



SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2017

Seymour High School – Cafeteria

7:15 p.m.

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DATE: 12/13/2017
TIME: 3:50pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Champagne
James Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Edward Hendricks
Peter Kubik
Jennifer Magri
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sukhman Singh, Student Representative
Paulina Karwowski, Student Representative
Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent - Finance & Operations
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Rob Dyer, System Technology Coordinator
Kris Boyle, Director of Special Services
Joseph Falzone, Director of Operations
Jim Freund, Principal, SHS
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, SMS
Lauren Reid, Assistant Principal, BS
David Olechna, Principal, CLS
Kathleen Freimuth, Assistant Principal, CLS

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. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Opening of Meeting by the Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:27 p.m.

II. ELECTIONS

- A. Temporary Chairperson
Mr. Wilson asked for nominations for a temporary chairperson
Mr. Kubik nominated Ms. Magri as the temporary chairperson

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

Mr. Wilson turned the meeting over to Ms. Magri, temporary chairperson

B. Chairperson

Ms. Magri, temporary chairperson, asked for nominations for the Chairperson of the Board of Education
Mr. Kubik nominated Ms. Magri for Chairperson of the Board of Education
Mr. Stanek nominated Mr. Strumello for Chairperson of the Board of Education
Mr. Garofolo moved to close the nominations.
Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Magri called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

For Ms. Magri as Chairperson, Mr. Wilson announced there were five (5) yes votes – Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri
For Mr. Strumello as Chairperson, Mr. Wilson announced there were four (4) yes votes – Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello
By a vote of five to four, Ms. Magri was elected Chairperson of the Board of Education.

C. Vice Chairperson

Ms. Magri, Chairperson, asked for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education
Mr. Stanek nominated Mr. Strumello for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education
Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Magri called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

For Mr. Strumello as Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Wilson announced there were nine (9) yes votes – Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello
By a vote of nine votes, Mr. Strumello was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education.

D. Secretary

Ms. Magri, Chairperson, asked for nominations for the Secretary of the Board of Education
Mr. Strumello nominated Mr. Hatfield for Secretary of the Board of Education
Mr. Kubik nominated Ms. Harmeling for Secretary of the Board of Education
Mr. Garofolo moved to close the nominations.
Hearing no other nominations, Ms. Magri called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

For Mr. Hatfield as Secretary, Mr. Wilson announced there were six (6) yes votes – Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello
For Ms. Harmeling as Secretary, Mr. Wilson announced there were three (3) yes votes – Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri
By a vote of six to three, Mr. Hatfield was elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

III. COMMITTEES – APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN

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

Mr. Hatfield wanted to point out the bylaws state the committees should be in place by the first meeting in December but indicated he had no problem tabling this item but wanted to know what the plan was. Ms. Magri indicated that she has no plans to change the members of the committees and would more than likely simply replace those Board members who have left. Mr. Hatfield wanted to know if she would have a vote at every committee meeting like the past Chairperson did. She said she did not plan to attend every committee meeting. She said there can be discussion at the next BOE meeting on January 8, 2018. She said Board members should contact her to voice their interests and share their thoughts regarding the committees

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Harmeling) move to table Item III Committees – Appointed by Chairperson to the January 8, 2018 meeting of the Board of Education

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

IV. ADJOURNMENT

After adjournment of this meeting, the Board shall reconvene in regular or special meeting if it wishes to consider additional matters. The order of business for any such special meeting shall be that established for regular and adjourned business meetings.

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk