

Seymour Board of Education



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2017
Central Office
7:30 pm

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DATE: 5/22/17
TIME: 3:30pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Yashu Putorti, Chairman
James Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Peter Kubik
Jennifer Magri
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
Kris Boyle, Director of Special Services
Jim Freund, Principal, SHS
David Olechna, Principal, CLS
Megan Krushinski
Michael Wilson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Magri) move that, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-157, the Board employ Michael Wilson as its Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2017, in accordance with the three year contract produced at this meeting as developed by Michael Wilson and Board counsel. Further, the Board authorizes the Chair to execute such contract, and have signed copies delivered to all Board members, as soon as practical

SO VOTED

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

The Board congratulated Mr. Wilson on his appointment and welcomed him to the district.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Stanek said the process of searching for a new Superintendent was very thorough and very exhaustive. He said the Board gave this a great deal of thought, they argued, and they were tough on each other. He thanked Mr. Putorti for going through this process. In the past we have hired a Superintendent from within our ranks. It was a new process and Mr. Putorti spent lots of time during his work time putting this all together. Mr. Garofolo said he was somewhat saddened that our current Superintendent is leaving us for several reasons; one of which is he voted no for her approval as Superintendent. Over the years he has come to realize that that vote of no was not in the best interest of our school district. I have seen Christine do remarkable things with our staff and our children; she has been forthcoming with the Board and served the Board in a superior fashion. Mr. Garofolo pointed out that while he also voted no to her retirement, he sincerely wishes her the best in the days ahead and thanked her for her service to the community and to this board and said she will be in our hearts if nowhere else.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk