

# Seymour Board of Education



## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 9, 2016  
Seymour Middle School  
7:30 pm

COPY RECEIVED  
DATE: 11/14/16  
TIME: 11:00am  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. Recognitions

1. Samuel Rodrigue, a fourth grader at Chatfield-LoPresti School, created Sam's Kids in an effort to "feed one kid at a time." His food drive at Chatfield-LoPresti School for non-perishable items totaled 530 pounds from September 19 through October 20, 2016, with the donations then given to the Spooner House in Shelton. Sam's additional efforts beyond the food drive at CLS have caused literally thousands of pounds of food to have now been donated to local food shelters (2,100 pounds). Rather than play in his travel hockey games for a weekend on October 8 and 9, Samuel instead chose to stand in front of the Adams Food Market in Shelton, raising 1,440 lbs. of food that weekend, all of which was delivered to the Spooner House in Shelton. The Rinks at Shelton, where Samuel plays hockey, heard about his movement and had a food drive there a couple of weekends ago, resulting in over 500 pounds of food being donated to the Seymour-Oxford food pantry. Big Y recently joined the movement and is putting a collection bin in their store. Samuel's impact is now expanding across states, instead of just towns in the valley. A company in Ohio heard about Samuel's movement and offered to build his website. The Rodrigue family has also shared that children in Maryland are starting 'Sam's Kids' food drives and a few companies in Delaware are as well. You can check it out at [www.feedingsamskids.com](http://www.feedingsamskids.com) and his Facebook page is Sam's Kids
2. Congratulations to Bungay School for winning an Honorable Mention in the CABE Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communications for the 2016-17 Bungay Elementary School Parent/Student handbook

#### B. Correspondence

1. Letter dated October 4, 2016 to Miss Cassandra Quintiliano acknowledging her appointment as the Board of Education Student Representative for the 2016-2017 school year
2. Letter dated October 4, 2016 to Miss Paulina Karwowski acknowledging her appointment as the Board of Education Student Representative for the 2016-2017 school year
3. Letter dated October 5, 2016 to Ms. Elise Wood and Mr. Thomas Lapaglia, Registrars of Voters responding to their letter dated October 5, 2016 approving the use of the Middle School and Chatfield-LoPresti School for the election to be held on November 8, 2016
4. Letter dated October 13, 2016 to Mrs. Christine Syriac from Dr. Dianna Wentzell, Commissioner of Education regarding the September 7, 2016 State Board of Education meeting
5. Letter emailed on October 14, 2016 from Mr. Rick Belden to Mr. Jared Cuda informing him that no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding his petition to name the Seymour High School gymnasium after Mr. Joseph Cuda

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular BOE Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2016
2. Regular BOE Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2016

#### B. Financial Management Summary - Ending October 31, 2016

#### C. Nutrition Services Financial Report - July-September, 2016

**D. Awards Advisory Committee Student Representatives**

1. As recommended by the Seymour High School Student Council, appoint Miss Melyssa Gagliardi (grade 11) as a Student Representative for the Awards Advisory Committee
2. As recommended by the Seymour High School Student Council, appoint Mr. David Brezina (grade 11) as a Student Representative for the Awards Advisory Committee

**E. Acknowledge the receipt of homeschooling notification and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program**

1. Jonathan Palmquist  
Ms. Jennifer Palmquist has informed the Board of Education of their intent to home school her child, Jonathan Palmquist, for the 2016-2017 school year
2. Abby Grace Verrinder  
Mr. James Verrinder has informed the Board of Education of his intent to home school his child, Abby Grace Verrinder for the 2016-2017 school year

**F. Staff Hiring – Non Certified**

1. Ballaro, Diana Diaz
  - Clerical Paraprofessional, PT
  - Bungay Elementary School
  - Replacing Kathy Dockery
2. Ragaini, Cheryl
  - Nutrition Services
  - Seymour High School

**MOTION:** move to approve the consent agenda as presented

**V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. HS Student Representative Report – Cassandra Quintiliano, Paulina Karwowski**

**B. Committee Reports**

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2016

**C. Softball Field Committee Report**

**D. Board of Education Report**

1. Chairman's Comments
2. Board Member Comments

**E. Superintendent's Report**

1. Parent Visitation Report

**VII. INFORMATION**

**A. School Activities and Recognitions**

1. Seymour Middle School
2. Bungay School
3. Chatfield-LoPresti School

**B. Staff Hiring – Appendix E**

1. Aldrich, Allen
  - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball
  - Seymour High School
  - Replacing Craig Prasauckas
2. Monaco, Jennifer
  - Advisor, Debate Team
  - Seymour High School

**VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. CABA Delegate Assembly**

**B. BOE Retreat – Ed Strumello**

**C. Early Retirement Incentive – Certified Staff**

**MOTION:** to offer an early retirement incentive to certified staff for the 2016-17 school year at a rate of TBD for a five year period. Teachers wishing to participate will be required to notify the Board by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**D. Employee Compensation Information Update – Christine Syriac**

**IX. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**A. One Man Team**

**MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Athletic Director to approve the request of Thomas Brockett, Athletic Director, Ansonia High School to have Noah Falkowski, Michael Shortell, and Victor Falkowski participate as a one-man team with the Seymour High School Boys Swim team

**B. Substitute Teacher Pay**

**MOTION:** to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to raise the daily rate for substitute teachers to \$85 per day and after 20 days of service raise the rate to \$100

**C. Staff Hiring – Certified**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Art Teacher
  - High School
  - Replacing Samantha Toscano

**D. Donation**

**MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a donation from Karen Marinaro, owner of Balance Fitness, of a step master and direct that the Superintendent determine its placement

**\* E. Non-Union Employment Agreements**

**MOTION:** move that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss and take action on the employment agreements of the Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Director of Facilities, Systemwide Security Director, Districtwide Computer Technicians, Director of Nutrition Services, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Administrative Assistant to the Associate Superintendent. Only those invited by the Board may be present in the Executive Session. The Board invites the following individuals into the Executive Session: Mrs. Christine Syriac

**\* It is anticipated that the asterisked items will be discussed in Executive Session from which the public will be excluded**

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Note:** The next scheduled Regular Board of Education meeting will on December 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm in Seymour High School