

Seymour Board of Education
SPECIAL BOE MEETING MINUTES
Seymour Middle School
Library Media Center
August 15, 2023
6:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Behuniak
Kristen Bruno
Christopher Champagne
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Shannon Levey
James Garofolo
Ed Strumello

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Beth Nesteriak

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
Derrick Martin, Technology
Alana Zhingri, Interim Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 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.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Hiring

1. Non-Certified

a. Gieger, Caroline

- Literacy/Numeracy Tutor
- Chatfield-LoPresti School
- Replacing Kathryn Giarratano

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Strumello) to approve the consent agenda as presented

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Principal Hiring – Seymour Middle School (may be discussed in Executive Session)

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing appointment and employment of an individual to fill the Principal position at Seymour Middle School in

accordance to provisions of CT General Statue section 1-2006A and 1-215B2, inviting Dr. Compton and candidate into the executive session.

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to hire Mr. Keith O'Rourke as the Seymour Middle School Principal

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

V. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

B. Board Member Comments

C. Superintendent's Report

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Submitted by: Alana Zhingri
Interim Board Clerk