

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Seymour Middle School
Auditorium
June 3, 2024
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephan Behuniak
Kristen Bruno
Christopher Champagne
James Garofolo
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Shannon Levey
Lori Nespoli
Sophia Motyl, Student Representative
Caitlin Hamilton, Student Representative
Ed Strumello

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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
Keith O'Rourke, Principal SMS
Kathleen Reynolds, Assistant Principal, SMS
Lauren Reid, Principal, BES
Stacey Albertson, Assistant Principal, BES
David Olechna, Principal, CLS
Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman
Cathy Federowicz
Fred Stanek

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome – Mr. Chris Champagne

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Awards Recognitions

1. 2023 Distinguished Alumnus of Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
2. Retiring Staff Members –Mr. Jim Garofolo, Dr. Susan Compton
 - a. Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 1. Victor Gonzalez
 2. Joseph Perrucci
 - b. Seymour Middle School – Mr. Keith O'Rourke
 1. Fred Kershaw
 2. Michele Scarpa
 3. Lisa Willadsen
 - c. Chatfield-LoPresti School – Mr. David Olechna
 1. Glen Frosceno
 - d. Bungay School – Ms. Lauren Reid
 1. Barbara Haste
 - e. Central Office – Dr. Susan Compton
 2. Linda Bellavance
 3. Cathy Guerra
 4. Lisa Stowe
3. Golden Apple Awards – Ms. Lori Nespoli, Ms. Mary Sue Feige
 - a. Bungay School – Ms. Lauren Reid
 1. Nicole Stockmal
 - b. Chatfield-LoPresti School – Mr. David Olechna
 1. Erica Cole
 - c. Special Education – Dr. Kris Boyle
 1. Lindsay Oddo
 - d. Seymour Middle School – Mr. Keith O'Rourke
 1. Kelly Reilly
 - e. Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 1. Melissa Anelli
 - f. District – Dr. Susan Compton
 1. Hannah Rozum, Preschool Teacher
 2. Michelle Cirella, Preschool Teacher
 3. Kristen DeLorenzo, Preschool Teacher
 4. Lee-Ann Dauerty, Executive Administrative Assistant
4. PAW (Progressing in All Work) Award – Ms. Shannon Levey, Dr. Kristopher Boyle
 - a. Bungay School – Ms. Lauren Reid
 1. Lea Almazan
 - b. Chatfield-LoPresti School – Mr. David Olechna
 1. Leilani Gonzalez
 - c. Seymour Middle School – Mr. Keith O'Rourke
 1. Juan Fraticelli Rodriguez
 - d. Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 1. Mason Duley
5. CAFE Student Leadership Award – Ms. Kristen Harmeling

The CAFE Student Leadership Awards Program is designed to honor Connecticut High School and Middle School students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. Two students from each school, in a CAFE member district, are eligible to receive the CAFE Student Leadership Award.

 - a. Seymour Middle School – Mr. Keith O'Rourke
 1. Aayushi Kolte
 2. Jacob Lang

- b. Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 1. Zachary Jones
 2. Sophia Motyl
6. CAPSS Award of Excellence – Mr. Jay Hatfield
 The CAPSS Award of Excellence is based on community service and service to others; academic prowess (relative to ability); and leadership service to the school community.
 - a. Seymour High School - Mr. Jim Freund
 1. Zachary Jones
 2. Emily Masotta
 - b. Seymour Middle School - Mr. Keith O'Rourke
 1. Vivian Chraibi
 2. Ana David
7. SCASA Award – Ms. Kristen Bruno, Dr. Susan Compton
 The SCASA awards program allows area superintendents to recognize students' accomplishments based on academic, extra-curricular, and community service criteria.
 - a. Bungay School – Ms. Lauren Reid
 1. Emerson Gerstenhaber
 - b. Chatfield LoPresti School - Mr. David Olechna
 1. Mackenzie Miller
 - c. Seymour Middle School – Mr. Kevin O'Rourke
 1. Colin Holmes
 2. Andy Fenstermaker
 - d. Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
 1. Emily Masotta
 2. Sophia Motyl
8. Connecticut Assistant Principal of the Year – Mr. Chris Champagne, Mr. Jay Hatfield
 - a. Paul Lucke, Seymour High School
9. Coaching Recognitions – Mr. Stephan Behuniak
 - a. NVL Boys Soccer Assistant Coach of the Year
 1. Gary Freeman
 - b. Connecticut High School Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year
 1. Jamie Yakushewich
10. David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award – Ms. Melissa Sproles, Mr. Ed Strumello
 - a. Melissa Medeiros
11. John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award – Ms. Cathy Federowicz, Mr. Stephan Behuniak
 - a. Bruce Deming
12. Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award – Ms. Jen Karpovich, Mr. Chris Champagne
 - a. Debi Durette
13. Karen R. Stanek "Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat" Memorial Award – Mr. Fred Stanek, First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis
 - a. Jay Hatfield
14. Thomas J. Petrundy Memorial Education and Environment Award – Ms. Kristen Bruno, Ms. Jen Peterson
 - a. Aria Chiaramonte
15. 2024-2025 Paraeducator of the Year – Ms. Kristen Harmeling, Dr. Kris Boyle
 - a. Ashley Nazzaro
16. 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year – Mr. Ed Strumello, Dr. Susan Compton
 - a. Kathleen Furino
17. Recognition of Board of Education Student Representative – Mr. Jay Hatfield
 - a. Sophia Motyl
18. Recognition of Awards Committee Student Representatives – Mr. Chris Champagne
 - a. Sophia Motyl
 - b. Jay Patel
 - c. Jillian Sullivan

19. Graduates of Griffin Allied Health Program – Mr. Fred Stanek, Mr. Paul Lucke
 - a. Anna Schulte – Personal Care Technician
20. Valedictorian, Jillian Sullivan – Dr. Susan Compton, Mr. Jim Freund
21. Salutatorian, Jay Patel – Dr. Susan Compton, Mr. Jim Freund
22. Top 10 Students – Class of 2024 – Dr. Susan Compton, Mr. Jim Freund
 10. Jillian Keough
 9. Madeline HInk
 8. Kaylee Cabezas
 7. Jainna Marcinczyk
 6. Olivia DeToto
 5. Neal Kapadia
 4. Emily Masotta
 3. Lindsey Machnicz
 2. Jay Patel
 1. Jillian Sullivan

The meeting ended at 8:52 pm

III. RECEPTION

YouTube Link (June 3, 2024)

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