

Seymour Board of Education



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (revised)

March 9, 2017
Seymour Middle School
7:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ed Strumello, Vice Chairman
Peter Kubik
Jennifer Magri
Allison Sobieski
Fred Stanek
Paulina Karwowski, Student Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Yashu Putorti

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christine Syriac, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent - Finance & Operations
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Jim Freund, Principal, SHS
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, SMS
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, SMS
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Teodosio

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions at 7:35 p.m.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Recognitions

1. Congratulations to the Seymour High School Dance team who finished 5th for their Pom routine in the state tournament and on March 3, 2017 competed in the New England Regional Competition placing 7th
2. Congratulations the Seymour High Schools Girls basketball team who won (52-38) and hosted their first round of states since 2004 against Bassick. Victoria Kellogg and Sam Diorio-Torres were both named New Haven Tap-Off Club scholar athletes. Faith Thurmond was named New Haven Tap-Off Club All Area Team and Brian Cleveland was honored with coach of the year
3. Congratulations and good luck to the Seymour High School Boys Basketball team as they advance to the first round of the state championship. The first round will be hosted by Seymour High School (first time since 1994) against Bacon Academy at Seymour Middle School on Monday, March 6, 2017
4. Congratulations to the Seymour High School Cheerleading team on their first NVL Coed title and their overall finish of 3rd place on February 18, 2017 and their first place win at the State competition on March 3, 2017!
5. Congratulations to Indoor track team members Admin Otajagic (shot-put) and Bobby Melms (long jump) who have qualified for the New England Regional competition
6. Congratulations to the Boys Swim team who competed at the NVL Finals on March 3, 2017 at Kennedy High School. Alex Cupic received all NVL and tied for first place in breast stroke and third in individual medley, freestyle relay finished 3rd and broke the school record, and medley relay finished third

7. Mr. Stanek called for a moment of silence for Florence Klezovich who passed away recently. Mrs. Klezovich worked for many years as a cafeteria worker the Seymour Public Schools. Her daughter, Cathy Guerra, has worked for the Seymour Public Schools for many years. She was wonderful to the children of Seymour and she will always be remembered for this

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular BOE Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2017
2. Special BOE Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2017

B. Financial Management Summary – Ending February 28, 2017

C. Nutrition Services Financial Report - January, 2017

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

1. Emily Hall

Mr. Bruce Hall has informed the Board of Education of their intent to home school his child, Emily Hall, for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year

E. Staff Hiring – Appendix E

1. Flowers, Chris
 - Head Coach, Golf Team
 - Seymour High School

F. Staff Hiring – Non Certified

1. Shackett, Larissa
 - Cafeteria Manager
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Lisa Slotter

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Kubik) move to approve the consent agenda as presented

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

VI. INFORMATION

A. School Activities and Recognitions

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

B. Staff Resignation –Certified

1. Webster, Brian
 - Music Teacher
 - Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School
 - Effective June 30, 2017

C. Staff Resignation – Non Certified

1. McGill, Tracy
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School
 - Effective February 16, 2017

D. Staff Resignation – Appendix E

1. Willadsen, David
 - Advisor, Student Council
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective June 30, 2017

VII. REPORTS

A. HS Student Representative Report – Paulina Karwowski

Miss Karwowski reported that roses were sold for Valentine's Day and the \$350 that was raised was donated to Mr. DiStasi's Rise Up Program. On February 15 school counseling had their Junior parent program. The UCONN band festival was on February 27, 2017 and five students participated. On March 3, 2017 cheerleaders won states and moved to regionals which will be in Providence, RI on March 18. Ariana Wheeler was selected to represent Seymour High at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar on March 6. Boys basketball continue in the state tournament; tomorrow night they will be playing at Bloomfield. FBLA and business students attended the NYC trip where they spent a day on Wall Street, the 9/11 museum, and the behind the scenes of a business. This weekend students of NHS and HOPE club will participate in the annual Bowl-2-Benefit The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Foundation. Performing arts rehearsal started, the show is scheduled for March 24. Play rehearsal started, the show will be on April 27 and 28.

B. Committee Meetings

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2017
2. Awards Advisory Committee Minutes – February 16, 2017

C. Board of Education Report

1. Chairman's Comments
None
2. Board Member Comments
Ms. Magri shared that she recently participated in Mr. Perrucci's program at the high school. It was extremely informative. Congratulations to the high school girls basketball team for their winning season. Mr. Strumello said the boys basketball game was probably one of the largest crowds for a sporting event at the middle school.

D. Superintendent's Report

We are currently doing spring parent conferences and are watching the weather closely. If we have to close school on March 10, the parent conferences will be moved to March 17.

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. WAN Management

Mr. Belden explained the Wide Area Network renewal agreement to the Board members. This agreement is a five year agreement proposal through the E-Rate process. The price is lower than what we budgeted for in 2017-2018

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Kubik) to accept the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations to approve a five (5) year agreement with Advanced Corporate Networking for WAN management under the USF E-Rate program

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

B. Donation

1. Lisa Dadio

Mrs. Lisa Dadio would like to donate 20 baseball caps to the Seymour Middle School baseball team

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Ms. Sobieski) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the donation of 20 baseball hats from Ms. Lisa Dadio and direct that the Superintendent determine the placement of this donation

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

C. Non Renewals

Mrs. Syriac explained this process to the Board. This non renewal is part of the state statute and in no way reflects the performance of these long term substitutes. These substitute teachers are covering for teachers who are out on extended sick leave or child rearing leave and will be returning to their jobs.

1. Non Renewal of Non-Tenured School Teachers (Long Term Substitute Teachers)

MOTION: (Ms. Magri/sec., Mr. Kubik) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to non renew seven non-tenured teachers, Erin Dest, John Foti, Jillian Judge, Carissa Richardson, Kenneth Palmer, Kaaren Violante, and Jennifer Widlar at the end of the 2016-17 school year in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151. I further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to Erin Dest, John Foti, Jillian Judge, Carissa Richardson, Kenneth Palmer, Kaaren Violante, Jennifer Widlar and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any request, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

*** D. Tuition Student**

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Stanek) move that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2), (11) and (17). Further, that the Board invite the following individuals to attend the executive session: Student's Parents, Superintendent, Principal
Mrs. Syriac wanted to clarify that Mr. Freund, Principal of Seymour High School and Mrs. Hamad, Principal of Seymour Middle School should be included in executive session

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

MOTION TO AMEND: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Mr. Stanek) move to amend the motion to include the high school principal, Mr. Freund and the middle school principal, Mrs. Hamad

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

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SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

Enter Executive Session: 7:53 pm/Out of Executive Session: 8:36 pm

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/sec., Mr. Kubik) move to approve the request of a current non-resident student to attend Seymour High School as a tuition paying student subject to payment of the Seymour Board of Education's yearly tuition rate and the applicable policies of the Seymour Board of Education

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Ms. Sobieski, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk