus Route Tweaks Take Time, Energy – for Board Members' information

I) Newspaper Article – Senior Citizens receive free pass to games and performances – for Board Members' information.

VII RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A) Reappointment of School System Medical Doctor – Mr. Belden's recommendation to appoint Dr. Douglas Curtiss as the school physician for the Seymour Public Schools.

08-3659 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) to approve the recommendation to appoint Dr. Douglas Curtiss and his designated associates as the school physician(s) for the Seymour Public Schools for the 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 school years at a rate of \$11, 125 per school year.

SO VOTED

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

B) Donation of soccer balls – The Ignace Family has donated four (4) soccer balls to the Seymour Middle School girls' soccer team

08-3660 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) to accept the donation of four soccer balls to the Seymour Middle School girl's soccer team from the Ignace Family with gratitude.

SO VOTED

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

C) Request for Out of State Field Trip – Mr. Skiparis and Mr. Pawluk request approval for 10th grade US history classes to attend a field trip to Ellis Island on November 24th.

08-3661 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) 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 24, 2008.

SO VOTED

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

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

08-3662 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. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek

The meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk