

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
Seymour Middle School

August 20, 2007
7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Baker, Chairman
Rhonda Geffert
John Criscuolo
Judith Flood
Arlene Brumer
Frederick Stanek
James Ward 7:50 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Garofolo
Rose Marie Yitts

OTHERS PRESENT:

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent
Richard Belden, Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Harkey
Rebecca Sirowich
Robert Koskolowski

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITY:

Bruce Baker, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 p.m.

RECOGNITION:

1. Ms. Mascolo congratulated Mrs. Allison Cunningham for naming the Superintendent's Newsletter. The newsletter "Central Link" will be in print soon.
2. Ms. Mascolo said that Mr. Kearns was awarded a grant from the Katherine Matthies Foundation for the High School's "Take a Stand Program".
3. Mr. Baker congratulated the Seymour Girls' Softball team for their win in the World Series.

07-3327 MOTION: (Mrs. Flood, sec., Mrs. Brumer) to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on August 6, 2007, as presented.

SO VOTED

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

IV. COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Mrs. Sirowich said in February she submitted a request to the transportation committee to provide transportation from her daycare provider. Mrs. Sirowich said she just received the denial. She is presently appealing the denial. Mrs. Sirowich said she doesn't feel it is safe for her child to walk to the daycare provider during the mid-day.

Mrs. Harkey told Board Members that some of the parents at her child's bus stop are having an issue with a bus driver. Mrs. Harkey said the bus driver's children come from Chatfield to Bungay to ride the bus home with their mother. Most of the problems on the bus come from the driver's children. Most parents do not complain because they fear retribution. Mrs. Harkey would like the Transportation Committee to look into this.

Mrs. Geffert said she feels that if a person comes to the Transportation Committee in February with a request they should not have to wait five months for an answer. Mr. Stanek said he hopes the transportation committee acts on this quickly.

Transportation Committee will meet on August 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Office

V DEMONSTRATIONS AND INFORMAL DISTRIBUTIONS: NONE

REPORTS:

Via Student Representative Report – NONE

Vib Board Chairman's Report –

Ms. Mascolo invited all Board Members to the First Day of School meeting – 7:30-7:50 coffee 8:00-9:00 Opening Remarks and the speaker from 9:00-11:30.

Vic Board Committee Reports –

Joint Meeting of the Liaison and Finance Committee met on August 15th.

07-3328 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to approve the Business Manager's report ending 6/30/07 as presented.

SO VOTED

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

07-3329 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Brumer) to approve the following transfer request

From Accounts 6111-\$66,825; 6112-\$10,370; 6116-\$24,696; 6117-\$10,846; 6120-\$416,438; 6123-\$20,497; 6125-\$2,273; 6128-\$3,400; 6129-\$10,923; 6130-\$2,029; 6140-\$22,612; 6211-\$747; 6220-\$7,504; 6230-\$12,956; 6320-\$10,656; 6330-\$17,966; 6340-\$14,776; 6411-\$13,678; 6433-\$10,024; 6434-\$36,089; 6440-\$4,053; 6450-\$3,038; 6510-\$7,621; 6512-\$1,376; 6530-\$9,805; 6562-\$13; 6563-\$28,030; 6580-\$2,268; 6610-\$12,418; 6624-\$40,473; 6730-\$25,445; 6731-\$6,295; 6475-\$55,249 to Accounts 6110-\$6,348; 6113-\$3,829; 6114-\$4,897; 6115-\$170; 6119-\$37,733; 6122-\$3,950; 6124-\$6,956; 6210-\$94,439; 6240-\$3,018; 6250-\$2,526; 6260-\$74,305; 6295-\$647; 6335-\$2; 6424-\$2,080; 6430-\$1,613; 6431-\$11038; 6516-\$27,208; 6517-\$1,149; 6519-\$11,579; 6561-\$7,090; 6564-\$14; 6590-\$2,756; 6611-\$10,100; 6612-\$1,219; 6613-\$5,607; 6615-\$10,491; 6622-\$36,906; 6625-\$2; 6641-\$114,526; 6642-\$3,380; 6645-\$7,606; 6690-\$9,049; 6810-\$10,625.

SO VOTED

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

VId Superintendent's Report –

Ms. Mascolo said at the next Board Meeting on September 4th Mrs. Syriac and Mrs. Feige would be reporting on the CMT Scores.

Ms. Mascolo said the school bus schedule would be put up on the Web page on Tuesday, August 21st.

VII OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Stanek said the Board of Selectmen approved the transfer of funds from the tuition account to the Board of Education to purchase defibrillators. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Belden said there might be three defibrillators donated to the school system.

VIII NEW BUSINESS:

VIIIa Staff Appointments

1. Megan Kinsman- English Teacher (replacement for Lara Schmid (1st Step Masters) – Seymour High School

07-3330 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to acknowledge the appointment of Megan Kinsman as English Teacher 1st Step masters at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

2. Nicole Gardner – Grade One Teacher (1st Step Masters) – replacing Joanna Wolfe – Bungay School

07-3331 MOTION: (Mr. Stanek, sec., Mrs. Flood) to acknowledge the appointment of Nicole Gardner as Grade One Teacher (1st Step Masters) at Bungay School

SO VOTED

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

3. Michelle Cirella – Preschool/Special Ed Teacher (2nd Step Masters) – (replacement for Patty Benner) – Chatfield School.

07-3332 MOTION: (Mrs. Bruner, sec., Mr. Criscuolo) to acknowledge the appointment of Michelle Cirella as Preschool/Special Ed. Teacher (2nd Step Masters) at Chatfield School.

SO VOTED

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

4. Lisa Cheney – English Dept Chair – Seymour High School

07-3334 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to acknowledge the appointment of Lisa Cheney as English Dept. Chair at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

5. Fran DiVito – Mathematics Dept. Chair – Seymour High School

07-3335 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to acknowledge the appointment of Fran DiVito as Mathematics Dept. Chair – Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

6. Michael Sirowich – Science Dept Chair – Seymour High School

07-3336 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to acknowledge the appointment of Michael Sirowich as Science Dept. Chair at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

7. Sarah Morgatto – Special Ed. Dept. Chair – Seymour High School

07-3337 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to acknowledge the appointment of Sarah Morgatto as Special Ed. Dept. Chair at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

8. Alan Skipairs – Social Studies Dept Chair – Seymour High School

07-3338 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to acknowledge the appointment of Alan Skipairs as Social Studies Dept. Chair at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

VIIIb Staff Hiring

Appendix E Positions

1. Tom Lennon – Head Indoor Track Coach – Seymour High School

07-3339 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Flood) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Tom Lennon as Head Indoor Track Coach at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

2. Brandt Schneider – Assistant Cross Country Coach – Seymour High School

07-3340 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Brandt Schneider as Assistant Cross Country Coach at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

3. Chris Pagliaro and Eric DeMarco (Split position) – Assistant Football Coaches – Seymour High School

07-3341 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for hire of Chris Pagliaro and Eric DeMarco (Split position) as an Assistant Football Coaches at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

4. Steve Ditria, Mike Sirowich and John Hatfield – Volunteer Football Coaches.

07-3342 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to acknowledge the appointment of Steve Ditria, Mike Sirowich and John Hatfield as Volunteer Football Coaches at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

VIIIc Staff Resignations

1. Kimberly Wright – Special Ed. Teacher – Seymour High School

07-3343 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the resignation of Kimberly Wright as Special Education Teacher at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

2. Stephanie Werdmann – Assistant Girls Swim Coach (Appendix E Position) – Seymour High School

07-3344 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the resignation of Stephanie Werdmann as Assistant Girls' Swim Coach (Appendix E Position) at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

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

3. Brandy Happy – Head Girls Volleyball Coach (Appendix E Position) – Seymour Middle School

07-3345 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept the resignation of Brandy Happy as Head Girls Volleyball Coach (Appendix E Position) at Seymour Middle School.

SO VOTED

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

4. Kimberly Cyr – Second Grade Teacher – Anna LoPresti School

07-3346 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kimberly Cyr as Second Grade Teacher at Anna LoPresti School.

SO VOTED

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

VIII d Supervisor of Accounting Service

The Superintendent has submitted the job description for the Supervisor of Accounting Services for Board Members' approval.

07-3347 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mr. Ward) to approve the creation of the position of Supervisor of Accounting Services as recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Liaison and Finance Committee.

SO VOTED

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

VIII e Care Packages to Our Soldiers – Mrs. Ann Donato

Mrs. Donato is seeking permission to again send care packages to soldiers oversea with the help of Bungay School, Chatfield School, LoPresti School and Seymour Middle School

07-3348 MOTION: (Mr. Ward, sec., Mr. Stanek) to grant permission to send care packages to the soldiers overseas and include LoPresti and Middle Schools.

SO VOTED

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

VIII f State of Connecticut of Administration Services

The Board is required to ratify participation for the 2007-08 fiscal year in the State of Connecticut Dept of Administration serves bid contracts, the CREC Consortium, PPEPPM Consortium and the CT Fuel Oil Consortium

07-3349 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Flood) to waive bidding and authorize the Superintendent, or her designee, to purchase goods and services for the 07-08 fiscal year utilizing the following purchasing agreements/consortiums: the State of CT Department of Administrative Services bid contracts; the CREC Consortium; the PEPPM Consortium and the CT fuel oil Consortium.

SO VOTED

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

07-3350 MOTION: (Mr. Criscuolo, sec., Mrs. Geffert) to adjourn the meeting.

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Submitted by
Sharon Ewaskie, Clerk