



Seymour Board of Education

## AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 11, 2025

6:00 P.M.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Strumello  
Fred Stanek  
Cara Bordonaro  
Fran Marsala  
Robert Carrafiello  
Shayan Khan  
Kaitlyn Hamilton  
Dr. Susan Compton

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The awards advisory committee meeting was called to order by Ed Strumello, who was serving as the acting chair because Dr. Karen Blood was unable to attend the meeting.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Strumello then asked for public comments three times and there were no comments from the audience or members.

#### III. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

##### 1. Review of Award Descriptions

The committee reviewed the award descriptions provided in a handout, including:

- **Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award**
- **David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award**
- **John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award**
- **Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environment Award**
- **Karen R. Stanek "Once A Wildcat, Always A Wildcat" Award**

Fred Stanek recommended revising the description of the *Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award*, changing "and" to "or" in the following sentence: "*The individual shares the ideals of Vincentena Kobasa by displaying involvement in the entire school community or community outside of school.*"

**Motion:** (Cara Bordonaro / sec. Fran Marsala) to change the name of the *David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award* to the *David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Community Award*.

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ed Strumello, Fred Stanek, Cara Bordonaro, Fran Marsala, Robert Carrafiello, Shayan Khan, Kaitlyn Hamilton, Dr. Susan Compton

**PASSES:** 8-0-0



## 2. Review and Recommendation of the Nomination Process and Forms

The committee reviewed the nomination process and forms for each award.

## 3. Nomination Submission Timeline

- **Opening Date:** March 18, 2025 (online submissions)
- **Closing Date:** April 18, 2025
- **Committee Meeting to Review Nominations:** April 22, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

## 4. Publicity of Awards

The committee discussed ways to promote the awards, including posting descriptions on the **school website, Facebook, and other social media platforms** to expand outreach.

## 5. Committee Member Changes

The committee discussed changes in membership, with details to be finalized at a later date.

## B. Reports

### 1. Chairperson's Report

No report.

### 2. Superintendent's Report

No report.

## IV. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** (Ed Strumello/sec., Cara Bordonaro) to adjourn.

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ed Strumello, Fred Stanek, Cara Bordonaro, Fran Marsala, Robert Carrafiello, Shayan Khan, Kaitlyn Hamilton, Dr. Susan Compton

**PASSES:** 8-0-0

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