

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Seymour Middle School

Library Media Center

June 17, 2024

7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephan Behuniak
Kristen Bruno
Christopher Champagne
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Lori Nespoli
Ed Strumello

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Garofolo
Shannon Levey

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
Salvatore A. Bucci, Business Manager
Alana Zhingri, Interim Board Clerk
David Moktan, Technology
Keith O'Rourke, Principal SMS
Lauren Reid, Principal, BES
David Olechna, Principal, CLS

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:32 p.m.

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A. Seymour Champion Recognitions

1. Bungay School
 - a. Grace Hanson
 - b. Gregory Nangle
 - c. Jeremiah White
2. Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - a. Frank Adams
 - b. Vivian Motraghi
3. Seymour Middle School
 - a. Grayson Champagne
 - B. Vanessa Khan

4. Seymour High School
 - a. Brandon Vargas

B. Superintendent's Student Recognitions

1. Memorial Day Essay Contest Winners
 - a. Bungay School

- Husna Noori (1st Place)
- Tessa Maler (Runner Up)
- b. Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - Ava LaPorta (1st Place)
 - Giuliana DelMonico (Runner Up)
- c. Seymour Middle School
 - Geet Sachdeva (1st Place)
 - Ben Lynch (Runner Up)

III. 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 the public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

None

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Superintendent's Newsletter
- B. Special Education Enrollment Update
- C. Be Kind movement/HOPE Club– Seymour High School, Student Organizer hopes for it to continue after he graduates.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular BOE Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2023
 - 2. Special BOE Meeting – May 6, 2023
 - 3. Regular BOE Meeting – June 3, 2024
- B. Financial Management Reports – June 17, 2024
- C. Nutrition Services Financial Report – June 17, 2023
- D. Superintendent Summer Hiring Rights
- E. Staff Hiring – Certified
 - 1. Donecker, Alyssa
 - School Psychologist
 - 2024-2025 School Year
 - Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - Replacing Laura Pellerito
 - 2. Gilman, Paul
 - Business Teacher
 - 2024-2025 School Year
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Chelsea O'Connor
 - 3. Lee, Katherine

- Library Media Specialist
 - 2024-2025 School Year
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Replacing Kerry Rush (transferred to Science teacher)
- 4. Kiley, Elizabeth
 - Special Education Teacher
 - 2024-2025 School Year
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Replacing Danielle Sekas
- F. Staff Hiring – Non-Certified
 1. Fredrickson, Melissa
 - Instructional Paraeducator
 - 2024-2025 School Year
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Replacing Chrissy Klisus
 2. Olowina, Christine
 - Payroll Benefits Specialist
 - Central Office
 - Replacing Lisa Stowe
 3. Thompson, Elisabeth
 - Secretary
 - Central Office
 - Replacing Patty Oakley
- G. Staff Hiring – Appendix D
 1. Michaud, Alison
 - Assistant Coach, Cheerleading
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Peyton Bopp
- H. Volunteer Appointment
 1. Sadick, Timothy
 - Sports Volunteer, Football Assistant Coach
 - Seymour High School

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Ms. Bruno) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nespoli, Mr. Strumello

ABSTAIN: Mr. Champagne

MOTION PASSES: 6-0-1

- VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA
- VII. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Ms. Bruno) to add ITEM F(Shared Services) to Discussion and Possible Action

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES:7-0-0

A. Independent Contracts

1. Barnard, Ronald

- School Security Officer
- Bungay School

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Bruno) to accept and amend the contract for Ronald Barnard, School Security Officer, Bungay School, to say ten paid sick days (not five), under section 5, to reflect the other School Security Officer contract.

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

2. Brooks, Cindy

- Director of Nutrition Services
- Districtwide

MOTION: (Ms. Bruno/sec., Mr. Behuniak) to accept the contract for Cindy Brooks, Director of Nutrition Services, Districtwide, as presented.

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

3. Dauerty, Lee-Ann

- Executive Administrative Assistant
- Central Office

MOTION: (Mr. Behuniak/sec., Ms. Bruno) to accept the contract for Lee-Ann Dauerty, Executive Administrative Assistant, Central Office, as presented.

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

4. Dauerty, Lee-Ann

- Facebook Facilitator

. Central Office
MOTION: (Mr. Behuniak/sec., Ms. Bruno) to accept the contract for Lee-Ann Dauerty, Facebook Facilitator, Central Office, as presented.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nespoli, Mr. Strumello
MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

5. Henry, Edward
. Director of Security
. Seymour High School

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Behuniak) to accept the contract for Edward Henry, Director of Security, Seymour High School/Districtwide, amended as spoken by the Superintendent.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nespoli, Mr. Strumello
MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

6. Lucke, Paul
. District Grant Coordinator/Writer
. Central Office

MOTION: (Mr. Behuniak/sec., Ms. Bruno) to accept the contract for Paul Lucke, District Grant Coordinator/Writer, Central Office, as presented.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nespoli, Mr. Strumello
MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

7. Martin, Derrick
. Network Manager
. Districtwide

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Ms. Bruno) to accept the contract for Derrick Martin, Network Manager, Districtwide, as presented, with the removal of the last paragraph, item 2.7.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nespoli, Mr. Strumello
MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

8. Moktan, David
- Districtwide Computer Technician
 - Districtwide

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Ms. Bruno) to accept the contract for David Moktan, Districtwide Computer Technician, Districtwide, as presented.

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

9. Pimpinelli, Kevin
- School Security Officer
 - Chatfield-LoPresti School

MOTION: (Ms. Bruno/sec., Mr. Behuniak) to accept the contract for Kevin Pimpinelli, School Security Officer, Chatfield-LoPresti School, as presented.

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

10. Willadsen, David
- Assistant Athletic Director, P/T
 - Seymour High School

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Ms. Bruno) to accept the contract for David Willadsen, Assistant Athletic Director, P/T, Seymour High School, as presented.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Nespoli

RECUSE: Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 6-0-1

B. Extension of Positions/Contracts

1. In School Suspension Facilitator, SMS

a. **MOTION:** (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Behuniak) to extend the position of In School Suspension Facilitator, SMS to the 2024-2025 school year ending June 30, 2025.

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

- b. **MOTION:** (Mr. Behuniak/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to hire Samantha Rossetti for the position of In School Suspension Facilitator, SMS for the 2024-2025 school year

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

2. Athletic Trainer

- a. **MOTION:** (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Strumello) to extend the position of Athletic Trainer to the 2024-2025 school year ending June 30, 2025

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

- b. **MOTION:** (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Strumello) to hire Griffin Hospital for the position of Athletic Trainer for the 2024-2025 school year

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

~~C. 2024-2025 Education Budget~~

~~To approve the 2024-2025 Board of Education budget of \$39,768,781 (4.2%)~~

- D. **MOTION:** (Mr. Champagne/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to revise and adopt the Policy Governing Fingerprinting and Criminal Justice Information Services-mandated policy for compliance

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

- E. **MOTION:** (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Behuniak) to authorize the Superintendent to create 2 positions, not to exceed the amount of \$3,669 per person.

SO VOTED

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

MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0

~~Reassignment of Appendix D Stipend funding from Web Page Advisor and Pep Band Advisor to Power School Scheduling/Counseling Advisors in the amount of \$3,669 per the Appendix D Contract~~

F. Shared Services

VIII. INFORMATION

A. School Activities and Recognitions

1. Bungay School
2. Chatfield-LoPresti School
3. Seymour Middle School
4. Seymour High School

B. Staff Resignations – Certified

1. Velleco, Jake
 - Special Education Teacher
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective June 30, 2024
2. Pellicone, Matthew
 - Physical Education Teacher
 - Seymour High School
 - Effective June 30, 2024

C. Staff Resignations – Non-Certified

1. Haste, Barbara (Retirement)
 - Instructional Paraeducator
 - Bungay Elementary School
 - Effective June 12, 2024
2. Christian, Sol
 - Nutrition Services
 - Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - Effective June 12, 2024
3. Danka, Melanie
 - Instructional Paraeducator
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Effective June 12, 2024

D. Staff Hiring – Appendix D

1. Anrico, Amanda
 - Team Leader, Blue
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Roxanne Lindgren
2. Bielez, Arkadiusz
 - Team Leader, Purple
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Returning
3. Krushinski, Meagan
 - Team Leader, United Arts
 - Seymour Middle School

- Returning
 - 4. McQuillan, Katelyn
 - Team Leader, Red
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Returning
 - 5. Nimons, Michael
 - Team Leader, Gold
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Returning
 - 6. Peterson, Jennifer
 - Team Leader, White
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Returning
 - 7. Sadick, Ian
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Ian Sadick (returning)
 - 8. Severino, Jennifer
 - Team Leader, Counseling
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Returning
 - 9. Tilki, Steven
 - Team Leader, Green
 - Seymour Middle School
 - Returning
- E. Summer Hiring – Non-Certified
 - 1. Dauerty, Hugh
 - Summer Custodian
 - Districtwide
 - 2. Pernaselci, Troy
 - Summer Custodian
 - Districtwide
 - 3. Zwaan, Zen
 - Summer Custodian
 - Districtwide
 - 4. Martin, Ryan
 - Summer Custodian
 - Districtwide
- F. Staff Transfers – Certified
 - 1. Mariano, Lisa
 - To Bilingual Teacher, Districtwide (2024-2025 School Year)
 - From Second Grade Teacher
 - Effective July 1, 2024
 - 2. Frisbie, Trevor

- To Special Education Teacher, SHS (2024-2025 School Year)
 - From Special Education Teacher, CLS
 - Effective July 1, 2024
 - 3. Sekas, Danielle
 - To Social Studies Teacher, SMS (2024-2025 School Year)
 - From Special Education Teacher
 - Effective July 1, 2024
- G. Staff Transfers – Non Certified
 - 1. Oakley, Patricia
 - To Secretary, Seymour Middle School
 - From: Secretary, Central Office
 - Effective July 1, 2024
 - 2. Stec, Benjamin
 - To Full Time Custodian, SHS
 - From: Part Time Custodian
 - Effective May 28, 2024
- H. ESY Hiring
 - 1. ESY Program 2024-2025 hiring of Sandra Andes, Debbie Bennett, Christy Bisailon, Mridula Chaudhary, Erica Cole, Caitlin Davies, Kelly Davis, Kristen DeLorenzo, Stephanie DelPo, Madison Dzwonkowski, Nicole Fearon, Trevor Frisbie, Kelley Garofalo, Alex Giannelli, Ryann Giuliani, Emily Griscom, Deane Herde, Jen Karpovich, Keri Karpovich, Dawn LaLave, Alyssa Latanowich, Danielle Lippold, Diane Lydixsen, Denise Matthews, Jennifer Monaco, Ashley Nazzaro, Suzanne O'Hara, Lindsay Oddo, Jen Piscioniere, Julia Roshkind, Kristine Sanzo, Deb Schietromo, Ganesh Singh, Francesa Spino, Kara Tweedle, Chiara Wandel, Jeannine Weaver, Jennifer Widlar, Heather Yablonski
- I. Damages to Chromebooks
- IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
 - A. Board of Education Comments
 - 1. Chairman's Comments

Mr. Champagne congratulated the Class of 2024, and announced with the help of Mr. Behuniak and Ms. Levey, they created a Seymour Board of Education Facebook page for informational purposes.
 - 2. Board Member Comments

Stephan Behuniak: Congratulations to the Class of 2024

Kristen Bruno: Congratulations to the Class of 2024, and she enjoyed the 3 speeches, each of a different opinion, were very well done.

Ed Strumello: Enjoyed the graduation, and wishes our student representatives advised us on their personal sports achievements so we could properly congratulate them.

Lori Nespoli: Congratulations to the Class of 2024

Jay Hatfield: Thank you for the Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat Award, and commended Mr. Henry on the flow of the parking lot/traffic during the ceremonies. There was no traffic, it went very smooth.

B. Superintendent Report

Dr. Compton stated there will be an update soon on Safe Schools Grant-Matching funds. Dr. Compton stated that the moving up ceremonies at Bungay, Chatfield LoPresti, and Seymour Middle School went extremely well. She stated she is proud of all our 2024 student graduates.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

YouTube Link (June 17, 2024)

<https://youtube.com/live/s5UMi6Aobgo?feature=share>