

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
Seymour Middle School

October 1, 2007
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman
Rose Marie Yitts
Rhonda Geffert
John Criscuolo
James Garofolo
Frederick Stanek
James Ward 7:40
Arlene Brumer 7:50
Judith Flood

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Allie Bachyrycz
Joe Kassay

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent,
Finance & Operations
Mary Sue Feige, Mary Estock, Kim & Steve Murzin
Patti Kassay, Liz Tift

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITY:

Bruce Baker, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

RECOGNITION:

1. Mr. Kearns thanked Mrs. Coughlin and Mrs. Slie for their security awareness at Bungay School.
2. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Allie Bachyrycz for her appointment to the State Student Advisory Council on Education.
3. Mr. McNamara, a vendor for the school system, complimented the custodial staff at all five schools for how clean the schools are kept.

07-3384 MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on September 17, 2007, as presented.

SO VOTED

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

ABSTAINED: Mr. Criscuolo

III. CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Yitts reviewed the correspondence

IV. COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Mr. Murzin said he had two issues to speak to: security and bullying in the schools. He feels a child that is bullied in schools forfeits their right to learn. He said a student was taken into an office and interrogated. Mr. Murzin said he would do his own investigation of this matter and brief the Board Members.

Mrs. Estock said the bathrooms at the High School are locked during the day and if students are not in their seat by the bell they receive a detention. She talked to the Principal and was told students try to plug up the toilets and that is why they are locked. Mr. Baker suggested that Mrs. Estock call Ms. Mascolo with her concerns.

V DEMONSTRATIONS AND INFORMAL DISTRIBUTIONS:

Va School-Based Practices Profile – Nancy Snopkowski

Mrs. Snopkowski and Mrs. Baldarelli used a Power-Point demonstration to explain the school-based practice profile used in the school district for Board Members' information.

REPORTS:

Vla Student Representative Report –

Allie told Board Members the junior class Ring Dance would be held on Thursday, October 11th.

Joe Kassay reported that they are planning on creating a school spirit banner that each student will sign. This banner will be hung at different school events.

Vlb Board Chairman's Report –

Mr. Baker said he attended a CABE meeting for new Superintendents and Board Chairmen with Ms. Mascolo. He learned different programs that could be used to meet their goals and objectives as a board. Mr. Baker said the curriculum seems to be working. He congratulated everyone for making it work.

Vlc Board Committee Reports –

The Curriculum Committee met on September 19, 2007 with Mrs. Yitts reporting on this meeting. Mrs. Yitts said the committee proposed modification to the Vincentena Kobasa Award.

07-3385 MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to modify the Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award including the criteria as outlined by the Curriculum Committee.

SO VOTED

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

The Facilities Committee met on September 27, 2007 Mr. Ward reported on this meeting. Mr. Ward said the committee met the new Director of Facilities, Mr. Natzel. Mr. Natzel shared with the committee his strong commitment to the buildings and recognized a need to work on the exterior of the buildings.

Vld Superintendent's Report –

Meetings:

Policy Committee	10/11/07
Athletic Committee	10/18/07
Transportation Committee	10/22/07

VII OLD BUSINESS:

VIIa School Calendar change

The district-wide school calendar was missing the October 1 date. The calendar has been corrected.

VIII NEW BUSINESS:

VIIIa Staff Appointments

1. Megan McDonough – Half time Kindergarten – LoPresti School (Step 1 Bachelors) (new position)

07-3386 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to ratify the Superintendent's appointment of Megan McDonough as half-time Kindergarten Teacher at LoPresti School (Step 1 Bachelors) (new position)

SO VOTED

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

VIIIb Staff Hiring

1. Brian Cleveland – Assistant Coach Girls Freshman Basketball (Appendix E position – replacing Jeff Nettle) SHS

07-3387 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Brian Cleveland as Assistant Coach Girls Freshman Basketball (Appendix E position) at the High School.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Yitts, Mrs. Brumer, Mr. Criscuolo, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Stanek

OPPOSED: Mr. Baker

2. Mary Deming – Class Advisor (Appendix E position) SHS

07-3388 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Mary Deming as Class Advisor (Appendix E position) SHS.

SO VOTED

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

3. Kelly Grimme – Supervisor of Accounting Services (new position) Central Office

07-3389 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Kelly Grimme as Supervisor of Accounting Services at Central Office.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Yitts, Mrs. Brumer, Mr. Criscuolo, Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Stanek

OPPOSED Mr. Garofolo

4. Megan Kinsman – Assistant Coach Girls Basketball (Appendix E position) SHS

07-3390 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Megan Kinsman as Assistant Coach Girls Basketball (Appendix E position) at the High School.

SO VOTED

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

5. David Willadsen – Assistant Coach Boys/Girls Indoor Track (Appendix E position) – SHS

07-3391 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of David Willadsen as Assistant Coach Boys/Girls Indoor Track (Appendix E position) at the High School.

SO VOTED

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

VIIIc Volunteers

1. Michael Collins – Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach – SHS

07-3392 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to acknowledge the Superintendent's appointment of Michael Collins as Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach at SHS.

SO VOTED

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

2. John Commune – Volunteer Statistician/Bookkeeper – (Football) – SHS

07-3393 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to acknowledge the Superintendent's appointment of John Commune as Volunteer Statistician/Bookkeeper football at the High School.

SO VOTED

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

3. Dennis DeBarber – Volunteer Assistant Football – SHS

07-3394 MOTION; (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to acknowledge the Superintendent's appointment of Dennis DeBarber as Volunteer Assistant Football at the High School

SO VOTED

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

4. Vinn Renaldi – Volunteer Manager – Boys Soccer – SHS

07-3395 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to acknowledge the Superintendent's appointment of Vinn Renaldi as Volunteer Manager Boys Soccer at the High School.

SO VOTED

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

VIIIId Staff Resignations

1. Janetta Dobler – Literacy Support Coach – LoPresti School

07-3396 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to ratify the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Janetta Dobler as Literacy Support Coach at LoPresti School.

SO VOTED

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

2. Jeff Nettle – Girls Freshman Basketball Coach – SHS

07-3397 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to ratify the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Jeff Nettle as Girls Freshman Basketball Coach at the High School.

SO VOTED

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

3. Craig Prasauckas – Assistant Baseball Coach – (Appendix E position) SHS

07-3398 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to ratify the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Craig Prasauckas as Assistant Baseball Coach (Appendix E position) at SHS.

SO VOTED

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

4. Jennifer Rumbin – School Psychologist – LoPresti School

07-3399 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to ratify the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Jennifer Rumbin as School Psychologist at LoPresti School.

SO VOTED

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

5. Leslie Sojka – Future Problem Solving Coach- (Appendix E position)

07-3400 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to ratify the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Leslie Sojka as Future Problem Solving Coach (Appendix E position).

SO VOTED

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

VIIIe Request for out of state field trip

Mr. Skiparis, Mr. Pawluk and Mr. Willadsen are seeking approval for the grade ten U.S. History classes to visit the Freedom Trail in Boston, MA on November 19, 2007.

07-3401 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Brumer) to grant permission to Seymour High School's tenth grade US History classes to attend a field trip to visit the Freedom Trail in Boston, MA.

SO VOTED

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

VIII f Request to continue participation on Seymour Swim Team

Ms. Soldra, Athletic Director at Ansonia High School, is requesting continued participation of Lauren Shortell, Kristen Norris and Brittany Shortell on the Seymour Girls Swim team for the 2007-08 school year.

07-3402 MOTION: (Mr. Ward, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to grant the request for Lauren Shortell, Kristen Norris and Brittany Shortell to continue participation with the Seymour Girls Swim Team.

SO VOTED

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

VIII g Request to participate on the Seymour Swim Team

Ms. Soldra, Athletic Director at Ansonia High School, is requesting permission for James Norris to participate on the Boys Swim Team for the 2007-08 school year.

07-3403 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to grant the request for James Norris to participate on the Seymour Boys Swim Team for the 2007-08 school year.

SO VOTED

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

VIII h Parent request for intra-district transfer

Ms. Badyrka is seeking permission for her daughter, Marissa Mainiero, to continue attending Chatfield School. Her child is currently in the fourth grade.

07-3404 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mr. Stanek) to grant the request for the 2007-08 school year providing the parent continues to transport the student to and from school. The parent must reapply next year in order for consideration to be given to this child for the 2008-09 school year.

SO VOTED

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

07-3405 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Flood) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk