

Seymour Board of Education

SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2019
Seymour High School
7:15 p.m.

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 12-18/19
TIME: 3 pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Bruno
Christopher Champagne
James Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Peter Kubik
Beth Nesteriak
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Zachary Braca, Student Representative
Ashley Sirowich, Student Representative
Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Sherry Holmes, Assistant Superintendent - Finance & Operations
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Jim Freund, Principal, SHS
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, SHS
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, SHS
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, BES
David Olechna, Principal, CLS
Jessica Albertson, Assistant Principal, CLS
Dawn Adams

Unless changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, the order of business for the organizational meeting of the Board of Education shall be as follows:

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Michael Wilson, Superintendent called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:20 pm.
- B. Opening of Meeting by the Superintendent

II. ELECTIONS

- A. Temporary Chairperson
Mr. Wilson asked for nominations for a temporary chairperson
Mr. Stanek nominated Mr. Strumello as the temporary chairperson

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 9-0

Mr. Strumello was appointed as temporary Chairperson.

Mr. Wilson turned the meeting over to Mr. Strumello, temporary chairperson.

B. Chairperson

Mr. Stanek asked to confirm that all newly elected Board members had been sworn in. Ms. Bruno, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Hatfield, and Mr. Garofolo confirmed they have been sworn in.

Mr. Strumello, temporary chairperson, asked for nominations for the Chairperson of the Board of Education

Ms. Harmeling nominated Mr. Strumello for Chairperson of the Board of Education

Mr. Strumello moved to close the nominations.

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Strumello called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

For Mr. Strumello as Chairperson, Mr. Wilson announced there were 9 yes votes – Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

By a vote of 9 to 0, Mr. Strumello was elected Chairperson of the Board of Education.

C. Vice Chairperson

Mr. Strumello, Chairperson, asked for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education

Ms. Harmeling nominated Mr. Kubik for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education.

Mr. Champagne nominated Mr. Hatfield for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education.

Ms. Harmeling said she felt that a statement from the nominees would be a good thing to hear. She asked what their plan was to move the district forward. Mr. Hatfield explained that he has been on the Board for two full terms, a lifelong resident of Seymour, and a former student of the Seymour Public Schools. Mr. Kubik said he has been a resident of Seymour for 34 years, is an engineer and manager, worked with Mr. Strumello for many years on different Boards. He feels he would be a good fit to work with Mr. Strumello. Mr. Stanek praised both Mr. Kubik and Mr. Hatfield saying both are qualified. He ended his statement by saying he was going to vote for Mr. Hatfield.

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Strumello called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

For Mr. Kubik as Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Wilson announced there were four yes votes – Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Nesteriak. For Mr. Hatfield, there were five yes votes – Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

By a vote of 5-4, Mr. Hatfield was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education.

D. Secretary

Mr. Strumello, Chairperson, asked for nominations for the Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Garofolo nominated Ms. Harmeling for Secretary of the Board of Education. Ms. Harmeling declined the nomination. There were no more nominations made. Ms. Harmeling suggested we put this vote off until the bylaws could be reviewed and possibly amended to remove this position from the Board. Mr. Stanek said by state statute, a secretary of the Board is required. Mr. Strumello encouraged someone to make a nomination. Mr. Stanek nominated Mr. Champagne for Secretary of the Board of Education. Mr. Strumello moved to close the nominations.

Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Strumello called for a vote by ballot

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

For Mr. Champagne as Secretary, Mr. Wilson announced there were 7 yes votes – Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello. There were two abstentions – Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling

By a vote of 7-0-2, Mr. Champagne was elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

III. COMMITTEES – APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN

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| A. Athletic Committee | F. Nutrition, Health, & Safety Committee |
| B. Curriculum & Technology Committee | G. Policy Committee |
| C. Facilities Committee | H. Residency Committee |
| D. Finance Committee | I. Transportation Committee |
| E. Liaison Committee | |

Mr. Strumello asked for a motion to postpone the committee assignments so he can get input from the Board members on what committees they would like to serve on.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Hatfield) move to postpone Item III Committees – Appointed by Chairperson to the January 6, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 9-0

IV. ADJOURNMENT

After adjournment of this meeting, the Board shall reconvene in regular or special meeting if it wishes to consider additional matters. The order of business for any such special meeting shall be that established for regular and adjourned business meetings.

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 9-0

The meeting adjourned 7:38 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk