

Seymour Board of Education



SPECIAL BOE MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2018
Seymour Middle School
Library- Media Classroom
5:30 p.m.

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DATE: 5/30/18
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BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Magri
Christopher Champagne
James Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Edward Hendricks
Peter Kubik (5:45 p.m. by phone)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
James Freund, SHS Principal
Bernadette Hamad, SMS Principal
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Magri called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Date of Graduation

Mr. Wilson's recommendation was that we maintain the date of June 19, 2018 for high school graduation to be respectful to the parents who have already made plans with this date in mind. He would move the last day of school for students to June 20, 2018 and it would be .5 day. This would meet the state required 180 days. The teachers by contract are required to work 185 days. Mr. Wilson suggested that the teachers come in on June 21, 2018. That would mean teachers would be working 184 days this year. The board discussed whether to have the teachers come in on the June 21st or to allow them to finish the year on June 20th with the students as they would not work the full 185 days in either case. Mr. Garofolo said that the union would need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding that this is not setting a precedence and if this were to happen in the future we would need to address it on a case-by-case basis.

MOTION: (Mrs. Harmeling /sec. Mr. Champagne) to keep the graduation date as scheduled for June 19, 2018.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Harmeling, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Magri
Motion passed 7-0

B. Last Day of School

MOTION: (Mrs. Harmeling /sec. Mr. Champagne) to make the official last day of school for students June 20, 2018

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Harmeling, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Magri
Motion passed 7-0

MOTION: (Mrs. Harmeling /sec. Mr. Champagne) to make the official last day of school for teachers June 20, 2018

"IT'S ALL ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING"

Mr. Garofolo suggested that the motion be amended to include the Memorandum of Understanding between the teachers union and the board.

AMENDED MOTION: (Mrs. Harmeling/sec. Mr. Champagne) to make the official last day of school for teachers June 20, 2018 pending the signed of a Memorandum of Understanding stating that the board is not setting a precedence with this decision and any future event would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Harmeling, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik

OPPOSED: Mrs. Magri

Motion passed 6-1

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne /sec. Dr. Hendricks) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Harmeling, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Magri

Motion passed 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle
Board Clerk