

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES REVISED
August 24, 2022
Seymour Middle School Library Media Center
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Stephan Behuniak (left meeting at 7:59 pm) Kristen Bruno Christopher Champagne Kristen Harmeling Jay Hatfield (left meeting at 8:45 pm) Shannon Levey Ed Strumello
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jim Garofolo Beth Nesteriak
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent (left 7:23) Salvatore A. Bucci, Business Manager (left 7:23) Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk Derrick Martin, Technology Tim Connors, Director of Operations Alana Zhingri Fred Stanek Annmarie Drugonis

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:11 p.m.
Mr. Champagne thanked Dr. Compton for sharing the narrative regarding this meeting with the Board.

II. 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 Chairman's Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 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.

Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman – said she was here this evening to support Dr. Compton. She feels Dr. Compton has been doing a great job and she complimented the Board on hiring her. She said she is very pleased with what Dr. Compton has brought to the Seymour community.

Public Comment closed at 7:13 pm.

III. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Discussion and possible action on the acceptance of a bid for installation of HVAC equipment and related services at Seymour High School
MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the bid of Greenleaf Energy Solutions, LLC for the installation of HVAC equipment and related services at Seymour High School in an amount not to exceed 1.7 million and approval of a contract with Greenleaf Energy Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed 1.7 million dollars which contract shall be submit to a final design meeting with the Central Office Relocation Committee and final review and approval of the Central Office Relocation Committee. Further, the Chairman of the Board of Education (or Superintendent of Schools) is authorized to sign the contract with Greenleaf Energy Solutions, LLC
Mr. Bucci indicated the amount was a little more than \$1.7 million.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

AMENDED MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the bid of Greenleaf Energy Solutions, LLC for the installation of HVAC equipment and related services at Seymour High School in an amount not to exceed \$1,742,897 million and approval of a contract with Greenleaf Energy Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,742,897 which contract shall be subject to a final design meeting with the Central Office Relocation Committee and final review and approval of the Central Office Relocation Committee. Further, the Chairman of the Board of Education (or Superintendent of Schools) is authorized to sign the contract with Greenleaf Energy Solutions, LLC

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

- B. Discussion and possible action on the appropriation of ARP ESSER funds for the installation of HVAC equipment and related services at Seymour High School in an amount not to exceed 1.7 million dollars.
MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Behuniak) to appropriate an amount not to exceed 1.7 million dollars from the ARP ESSER funds for the installation of HVAC equipment and related services at Seymour High School

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

- C. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the contract for the Administrative Assistant at Central Office.
Mr. Behuniak asked if this was only to approve the contract. Dr. Compton confirmed the candidate has been hired by her and this was to approve the contract only.
MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Levey) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the proposed contract of the administrative assistant located at Central Office

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

- D. Acceptance of the webmaster stipend resignation of Rob Dyer
MOTION: (Mr. Behuniak/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Rob Dyer for the stipend position of webmaster

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

- E. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the contract for the stipend webmaster position replacement, Derrick Martin
MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Behuniak) to approve the stipend contract for the position of webmaster for Derrick Martin

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

Into Executive Session: 7:23 pm

IV. SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- *A. Discussion and possible action concerning the employment, performance, and evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools (maybe discussed in executive session)
MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Strumello) move that the Board enter executive session for discussion of the employment, performance, and evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. Further move that Dr. Susan Compton be invited to participate in the executive session

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

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

Out of Executive Session: 9:45 pm

V. POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Ms. Levey) move to extend an offer of new three-year contract to Dr. Susan Compton with an effective date of July 1st, 2022 through June 30th, 2025, pending mutual agreement and legal review of board counsel

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Ms. Levey, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 5-0

Meeting ended at 9:50 pm

Submitted by
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk