

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
Seymour Middle School

September 17, 2007
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:
OTHERS PRESENT:

John Criscuolo
Allie Bachyrycz
MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent
Scotta & Mike Simoneau
Jay Hatfield

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITY:

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

RECOGNITION:

1. Seymour/Oxford Rotary Club will donate dictionaries to all third grade students during the month of October.
2. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Joe Kassay, Christine Lasto, Andrea Melms and Sean Simoneau for performing at the Advanced level on all four of the 2007 CAPT tests.
3. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Basilla Stevens for being named a PIMMS Fellow.
4. Ms. Mascolo thanked Kevin Cox of Prestige Landscaping for donating Mums to all the schools for the opening day.

07-3371 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on September 4, 2007, with the following correction to motion 07-3351 – Mrs. Brumer and Mrs. Flood were not present at the meeting and did not vote. There were also spelling errors.

SO VOTED

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

ABSTAINED: Mrs. Flood, Mrs. Brumer

III. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

IV. COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Mr. Simoneau said he was surprised that the scoreboard was not installed in the pool area. Mr. Belden said they would be putting the bid specs in for the scoreboard. The bids will be back in a couple of weeks then it will take about three weeks to start the installation.

V DEMONSTRATIONS AND INFORMAL DISTRIBUTIONS:

Va Seymour High School Newsletter – September, 2007

Mrs. Goodrich submitted the High School Newsletter for Board Members' review.

Vb State of Connecticut/Bureau of Grants Management

Mr. Belden submitted information concerning out of town magnet school transportation revenues from the State of Connecticut/Bureau of Grants Management for Board Members' perusal.

REPORTS:

VIa Student Representative Report –

Allie reported that the Honor Society would be selling pies during the months of September and October. Students from the Honor Society would be showing parents around the school during “Meet the Teacher” night. Allie told Board Members that the Student Council is having problems with money since the changes to the vending machines. The Student Council will be selling flowers at Christmas and Valentines. They also will sell graduation balloons for parents to purchase for their children.

Mr. Baker said he went to the first home football game. He said the middle of the field is bare and next year it will need new sod.

VIb Board Chairman's Report –

Mr. Garofolo asked if there were enough reading books for each student with the new reading series. Mrs. Syriac said the teachers are provided with a certain number of books. The books are to be used in small groups.

VIc Board Committee Reports –

Liaison Sub-Committee met on September 5th and 7th. Board Members will review the minutes of these meetings during executive session.

VIId Superintendent's Report –

Mrs. Syriac reported that all students in all the schools had some sort of instruction about the Constitution for Constitution Day. At the High School level some of the students took the citizenship test.

Mr. Belden told Board Members that he has raffle tickets for the Shannon and John Murphy Trust Fund.

VII OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VIII NEW BUSINESS:

VIIIa Staff Hirings

1. Jessica Blackwell – Cheerleading Coach (Appendix E position – replacement for Millie Gonzalez) – Seymour Middle School.

07-3372 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Jessica Blackwell as Cheerleading Coach (Appendix E position) at Seymour Middle School.

SO VOTED

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

2. Sandra Marino – Instructional Paraprofessional Preschool Monday, Wednesday and Friday (replacement for Lee Bishop) – Chatfield School

07-3373 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Sandra Marino as Instructional Paraprofessional Preschool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Chatfield School.

SO VOTED

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

3. Karen Murphy – Instructional Paraprofessional Preschool on Tuesday and Thursday (replacement for Lee Bishop) – Chatfield School

07-3374 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Karen Murphy as Instructional Paraprofessional Preschool at Chatfield School

SO VOTED

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

4. Joe Deptula, Jr. – Volunteer Statistician – Seymour High School.

07-3375 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of Joe Deptula, Jr. as Volunteer Statistician at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

5. Erin McGowan – Instructional Paraprofessional Preschool (new position to support additional Special Education students) Chatfield School.

07-3376 MOTION: (Mrs. Yitts, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Erin McGowan as Instructional Paraprofessional Preschool at Chatfield School

SO VOTED

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

VIIIb Staff Resignations

1. David Willadsen – Freshman Co-Coaching position – Girls Basketball – Seymour High School

07-3377 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to ratify the Superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of David Willadsen as Freshman Co-Coach at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

VIIIc Request for out of state field trip

1. Mr. Fleming and Ms. Cunningham are requesting permission for Grade 5 from Chatfield School to attend The Big E in West Springfield, MA on September 27, 2007.

07-3378 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to grant permission to Chatfield's fifth grade classes to attend a field trip to the Big E in West Springfield, MA

SO VOTED

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Stanek

VIIIId Notice of Intent to Home School – Zemaitaitis Family

The Zemaitaitis Family has informed the Board of Education of their intent to home school their children for the 2007-08 school year.

07-3379 MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to acknowledge receipt of this form and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program.

SO VOTED

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

VIIIe Administrators' Contract
Anticipated Executive Session

07-3380 MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to go into executive session to discuss the Administrator's contract and invited the Superintendent, Associate Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent.

SO VOTED

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

Entered into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the Administrators' 2008-2011 contract.

07-3381 MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to come out of executive session.

SO VOTED

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

07-3382 MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mrs. Yitts) to accept the Administrators' contract from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 as presented

SO VOTED

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

OPPOSED: Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Brumer

07-3383 MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo, sec., Mrs. Flood) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk