

Seymour Board of Education
Curriculum and Technology Committee Minutes
Seymour Middle School
December 5, 2022
6:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Bruno
Jim Garofolo
Shannon Levey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Salvatore Bucci, Business Manager
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Jim Freund, Principal
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Bruno called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:32 p.m.

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.

None

Public Comment Closed at 6:32 pm

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. CDOE Adoption/Waiver of Required Literacy Program

Dr. Compton said she wanted to speak a little about the state required Literacy Program but would not be asking for action on it this month. She said she would present her recommendation during the January Board meeting and at that time would ask the committee to make a recommendation to the full board. She said it might be a good idea to form an ad hoc committee to evaluate the six programs the state is recommending, stating it would be good to have Board members sit on the committee. In January, we will need to recommend approval, ask for an extension or submit a waiver. Mr. Garofolo asked if it was felt that the state was recommending a one size fits all solution. Dr. Compton agreed saying one program will not be perfect for all students. Ms. Bruno said she fears supply chain problems if the same program materials must be sent to all districts in the state.

B. SHS Course Proposals

Mr. Freund and Mr. Lucke are seeking approval from the full Board for several course proposals for the 2023-2024 school year. They presented information on Robotics courses, Certified in Accounting, World Language, and revisions to the SAT Prep course. They also asked for approval for their proposal for Science Sequence requirement with a focus on NGSS performance improvement.

MOTION: (Ms. Bruno/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to recommend to the full Board the adoption of the Robotics courses, Certified in Accounting courses, World Language courses, and revisions to the SAT Prep course for the 2023-2024 school year.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Levey

MOTION PASSES: 3-0-0

MOTION: (Ms. Bruno/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to recommend to the full Board the approval of the proposed Science Sequence requirement to focus on NGSS performance improvement for the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Levey) to table the remaining items on the agenda and to schedule another Curriculum and Technology Committee meeting prior to the end of this calendar year to address the remaining items

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Levey

MOTION PASSES: 3-0-0

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairman's Report
None
- B. Superintendent's Report
None

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Bruno, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Levey

MOTION PASSES: 3-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk