

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Seymour Middle School
June 5, 2023
7:00 pm
BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephan Behuniak
Kristen Bruno
Christopher Champagne
James Garofolo
Jay Hatfield
Shannon Levey
Beth Nesteriak
Ed Strumello
Tyler Lang, Student Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kristen Harmeling

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
Salvatore A. Bucci, Business Manager
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Mary Sue Feige, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Kris Boyle, Director of Special Services
Derrick Martin, Technology
Jim Freund, Principal, SHS
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, SHS
Kathleen Reynolds, Assistant Principal, SMS
Lauren Reid, Principal, BS
David Olechna, Principal, CLS
Cindy Brooks, Director of Nutrition

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.

Dr. Compton welcomed everyone to this very special evening and thanked Dr. Karen Blood for her work as Chairperson of the Awards Committee.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Awards Recognitions

1. 2023 Distinguished Alumnus of Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund

Mr. Freund announced the 2023 Distinguished Alumnus of Seymour High School: Dr. Cynthia Chernecky.

2. Retiring Staff Members – Dr. Susan Compton, Mr. Jim Garofolo

a. Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund

- Kathy Verlezza, Business Teacher
- Rich Kearns, Director of Security

b. Chatfield-LoPresti – Ms. Cindy Brooks

- Barbara Tucci, Nutrition Services

3. Golden Apple Awards – Dr. Susan Compton, Ms. Mary Sue Feige

Dr. Compton thanked Lee-An Dauerty, her administrative assistant, for all the work she did to make this ceremony a success.

a. Bungay School, Michael Milia – Ms. Lauren Reid

- b. Chatfield-LoPresti School, Alyssa Latanowich – Mr. David Olechna
 - c. Special Education, Charles Kochan – Dr. Kris Boyle
 - d. Seymour Middle School, Allison Acquavella – Ms. Kathleen Reynolds
 - e. Seymour High School, Stephanie Ciccone – Mr. Jim Freund
Dr. Compton presented Ms. Ciccone a plaque commemorating her work with the Seymour High School Alumni. Mr. Hatfield thanked Ms. Ciccone all that she has done and noting that she was instrumental in getting the program up and running.
 - f. District – Dr. Susan Compton
 - Melissa Anelli, SHS Counselor
 - Jennifer Batterton, SMS Teacher
 - Linda Bellavance, CO Secretary
 - Cathy Federowicz, SHS Teacher
4. PAW (Progressing in All Work) Award – Dr. Susan Compton, Ms. Shannon Levey
 - a. Bungay School, Meadow McFarlin – Ms. Lauren Reid
 - b. Chatfield-LoPresti School, Archer Richards – Mr. David Olechna
 - c. Seymour Middle School, Alexander Barrett – Ms. Kathleen Reynolds
 - d. Seymour High School, Jeremy Reyes – Mr. Jim Freund
 5. CABE Student Leadership Award –, Mr. Jim Freund, Ms. Kathleen Reynolds, Mr. Chris Champagne, Mr. Jay Hatfield
 - a. Allie Kevalis, Seymour Middle School – Ms. Kathleen Reynolds
 - b. Rylee Yacawych, Seymour Middle School – Ms. Kathleen Reynolds
 - c. Peyton Dauphinais, Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 - d. Tyler Lang, Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 6. SCASA Award – Mr. Jim Freud, Ms. Kathleen Reynolds, Ms. Lauren Reid, Mr. David Olechna, Ms. Kristen Bruno
 - a. Charles Anderson, Bungay Elementary School – Ms. Lauren Reid
 - b. Sarah England, Chatfield LoPresti Elementary School - Mr. David Olechna
 - c. Mia Cunningham, Seymour Middle School – Ms. Kathleen Reynolds
 - d. Adam Simoes, Seymour Middle School – Ms. Kathleen Reynolds
 - e. Ella Santanelli, Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 - f. Lily Bunosso, Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 7. CAPSS Award of Excellence – Mr. Jim Freud, Ms. Kathleen Reynolds, Mr. Jim Garofolo
 - a. Tyler Lang, Seymour High School
 - b. Ella Santanelli, Seymour High School
 - c. Delaney Catlin, Seymour Middle School
 - d. Luca Tecci, Seymour Middle School
 8. David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award – Mr. Jake Velleco, Mr. Ed Strumello
 - a. Domenic DiPaola
 9. John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award – Mr. Jamie Yakushewich, Mr. Stephan Behuniak
 - a. Paul O'Connor
 Dr. Compton congratulated Mr. Jamie Yakushewich on being named Connecticut Softball Assistant Coach of the Year and said he would be honored in the fall.
 10. Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award – Rebecca Bennett, Mr. Jay Hatfield
 - a. Mary Ellen Slywka
 11. Karen R. Stanek "Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat" Memorial Award – Mr. Mike Nimons, Mr. Fred Stanek, First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis
 - a. Joe Carrafiello
 12. Thomas J. Petrundy Memorial Education and Environment Award – Ms. Kathleen Reynolds
 - a. Lily Fappiano

13. 2023-2024 Paraeducator of the Year – Dr. Kris Boyle, Ms. Kristen Harmeling
 - a. Chelsea Troxell
14. 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year – Dr. Susan Compton, Mr. Ed Strumello
 - a. Nicole Fearon
15. Recognition of Board of Education Student Representative – Mr. Jay Hatfield
 - a. Tyler Lang
16. Recognition of Awards Committee Student Representatives – Mr. Chris Champagne
 - a. Madison Jarvis
 - b. Tyler Lang
 - c. Duncan Plude
17. Valedictorian, Duncan Plude – Mr. Jim Freund, Dr. Susan Compton
18. Salutatorian, Madison Jarvis – Mr. Jim Freund, Dr. Susan Compton
19. Introduction of First Graduates of Griffin Allied Health Program – Mr. Paul Lucke, Mr. Fred Stanek
 - a. Julia Olson
 - b. Kiara Ramos
20. Top 10 Students – Class of 2022 – Dr. Susan Compton, Mr. Jim Freund
 9. Tyler Lang
 8. Jonathan David
 7. Lilly Galletta
 6. Sara Prodan
 5. John Douglass
 4. Devin Cronin
 3. Sparsh Koyambreth
 2. Madison Jarvis
 1. Duncan Plude

III. ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

IV. RECEPTION

YouTube Link (June 5, 2023)

<https://youtube.com/live/JxfAaI6XgMw?feature=share>