

Seymour Board of Education



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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

April 11, 2018
Bungay School
7:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Recognitions

1. Gift to Board of Education – Mike Wilson
2. Thank you to all the people who volunteered and assisted in the production of the Wizard of Oz at Seymour High School: Joe Adams, Abigail Andrade, Heather Brown, Paula Burton, Danielle Campbell, Lisa Cheney, Stephanie Ciccone, Abby Damke, Taylor Dauphinais, Ashley Deicicchi, Joanne Dunne, Kaitlyn Esposito, Michelle Esteves Pinho, Nicole Fearon, Sophia Fioretti, Melyssa Gagliardi, Marisa Henry, Darlene Keeffe, Jeehyun Kim, Gina Kindt, Tyler Kinnie, Courtney Leahy, Kristi Loffredo, John McCasland, Jada Mirabelle, Jennifer Monaco, Stephanie Mordowanec, Alex Nizet, Courtney Parsons, Anna Peel, Stephanie Perez, Joe Perrucci, James Rafferty, Mireli Ramos, Brianna Rivera, Brandt Schneider, Maya Sepulveda, Stefanie Slie, Emily Spear, June Tema, Bella Torri, Dibran Trepca, Evan Webb, Nicole Yustin, and Brianna Zanchetti.
3. Chatfield-LoPresti School is again a School of Distinction! The Connecticut State Department of Education has once again recognized Chatfield-LoPresti School as a School of Distinction for being a school in the top 10% of points earned for academic growth for its High Needs student group for the second year in a row! The High Needs group is comprised of students who may receive free or reduced lunch, may be students with disabilities, or are English language learners. With the release of the 2016-17 Next Generation Accountability System results, CLS was 1 of only 53 schools to be recognized in this category! Congratulations to the staff and students of Chatfield-LoPresti School!
4. Our Future Business Leaders represented Seymour very well at Friday's conference. Out of 12 students attending, half of them placed well enough in their competitive events to be invited to compete in the national leadership conference in June. If you see these students, please congratulate them each on a job very well done: Paulina Karwowski – 5th place in Agribusiness, Cody Guillette – 3rd place in Business Calculations, Rhea Koyambreth – 3rd place in Introduction to Public Speaking, Zana Imetovski – 2nd place in Introduction to Public Speaking, Zack Braca – 2nd place in Journalism, and Peyton Iott – 1st place in Public Speaking. It's a great day to be a Wildcat!!!
5. On Thursday, March 22, CLS fifth grader Samuel Rodrigue was recognized as a New Haven County winner in the annual Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest at a banquet at the U.S. Chowder Pot IV in Hartford. Sam is the first Seymour student to win this honor. Congratulations!
6. Grade 5 students Jastina Khand (Art) and Jacob Blacha (Music) are the Chatfield-LoPresti Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Arts and Music Festival recipients. Last month they were honored at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

B. Correspondence

1. Letter dated March 6, 2018 to Mary Sue Feige, Principal of Bungay Elementary School from TEAM, Inc. thanking the school for participating as a drop off site for the Toys 4 Kids Program.

C. Media Coverage

1. Wizard of Oz podcast - http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/seymour_high_schoolers_team_with_kindergartners_for_wizard_of_oz/
2. Wizard of Oz Review - <https://patch.com/connecticut/naugatuck/review-wizard-oz-seymour-high-school>
3. School Walkout - http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/valley_students_plan_events_to_mark_florida_school_shooting/
4. Seymour School Safety - http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/seymour_to_talk_school_safety/
<https://www.nhregister.com/news/article/Seymour-to-host-community-forum-on-school-safety-12723613.php>
5. Poster Contest Winner - <http://naugatuckvalley.blogspot.com/2018/03/seymour-student-wins-fire-prevention.html>

6. Awards Nominations Sought - <https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/Seymour-schools-seek-nominations-for-annual-awards-12767870.php>
<https://www.ctpost.com/valley/article/Seymour-schools-seek-nominations-for-annual-awards-12767870.php>
https://www.primepublishers.com/voicesnews/news/community_news/nominations-sought/article_1fbd3346-26f8-11e8-8b33-476e7a837006.html
7. Budget - <https://www.nhregister.com/news/article/Proposed-budget-in-Seymour-holds-line-on-taxes-12756896.php>
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III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2018
- B. Financial Management Summary – Ending March 26, 2018
- C. Nutrition Services Financial Report – February, 2018
- D. Acknowledge the receipt of homeschooling notification and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program
 1. Ahliana Gonzalez
 Ms. Rachael Gonzalez has informed the Board of Education of her intent to home school her child, Ahliana Gonzalez, for the 2017-2018 school year
 2. Michael Tennyson
 Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tennyson have informed the Board of Education of their intent to home school their child, Michael Tennyson, for the 2017-2018 school year

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. Regular BOE Minutes Revised – February 5, 2018
- C. Special Education Monthly Enrollment Update – Dr. Kris Boyle
- D. Staff Resignations – Certified
 1. Fintz, Joshua
 - Mathematics Teacher
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective June 30, 2018
 2. Hogan, Thomas
 - Music Teacher
 - Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - Effective June 30, 2018
- E. Staff Retirement – Certified
 1. Griffin, Deborah
 - Special Education Teacher
 - Bungay School
 - Effective August 22, 2018
- F. Staff Resignation – Appendix E
 1. McQuillan, Katelyn
 - Head Coach, Dance Team
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective March 30, 2018

VII. **REPORTS and DISCUSSION**

- A. HS Student Representative Report – Miss Paulina Karowski and Mr. Sukhman Singh
- B. Committee Reports
 1. Finance Committee Minutes – March 5, 2018
 2. Awards Advisory Committee Minutes – March 14, 2018
 3. Athletic Committee Minutes – March 19, 2018
 - a. Athletic Trainer Contract – Ms. Tara Yusko
 4. Policy Committee Minutes – March 22, 2018

- C. Update on IRS Issue for Teachers – Rick Belden
- D. Schedules
 - 1. Middle School
 - a. Example of a Student Schedule at Each Grade Level
(Schedule with band/chorus and a schedule without including class time and instructional minutes)
 - 2. High School
 - a. Example of a Student Schedule/8 Drop 2 Schedule
(Current schedule converted to 8 drop 2 schedule including time blocks and instructional minutes)
- E. Board of Education Report
 - 1. Chairman's Comments
 - 2. Board Member Comments
- F. Superintendent Report

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- A. Last Day of School for 2017-18 School Year
Approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to set the last day of school for students as June 19, 2018, provided there are no further school closings
- B. Set Graduation Date for Class of 2018
Approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to set the 2018 Seymour High School graduation date as June 19, 2018, provided there are no further school closings
- C. Healthy Food Certification
 - 1. Healthy Food Option
MOTION: the Seymour Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.
 - 2. Food Exemptions
MOTION: the Seymour Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.
 - 3. Beverage Exemptions
MOTION: the Seymour Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store
- D. Donations
 - 1. Lions Club
The Superintendent recommends the approval of the \$500.00 donation from the Seymour Lions Club and direct that the Superintendent determine the placement of this donation.
 - 2. Bungay School PTA
The Superintendent recommends the approval of the purchase of a Rockville PA System (\$349.95), an AmpliVox Elite Lecterns with Wireless Sound System (\$1239.99), and a VariQuest Promo, Perfecta 2400 Plus Package Poster Maker (\$4995.00) by the Bungay School PTA and direct that the Superintendent determine the placement of this donation.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

X. RECOMMENDED ACTION (continued)

- F. *Superintendent of Schools Mid-Year Review
MOTION: move that the board enter Executive Session for the mid-year review of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board invites Michael Wilson into the Executive Session
****It is anticipated that the asterisked items will be discussed in Executive Session form which the Public will be excluded.***

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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