



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (revised)

June 3, 2019
Seymour High School
6:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome – Ms. Jennifer Magri, Chairperson

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Awards Recognitions
 - 1. 2019 Distinguished Alumnus of Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 - 2. Retiring Staff Members – Mr. Michael Wilson
 - a. Jennifer Anthony-Bogue
 - b. Bernadette Hamad
 - c. Renee Efthymiou
 - d. Carol Perez
 - e. David Cyr
 - f. Fatima Silva
 - g. Basilla Stevens
 - h. Janet Tropeano
 - i. Walter Schuttler
 - 3. Golden Apple Awards – Mr. Michael Wilson
 - a. Sharon Ewaskie - Bungay School
 - b. Jackie Sullivan - Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - c. Linda Bellavance – Special Education
 - d. David Moktan - Seymour Middle School
 - e. Cathy Federowicz – Seymour High School
 - 4. David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award – Mr. Fred Stanek
 - a. Rebecca Bennett
 - 5. John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award – Mr. Jay Hatfield
 - a. Alfred Bruno
 - 6. Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award – Mr. Ed Strumello
 - a. Karen Stanek
 - 7. Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environment Award – Ms. Jennifer Magri
 - a. Caroline Kyrtschenko
 - 8. Recognition of Board of Education Student Representative – Ms. Jennifer Magri
 - a. Sukhman Singh
 - 9. 2019-2020 Paraprofessional of the Year – Mr. Michael Wilson
 - a. Suzanne O'Hara
 - 10. 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year – Mr. Michael Wilson
 - a. Heather Brown
 - 11. CABE Student Leadership Award – Ms. Bernadette Hamad, Mr. Jim Freund
 - a. Michael Casanova – Seymour Middle School
 - b. Sarah Walsh – Seymour Middle School
 - c. Sophia Fioretti – Seymour High School
 - d. Sukhman Singh – Seymour High School
 - 12. CAS Governor's Scholar Program – Mr. Jim Freund
 - a. Ashley Sirowich

13. Top 10 Students – Class of 2018 – Mr. Jim Freund, Mr. Michael Wilson
 10. Ariana Wheeler
 9. Jenna Geffert
 8. Aleksej Cupic
 7. Sophia Fioretti
 6. Godwin Gagaza
 5. Amia Jain
 4. Sukhman Singh
 3. Zachary Saracino
 2. Daniel Bouzolin
 1. Mahad Khan

- B. Recess (Reception)
- C. Finance Committee Meeting

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II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

- A. Field Trip Presentations
 1. Philadelphia, PA – Grade 8 Seymour Middle School
- B. Recognitions
 1. Congratulations to Grade Five Presidential Academic Award Recipients: Bungay School students William Lee, Madison Hannan, James Burn and Chatfield-LoPresti School students Cameron King, Kelsey King, Mirravail Rishi.
 2. Congratulations to our seventh grade Science Olympics team consisting of Zoie Kempf, Kaylee Cabaza, Liz Eng and Noelle Taverner and our eighth grade team Emma Adams, Ashley White, Reagan Kalish and Jackie Okula; these girls represent Seymour Middle School at its best!!
- C. Media Coverage
 1. Media Links
 - <https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Seymour-voters-OK-municipal-and-school-budgets-13834131.php>
 - <https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Nothing-Hazardous-Found-After-Students-Faint-in-Seymour-High-School-Classroom-509588331.html>
 - <https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/Seymour-High-School-honored-for-preparing-13851876.php>
 - <https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Police-Fire-EMTs-sent-to-Seymour-High-over-13825525.php>
 - <https://abcnews.go.com/US/video/schools-country-crack-student-phone-usage-part-62813779>

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairman is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairmen's Report portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and be no longer than two minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- *A. Assistant Principal – Seymour Middle School

MOTION: move that the Board enter Executive Session for discussion and possible action on the appointment of the assistant principal of Seymour Middle School. The Board invites Michael Wilson, Vonda Tencza and the candidate into the Executive Session
- * It is anticipated that the asterisked items will be discussed in Executive Session from which the public will be excluded.**

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular BOE Meeting – May 6, 2019
 - 2. Special BOE Meeting – May 8, 2019
 - 3. Special BOE Meeting – May 20, 2019
- B. Financial Management Summary – ending May 28, 2019
- C. Nutritional Services
 - 1. Financial Report – April, 2019
- D. Out of State Field Trip
 - 1. HS Cheerleading Team
Approve the field trip request of Coach Jessica Young to take the high school cheerleaders on an out of state field trip to Westfield State University, in Westfield, MA on August 7, 2019 through August 10, 2019.
- E. Staff Hiring – Certified
 - 1. Freeman, Jason
 - Physical Education Teacher
 - Bungay Elementary School
 - Replacing Carol Perez
- F. Staff Hiring – Non Certified
 - 1. Barnes, Mistylynn
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Bungay Elementary School
 - Replacing Tiffany Quick
 - 2. Williams, Rosalee
 - Assistant Cook, Nutrition Services
 - Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School
 - Replacing Autumn Salcido
- G. Staff Hiring – Appendix E
 - 1. DeVellis, Jake
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Will Apply for Emergency Coaching Certification
 - Replacing Tim Krapf
 - 2. George, Steven
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Drew Taratino
 - 3. Jeanette, Christopher
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Certification Pending Completion of Class
 - Replacing Tom Long
 - 4. Vartelas, James
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Mike Kearns

MOTION: move to approve the consent agenda as presented

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Nutrition Services

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, 2019, through June 30, 2020. 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. Exemption for Food

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. Exemption for Beverage

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

4. Wage Increase – Nutrition Services Staff

MOTION: approve the recommendation of the Director of Nutrition Services to give a 2% wage increase to all nutrition services staff effective July 1, 2019

B. Bid Acceptance – Propane Gas

On May 23rd, 2019 we received bids for propane gas which is used to power the buses. There were three bids:

- Hocom Gas bid \$0.935 for one year fixed price and \$0.935 for two years fixed price
- East River Energy bid \$0.9523 for one year fixed price and \$1.0523 for two years fixed price
- Santa-Buckley bid \$0.8450 for one year fixed price and \$0.874 for two years fixed price

In all three cases the bids had to be accepted within from 24 hours to 2 days. Therefore, under BOE Policy 33-20, the Business Manager, Superintendent, and the Chair of the BOE decided to accept the two year bid from Santa Buckley of Bridgeport. As back ground, we paid \$0.99 per gallon on this year's contract and are presently paying between \$1.21 -1.24 per gallon on a price at time of delivery' basis. Based on an anticipated use of 80,000 gallons per year, the savings this year and next year over the present contract price will amount to \$9,280 per year.

MOTION: to award RFP # 19-01 Propane gas for transportation to Santa-Buckley Energy Inc. 154 Admiral Street Bridgeport, CT 06605 in an amount not to exceed \$102,750 in order to provide bussing fuel for school transportation

VIII. REPORTS and DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

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

B. Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee Meeting – May 6, 2019
2. Nutrition, Health, & Safety Committee Meeting – May 6, 2019
3. Awards Committee Meeting – May 2, 2019

C. Athletic Director/Assistant Principal/Dean of Students Ballot Vote on the Three Options Provided by Mr. Michael Wilson (Tabled from May 6, 2019 BOE meeting)

- D. Special Education Report – Dr. Kris Boyle
 - 1. Update on Bungay Classroom
 - 2. Use of Paras by Grade Level/Building
 - 3. Number of Identified Students who Entered the district in the 2018-19 school year
 - 4. Outplacement Projection for the 2019-20 school year
- E. Spring Assessment Report – Mrs. Vonda Tencza
- F. Facilities – Update on Planned Summer Work – Mr. Tim Connors
- G. Vaping – Appropriateness of Alternative Discipline
<https://www.wtnh.com/news/politics/discipline-or-treatment-schools-rethinking-vaping-response/2028819910>
- H. Board of Education Report
 - 1. Chairman’s Comments
 - 2. Board Member Comments
- I. Superintendent Report
 - 1. Hiring Update
 - 1. Teachers, Custodians, Paraprofessionals, and Fall Coaches
 - 2. Lack of Internal Candidates for Administrative Positions
 - 2. Budget Update – Impact on Staffing and Programs
 - 3. Technology Update – Installation and Adoption of Interactive TVs across the District

IX. INFORMATION

- A. Activities and Recognitions
 - 1. Seymour Middle School
 - 2. Bungay Elementary School
 - 3. Chatfield-LoPresti School
- B. Special Education Monthly Enrollment Update – Dr. Kris Boyle
- C. Staff Resignations – Certified
 - 1. Rush, Stephanie
 - School Counselor
 - Bungay School
 - Effective June 12, 2019
- D. Staff Resignations – Non Certified
 - 1. Condo, Carol
 - Nutrition Services
 - Bungay School
 - Effective June 7, 2019
 - 2. Fitzsimmons, Victoria
 - Monitor Paraprofessional
 - Bungay School
 - Effective June 6, 2019
- E. Staff Hiring – Appendix E
 - 1. Pawluk, Aaron
 - Head Coach, Boys Soccer
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Joe Perrucci
- F. Staff Hiring – Department Chairs
 - 1. Anelli, Melissa
 - Department Chair, School Counseling
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year

2. Cheney, Lisa
 - Department Chair, English
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year
3. DeMarco, Eric
 - Department Chair, Social Studies
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year
4. Federowicz, Cathy
 - Department Chair, Math
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year
5. Morgatto, Sara
 - Department Chair, Special Education
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year
6. Scozzafava, Erin
 - Department Chair, Science
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year

- X. PUBLIC COMMENT
XI. ADJOURNMENT

Note: The next scheduled Regular Board of Education meeting is on Monday, July 1, 2019. at 7:30 in Seymour Middle School.