



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2015
Seymour High School – Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.

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SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Theodora Klarides
Jennifer Magri
Yashu Putorti
Allison Sobieski
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent, Finance & Operations
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Rob Dyer, System Technology Coordinator
Ginny Tagliatela, Director of Special Services
Wayne Natzel, Director of Operations
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, SMS
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, SMS
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, BS
Roxanne Melaragno, Asst. Principal, CLS
Christine Kaszeta
Corey Wootten
Andrew Chapin
Harvey Catlin
Sam Pollastro

Unless changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, the order of business for the organizational meeting of the Board of Education shall be as follows:

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Opening of meeting by the Superintendent of Schools, Christine Syriac**
Mrs. Syriac called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

II. **ELECTIONS**

A. **Temporary Chairperson**

Mrs. Syriac asked for nominations for a temporary chairperson
(Ms. Magri/sec., Ms. Harmeling) nominated Mr. Putorti as the temporary chairperson

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

Mrs. Syriac asked for a vote for Mr. Putorti as temporary Chairperson of the Board of Education

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

Mrs. Syriac turned the meeting over to Mr. Putorti, temporary chairperson

B. **Chairperson**

Mr. Putorti, temporary chairperson, asked for nominations for the Chairperson of the Board of Education
Ms. Magri nominated Mr. Putorti for Chairperson of the Board of Education
Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Putorti called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

For Yashu Putorti as Chairperson, Mrs. Syriac announced there were six (6) yes votes – Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek and three (3) abstentions – Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Mr. Strumello

Mr. Putorti was elected Chairperson of the Board of Education. Mr. Putorti thanked everyone for their votes and said he was open to suggestions and constructive criticism and that there will be positive changes in the coming year.

C. **Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Putorti, Chairperson asked for nominations for the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education
(Mr. Putorti/sec., Ms. Magri) nominated Mr. Stanek
(Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Hatfield) nominated Mr. Strumello
Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Putorti called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

For Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Syriac announced there were two (2) votes – Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Putorti for Mr. Stanek, and six (6) votes Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Strumello for Mr. Strumello and one abstention – Mr. Stanek

Mr. Strumello was elected Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education

Mr. Stanek said that it is his opinion that those who are nominated should disqualify themselves from voting

D. **Secretary**

Mr. Putorti, Chairperson asked for nominations for the Secretary of the Board of Education
Mr. Stanek nominated Mr. Garofolo
Mr. Garofolo respectively declined the nomination.
Ms. Sobieski nominated Mr. Hatfield
Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Putorti called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

Mrs. Syriac announced there were six (6) votes – Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello for Mr. Hatfield and three (3) abstentions – Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Putorti
Mr. Hatfield was elected Secretary of the Board of Education

III. **COMMITTEES – APPOINTED BY CHAIRPERSON**

- A. Athletic Committee
- B. Curriculum and Technology Committee
- C. Facilities Committee
- D. Finance Committee
- E. Liaison Committee
- F. Nutrition, Health and Safety Committee
- G. Policy Committee
- H. Residency Committee
- I. Transportation Committee

Mr. Putorti suggested this item be tabled since the Board was not prepared to discuss committee appointments at this time. Mr. Putorti said since committee members were not appointed, we will need to cancel the December 21, 2015 Curriculum and Technology meeting. After some discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/sec., Mr. Garofolo) move to table Item III Committees – Appointed by Chairperson to the next meeting of the Board of Education.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek

OPPOSED: Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Mr. Strumello

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Magri) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Klarides, Ms. Magri, Mr. Putorti, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk

