

Seymour Board of Education



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 5, 2018
Chatfield-LoPresti School
7:30 pm

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 2/1/2018
TIME: 3:45 pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Seymour Middle School Glee Club
 - 1. "Somebody that I used to Know"
 - 2. Slide Show of December 5, 2018 Field Trip
Opening Act of Sound of Christmas Show

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Recognitions
 - 1. Congratulations and thank you to Samuel Rodrigue (Grade 5 Chatfield-LoPresti School) who conducted his second annual Sam's Kids Food Drive in December – Mr. Wilson, Mr. Olechna
 - 2. Congratulations and thank you to Gracie Shay-Hogan and Kaelyn Sabatini (Grade 5 Chatfield-LoPresti School) who conducted their second annual Toy Drive for the Yale Children's Hospital in December – Mr. Wilson, Mr. Olechna
 - 3. Congratulations and thank you to Jerren Farrison (Grade 4 Chatfield-LoPresti School) who conducted a coat drive to benefit St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Shop in December – Mr. Wilson, Mr. Olechna
- B. Correspondence
 - 1. Email dated January 15, 2018 from Ms. Julie Nintzel to Ms. Jen Magri regarding the participation of Chatfield-LoPresti School in the GreatSchools.com ratings
- C. Media Coverage
 - 1. Cell Phone Ban at Seymour High School - NBC CT
<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Seymour-High-School-Reports-Positive-Results-After-Cell-Phone-Ban-472029253.html>
 - 2. Cell phone Ban at Seymour High School - FOX61
<http://fox61.com/2018/01/31/seymour-high-school-students-are-no-longer-permitted-to-use-cellphones-in-school/>
 - 3. Cell Phone Ban at Seymour High School – Valley Independent Sentinel
http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/seymour_principal_cell_phone_ban_is_good_for_the_community/
 - 4. Schools Talk Sharing Services with Ansonia and Others
http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/seymour_schools_talk_sharing_services_with_ansonia_and_others/
 - 5. Parents Worry about Impact of Seymour School Layoffs
http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/parents_worry_about_impact_of_seymour_school_layoffs/
 - 6. Valley Youth Making a Difference – Seymour's Jerren Farrison
http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/valley_youth_making_a_difference_seymours_jerren_farrison/
 - 7. Seymour Students Perform at Festival
http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/seymour_students_perform_at_festival/
 - 8. Fire Prevention Post Winners
http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/seymour_announces_fire_prevention_poster_winners/
 - 9. Seymour Approves 33.4 Million Budget
<http://www.nhregister.com/news/article/Seymour-BOE-approves-33-4-million-budget-12525581.php>
 - 10. School Cell Phone Ban See Success
<http://www.nhregister.com/news/education/article/School-cellphone-ban-sees-success-12543306.php>

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Special BOE Meeting Minutes Revised – January 22, 2018
- B. Financial Management Summary – Ending January 31, 2018

MOTION: move to approve the consent agenda as presented

V. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
VI. **INFORMATION**

- A. Activities and Recognitions
 - 1. Seymour Middle School
 - 2. Bungay Elementary School
 - 3. Chatfield-LoPresti School
- B. Special BOE Meeting Minutes (Revised) – December 12, 2017
- C. High School Fall Season Report – Ms. Tara Yusko
- D. Special Education Monthly Enrollment Update – Dr. Kris Boyle

VII. **REPORTS**

- A. HS Student Representative Report – Miss Paulina Karwowski and Mr. Sukhman Singh
- B. Committee Reports
 - 1. Curriculum and Technology Committee Meeting Minutes – January 3, 2018
- C. CAFE Conference – Mr. Jay Hatfield
- D. High School Schedule – Mr. Paul Lucke
- E. School Improvement Plans Update/Q&A
 - 1. Chatfield-LoPresti School – Mr. Olechna
 - 2. Bungay School – Ms. Mary Sue Feige
 - 3. Seymour Middle School – Ms. Bernadette Hamad
 - 4. Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
- F. Winter Assessment Report, February 2018 – Ms. Vonda Tencza
- G. Board of Education Report
 - 1. Chairman's Comments
 - 2. Board Member Comments
- H. Superintendent Report

VIII. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Parent/Public Concerns

IX. **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

- A. Out of State Field Trips
 - 1. High School Dance Team
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the field trip request of Coach Katelyn McQuillan to take the High School Dance Team on an out of state field trip to the New England Dance Competition in Bellows Falls, VT on March 10, 2018
 - 2. High School Indoor Track Team
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the field trip request of Coach John Johnson to take the High School Indoor Track Team on an out of state field trip to the New England Indoor Track Competition in Roxbury Crossing, MA on March 3, 2018
- B. Awards Advisory Committee
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the High School Principal and the High School Student Council to appoint Amber Recine and Dibran Trepca as the student representatives on the Awards Advisory Committee for the 2017-18 school year
- C. Shared Services with Other Local School Districts
MOTION: to approve the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Board of Education to create a special Shared Services Committee for discussion and brainstorming with other local school districts and the Town of Seymour on common challenges and solutions and to appoint Ms. Magri, Dr. Hendricks, and Ms. Harmeling as members of the committee
- D. Curriculum and Technology Committee
 - 1. **MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve the revision of Yoga to be titled "Health and Wellness" which would include Eastern vs Western Medicine, Holistic Medicine as well as meditation and yoga

2. **MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve the revision of the curriculum for Injury Care to include more in depth training on why we use certain methods to treat injuries and to make the instruction more of an introductory course for those interested in the Athletic Training or Physical Therapy fields after high school
3. **MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve the alignment to state standards for Physics and World Civilization
4. **MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to approve the change of Makerspace from a half year credit to a full year credit for the 2018-19 school year
5. **MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum & Technology Committee to combine all Portrait Studio classes into one class entitled Enhanced Portrait Studio

X. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Note: The next scheduled Regular Board of Education meeting is on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 in Seymour Middle School.