

Seymour Board of Education



SPECIAL BOE MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2018

Seymour Middle School

6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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DATE: 7/26/18

TIME: 7:50am

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent
Fred Dorsey, BOE Attorney
Mark Krauchick, President of Custodians Union
Mike Donnelly, Cigna
Scott Kettig, Cigna
Bill Mascolo, Cigna
Rob Phillips, Cigna
Paul Thurston, Cigna
Dave McCluskey, Lockton Group
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Magri at 6:08 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Cigna Representative-coverage discussion

Mr. Belden stated he had given the grievance package provided by the SEA Teachers Union to Cigna with the specific concerns that the teachers and custodians unions brought to the board. Scott Kettig representing Cigna gave a presentation addressing these concerns. Mr. Kettig said that after reading the concerns he felt there were 3 points that needed to be addressed. The 1st point was Cigna's responsiveness. He felt that Cigna had been timely and responsive to the unions but they pledged that going forward they would answer all questions quickly. The 2nd point was the network, especially in regard to the behavioral health providers. The 3rd point was Out of Network reimbursement. Discussion ensued between the Board members and Cigna / Lockton representatives concerning specifics within these three areas. Ms. Magri thanked the representatives for coming out tonight and giving such a thorough presentation and their willingness to share the information.

MOTION: (Dr. Hendricks /sec. Mr. Champagne) to move into executive session and invite Richard Belden and Fred Dorsey to discuss the insurance as it relates to the current grievances by the teachers and custodians.

SO VOTED

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

Motion passed 6-0

Enter Executive Session: 7:45 p.m.

Out of Executive Session: 8:06 p.m.

"IT'S ALL ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING"

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik /sec. Dr. Hendricks) to deny the SEA Teachers Union grievance and authorize the Board Chair and Attorney Dorsey to notify the union.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Mrs. Magri

ABSTAINED: Mr. Strumello, Mr. Champagne

Motion passed 4-0

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello /sec. Mr. Champagne) to deny the Custodial Union AFSCME Local 1303-25 grievance and authorize Board Chair and Attorney Dorsey to notify the union.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mrs. Magri, Mr. Strumello

ABSTAINED: Mr. Kubik

Motion passed 5-0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Edward Strumello /sec. Mr. Hatfield) to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

SO VOTED

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

Motion passed 6-0

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