



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2018
Seymour Middle School
7:30 pm

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DATE: 9/18/18
TIME: 9:30 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Champagne
James Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Jennifer Magri
Ed Strumello
Sukhman Singh, Student Representative
Paulina Karwowski, Student Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edward Hendricks
Peter Kubik
Fred Stanek

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent - Finance & Operations
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Jim Freund, Principal, SHS
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, SMS
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, BS
Lauren Reid, Assistant Principal, BS
Kathleen Freimuth, Assistant Principal, CLS
Christian White

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Magri called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:57 p.m.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence

1. Letter dated August 9, 2018 from David Olechna, Principal-Chatfield-LoPresti School acknowledging a donation made by the Dushi Family
2. Letter dated August 23, 2018 from Debra Hansen introducing herself as the new director at Valley Regional Adult Education

B. Media Coverage

1. <https://www.nhregister.com/news/article/A-good-idea-leads-to-Seymour-principal-13076975.php>
2. <https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/Seymour-BOE-looks-for-volunteers-to-mentor-13175147.php>
3. <https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/Seymour-BOE-turns-attention-to-improving-aging-13172258.php>
4. <https://www.nhregister.com/sports/article/H-S-football-Seymour-staff-dissolves-Steve-13136305.php>
5. <https://www.ctpost.com/highschool/article/Steve-George-just-wants-to-steer-the-ship-13139647.php>
6. <https://www.ctpost.com/highschool/article/Police-investigation-of-Seymour-football-team-13142627.php>
7. http://www.rep-am.com/sports/local_sports/2018/08/08/seymour-football-situation-now-involves-police-investigation/
8. <https://fox61.com/2018/08/13/seymour-police-continue-investigation-of-former-high-school-football-coach/>
9. https://www.gametimect.com/on-eve-of-season-steve-george-named-interim-head-football-coach-at-seymour/#_ga=2.7459570.1399512704.1536239287-1015000329.1508801278
10. https://www.gametimect.com/george-introduced-as-interim-seymour-coach-police-investigating-incident-within-program/#_ga=2.49856230.1399512704.1536239287-1015000329.1508801278
11. https://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/citizens_engine_co._awards_scholarships_to_seymour_students/

12. https://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/seymour_economic_development_commission_appoints_social_media_coordinator/

13. <https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Seymour-High-School-wood-shop-builds-firefighters-13113707.php>

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Magri explained the procedure for Public Comment.

Mr. Christian White, 49 Sagamore Drive, Seymour – Mr. White thanked the Board members for their many countless hours as volunteers. He asked the Board to consider changing the policy that states students must ride the same bus every day. He wondered if we as a district had considered a dismissal manager and making changes to the dismissal procedure. Ms. Magri let Mr. White know there is a Transportation Committee meeting on September 17 at 7:00 in Chatfield-LoPresti School.

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2018

B. Year End Report (Final Report for Audit Purposes and Financial Reporting) – Ending June 30, 2018

C. Financial Management Summary – Ending August 31, 2018

D. Nutrition Services End of Year Financial Report

E. Acknowledge the receipt of homeschooling notification and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program

1. Connor Joseph Taverner

Ms. Heather Taverner has informed the Board of Education of her intent to home school her child, Connor Taverner for the 2018-2019 school year

F. Staff Hiring – Non Certified

1. Martin, Derrick

- Network Administrator
- Central Office
- New Position (replacing Rocco Palmieri)

2. Matear, Fiona

- Instructional Paraprofessional
- Chatfield-LoPresti School
- Replacing Jackie Velez

3. Parks-Betts, Sandra

- Monitor Paraprofessional
- Seymour Middle School
- New Position

G. Staff Hiring – Appendix E

1. DiCaprio, Patrick

- Head Coach, Girls Swim
- Seymour High School
- Replacing Missy Orosz

2. Blade, Nicholas

- Assistant Coach, Girls Swim
- Seymour High School
- Replacing Patrick DiCaprio

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Strumello) move to approve the consent agenda as presented

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Magri, Mr. Strumello

ABSTAIN: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo

Motion Passed: 4-0-2

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to add to the agenda the hiring of Geri Evans as a monitor Paraprofessional for Seymour High School

SO VOTED

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

Motion Passed: 6-0

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to approve the hiring of Geri Evans as a Monitor Paraprofessional for Seymour High School

SO VOTED

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

Motion Passed: 6-0

V. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

VI. INFORMATION

A. Activities and Recognitions

1. Seymour Middle School
2. Bungay Elementary School

Ms. Magri distributed a handout from CLS for their Activities and Recognitions

B. Revised Special BOE Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2108

C. Special Education Monthly Enrollment Update – Dr. Kris Boyle

Ms. Magri commented that this report was encouraging as the numbers had decreased

D. Senior Citizen Passes Now Available – Mr. Michael Wilson

Mr. Garofolo thanked Mr. Wilson for reminding him of his senior status.

E. Staff Hiring – Appendix E

1. Cleveland, Brian
 - Blue Team Leader
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Replacing Roxanne Lindgren

F. Staff Resignation – Appendix E

1. O'Connor, Paul
 - Girls Basketball, Head Coach
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Effective August 29, 2018
2. Orosz, Missy
 - Girls Swim, Head Coach
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective July 24, 2018

G. Staff Resignation – Non Certified

1. Bertram, Isabel
 - Secretary
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Effective October 29, 2018
2. Cantor, Nichole
 - Nutrition Services
 - Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - Effective August 20, 2018
3. Falbo, Paige
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Bungay School
 - Effective August 27, 2018
4. Falzone, Joseph
 - Facilities Manager
 - Central Office
 - Effective August 23, 2018
5. Gagne, Jennifer
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - Effective August 20, 2018
6. Rivellini, Dawn
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective August 20, 2018

VII. REPORTS and DISCUSSION

A. Appointment of Junior Student Representative

MOTION: as recommended by the Seymour High School Student Council, appoint Ashley Sirowich (grade 11) as the alternate Board of Education Student Representative for the 2018-19 school year

SO VOTED

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

Motion Passed: 6-0

The Board enthusiastically welcomed Miss Sirowich.

B. HS Student Representative Report – Mr. Sukhman Singh, Miss Ashley Sirowich

Mr. Singh reported that because it is a new school year there is not a lot to report. Clubs are starting, on October 13, the high school will be hosting a debate. Friday is our first home game. They set October for homecoming. Mr. Kearns held a safety meeting with all students last week and the first fire/lockdown drills were on Friday. Ms. Magri encouraged all Board members to try and attend the debate competition. She said it is really good to see.

C. Committee Reports

1. Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2018

Mr. Strumello asked for a correction in the minutes.

D. Summer Hiring Report – Mr. Michael Wilson

Mr. Wilson did a brief recap of the summer hiring. He said we still have the drama club advisor position open as well as some long term sub positions and some instruction paraprofessional positions. Mr. Strumello reminded Mr. Wilson that new positions need to be approved by the Board. Mr. Wilson said he understood.

E. Board of Education Report

1. Chairman's Comments

Ms. Magri spoke about accompanying Mr. Wilson and Chief Satkowski on the first day of school to welcome the students and staff. She said it was tough to see the little ones getting off the buses with tears in their eyes. She also introduced our new Facebook program "More You Know Monday" and was pleased with the response to the first one on September 10.

2. Board Member Comments

Mr. Garofolo asked about the necessity of having students purchase TI-84 graphing calculators. He said he thought these were provided in the past. He said they run \$130 retail. He asked if there were any alternatives. Mr. Wilson said he would do some research and report back to the Board at the next meeting. He said as a former math teacher he felt very comfortable in saying the TI-84 is necessary for instruction. Mr. Garofolo said he would like to know how many students have this requirement and how many in-house calculators are available to loan to students.

F. Superintendent Report

Mr. Wilson reported that the opening of school went very smooth and successful. He thanked Board Chair Magri and Chief Satkowski for joining him at each of the schools in order to welcome the students and staff. He was pleased to say our sports teams are off to a great start and we are very proud of all of our student athletes. He said he was hopeful that candidates will be applying soon for our open positions including the Drama Club Advisor. He introduced a new program "Caught Being Awesome" recognitions. This is just another way that we get to recognize all the wonderful employees throughout the district for their hard work and dedication to our students. Those recognized throughout the year will be placed into a drawing for two special gifts. Vonda, Rick, and Mr. Wilson have been around to all of the buildings in order to witness the hard work and dedication of all of our teachers and students. And finally, as of today, he is happy to report we have just under 1200 followers on our Facebook page.

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

* A. Security and Employment

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Garofolo) move that the board enter Executive Session to discuss school security and the employment of the Director of Security. Only those invited by the Board can enter executive session; the Board invites Mr. Michael Wilson and Mr. Rich Kearns into the Executive Session

SO VOTED

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

* *It is anticipated that the asterisked items will be discussed in Executive Session from which the public will be excluded.*

Enter Executive Session: 8:35 pm

Exit Executive Session: 9:18 pm

IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Strumello) to adjourn

SO VOTED

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk