

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
Seymour High School

April 7, 2008
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Joe Kassay

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent, Finance & Operations
Cathy Goodrich, Principal
James Freund, Assistant Principal
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal
Patti Kassay
Jay Hatfield

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITY:

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

RECOGNITION:

1. Ms. Mascolo recognized the Best Buddies Program from Seymour High School and Seymour Middle School. An article from the New Haven Register was provided for Board Members' information.
2. Ms. Mascolo recognized Melissa Brumer, Christina Lasto, Kelly O'Connell and Marissa Scinto who were chosen as All State Cheerleaders in the Class M Division. Ms. Mascolo also recognized Melissa Brumer for being named Cheerleader of the Year.
3. Ms. Mascolo recognized Seymour High School Cheerleaders for their placing first in their division and for capturing the School Cheer Grand National Championship at the Encore! Cheer & Dance Championships on March 29th.
4. Mr. Koskolowski thanked the 8th grade White Team for their generous gift of \$300 in gift cards for seniors living in senior housing.
5. Ms. Mascolo recognized Tony Pastore for being named as a Boys Indoor Track All Star.
6. John DiBiaso thanked Mr. Perrucci and his construction technology class for participating in a two-day project to paint the ceiling of the rectory at Trinity Church.
7. Mr. Gagliardi, Principal at LoPresti School, thanked the Seymour Fire Department for their assistance when one of the LoPresti buses was ensnarled in a roadblock due to a fire.

08-3541 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on March 17, 2008 with the following corrections: Mr. Stanek had recognized Allie for her part as an escort during the Mr. Seymour contest. Mr. Stanek noted in motion #08-3536 his last name was spelled incorrectly.

SO VOTED

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

ABSTAINED: Mr. Garofolo

III. CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Yitts reviewed the correspondence.

IV. COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS: NONE

V DEMONSTRATIONS AND INFORMAL DISTRIBUTIONS:

1. 2008-2009 Professional Development Initiative – Mrs. Syriac reviewed with Board Members the districts goals for Professional Development for the teaching staff during the 2008-2009 school year.
2. Nutrition Services – Ms. Cindy Brooks submitted her Financial Report for February 2008 for Board Members' information.
3. The School Health Services Information Survey annual report was provided for Board Members' information
4. The district schools submitted their April calendars for Board Members' review.

REPORTS:

VIa Student Representative Report –

Mr. Kassay told Board members that the Mr. Valley Contest to be held at Shelton High was cancelled. The Student Council is working on an end of the year field day for seniors – the Senior Challenge. Joe asked Ms. Mascolo if she was planning on meeting with the Student council. Ms. Mascolo said her plans are to meet with 3 different groups of students for her Listen and Learn article.

VIb Board Chairman's Report –

Mr. Baker reminded Board Members of the Budget Meeting on 4/8/08 at the Middle School at 7:00 p.m. He recommended telling people to vote YES for the budget. The date for the budget vote is set for April 24 and the polls will be open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

VIc Board Committee Reports –

The Finance Committee met on April 7th. Mr. Ward reviewed the meeting with Board Members.

08-3542 MOTION: (Mr. Ward, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the Finance Report for March, 2008 as presented.

SO VOTED

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

08-3543 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) to transfer from accounts 6116-\$120,000; 6220-\$40,000; 6295-\$50,000 to accounts 6260-\$135,000; 6250-\$20,000; 6624-\$55,000.

SO VOTED

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

08-3544 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) to transfer from account 563-\$56,500 to account 564-\$56,500.

SO VOTED

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

08-3545 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Ward) to authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request For Proposals for the replacement of digital copiers.

SO VOTED

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

08-3546 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Ward) to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Business Electronics Inc., 1701 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410-1244 to provide a system upgrade to our Inter-Tel Axxess phone system per their proposal dated 12/19/07 at an annual cost of \$22,639.33 for four (4) years.

SO VOTED

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Garofolo

Vld Superintendent's Report –
Committee meetings

4/30/08	Curriculum Committee	7:00 at Central office
5/5/08	Athletic Committee	6:30
4/9/08	Liaison Committee	7:00 at Central Office
4/16/08	Liaison committee	7:00 at Central Office
5/7/08	Liaison Committee	7:00 at Central office

Ms. Mascolo said the National Honor Society Banquet is coming up and she thought someone might like to represent the Board of Education. Ms. Mascolo will check with Mrs. DiVito for more information.

VII OLD BUSINESS: – NONE

VIII NEW BUSINESS:

VIIIa Staff Appointments

Bungay Elementary School Principal– Tabled

VIIIb Volunteers

1. Shulick, Eric – Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach, Seymour High School

08-3547 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Flood) to acknowledge Eric Shulick as a volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

VIIIc Staff Resignations

1. Rotatori, Jaime – Teacher, Bungay Elementary School

08-3548 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) to ratify the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Jaime Rotatori as a teacher at Bungay School.

SO VOTED

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

2. Tanner, Shannon – Teacher Bungay School

08-3549 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) to ratify the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Shannon Tanner as a teacher at Bungay School.

SO VOTED

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

VIIId Funding – Senior Awards Assembly

Fran DiVito is requesting approval to provide funding for the annual Senior Awards Assembly from the High School Student Activity Fund. No Board of Education funds are required.

After much discussion a motion was made. Mr. Stanek was opposed to Mr. Baker not letting Joe Kassay speak.

08-3550 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the request to provide funding for the Senior Awards Assembly from the High School Student Activity Fund as recommended by the Superintendent.

SO VOTED

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

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

VIIIe Request change on school assignment waivers

The Superintendent is requesting a change of due date from July 1st to May 31st for School Assignment Waivers.

08-3551 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Ward) to change the date on the school assignment waivers from July 1 to May 31 as recommended by the Superintendent.

SO VOTED

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Garofolo

08-3552 MOTION: (Mrs. Loda, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to go into Executive Session and invite the Superintendent to discuss the Superintendent's Mid-year Evaluation.

SO VOTED

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

The Board Members present and the Superintendent entered into executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Board Members reviewed the Superintendent's performance to date.

08-3553 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Loda) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk