

# Seymour Board of Education



## Athletic & Health Committee Meeting Agenda

September 23, 2024  
Seymour BOE Central Office  
8:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Strumello, Chair  
Pete Kubik

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS: Jay Hatfield

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools  
Shannon Levey, Board Clerk  
Tim Connors, Director of Facilities  
Cathy Federowicz, Athletic Director

### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:04 PM.

### 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 can 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.

- Public Comment called three times. No public comment.

**MOTION:** to change the order to do items B, C, and D first (Mr. Strumello / sec. Mr. Kubik)

**AFFIRMATION:** Mr. Strumello, Mr. Kubik

**PASSES** 2-0-0

### III. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

#### A. Uniform Schedule

##### a. 5-year plan

- Ms. Federowicz said the cost of uniforms has at least doubled since Covid. They have been struggling to find enough money for the uniforms. Ms. Federowicz suggested increasing the budget for uniforms and will include it in the 2024-2025 budget. Mr. Strumello suggested the parents' clubs contribute some money for the uniforms. Ms. Federowicz stated that parents already pay a lot. Dr. Compton said we need to look at how other districts handle this and their budget. Also, to use sponsorship signs and partnerships to help offset costs for the school district. Mr. Strumello said to check into the policy regarding sponsorship signs.

#### B. SHS Turf Field Report

- a. Mr. Connors said we have about another 2-3 years left on the current turf. \$700-\$750,000 to upgrade the turf. Mr. Sean Strumello will create a packet to explain the turf options and cost. The difference now with the fields, pile size, thickness, wear factor is about 12 years now rather than 8-10 years. Anyone that installed pads has pulled them out because they became too soft. Every year our turf is tested and regraded; in addition to Mr. Sean Strumello's care to the turf. Mr. Strumello asked if they assessed the track too. It will be about \$400-\$600,000 to replace the track. Mr. Kubik said it needs to be replaced, we need a plan, and we must start now. The committee mentioned trying to get grant money to help pay for the turf and field. We need to do this to work with the town, as a joint agreement. Ms. Federowicz said redoing the turf needs to be done. The committee said we need to include this in our budget to continue to put money aside for this project.
- C. SHS Track Repair Plan
  - a. Discussed with the turf report
- D. Surplus Funds - 2023/2024 Budget
  - a. Ms. Federowicz mentioned the money spent on the pool but has not spent money on the swim team. For example, the scoreboard, touchpads, etc. Ms. Federowicz said there also is software that needs to be purchased (about \$700). Some equipment that's needed is backordered, so even if we order them now, they may not be in intime. Ms. Federowicz estimates that the software program will get touchpads working to get through this season. Need to find a dry, safe location to store the equipment because the humidity is not good for the equipment. Mr. Strumello wants to thank the man who has helped fix some equipment at a BOE meeting. The committee agrees that this is a must, and we need to pay to keep up with the maintenance of equipment. Ms. Cleveland didn't receive a contract for athletic training. She is okay not having that position. The trainer from Griffin can be at the school for 2:00pm. Ms. Federowicz will check with Ms. Cleveland to see if she wants to take the athletic trainer position. If not, the Griffin athletic trainer will cover. Tighten up the language for when a student quits a sport to ensure everyone is informed, all equipment is returned, exit interview, etc., this will be recommended to the administration then to this committee/full board. Ms. Federowicz would like to do this for the winter sports. Booster Clubs at SMS. No schools in the NVL have middle school Booster Clubs except Oxford. It isn't a true Booster Club.

**MOTION:** the surplus funds be earmarked for the SHS turf field (Mr. Strumello /sec. Mr. Kubik)

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Strumello, Mr. Kubik

**PASSES** 2-0-0

- E. Seymour Day and Planning for a celebration of Winter/Spring sports
  - a. Ms. Federowicz has a few ideas for the celebration. We should recognize the kids who play any sport, and those who play multiple sports. Our student athletes are mostly AP students and should be recognized as well. The committee suggested next year doing it later so that all the sports can be included. Possibly the Friday before the first football game or Saturday night. We will check with the first selectwoman to get her thoughts and plan a date for next year.

#### IV. REPORTS

- A. Board of Education
  - 1. Chairman Comments: none
  - 2. Board Member Comments: none
- B. Superintendent's Report
  - Dr. Compton: Appreciates Cathy for coming to the meeting so late.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

Prepared by Shannon Levey,  
Board Clerk