



Seymour Board of Education  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
August 4, 2025  
Seymour Middle School  
6:30 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Strumello, Chair  
Chris Champagne  
Kristen Harmeling

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools  
Paul Lucke, SHS Principal  
Stephanie Ciccone, SHS Assistant Principal  
Cathy Federowicz, Athletic Director  
Deirdre Sponheimer, SHS  
Alana Zhingri, Interim Board Clerk

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:42 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 Chairperson is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairperson'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

## III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. [CABE Policy Update - Policy 6146](#): Graduation Requirements (Community Service)  
Mr. Lucke stated there was a working committee who came up with the potential of community service for the incoming freshman class. Looking at 20 hours of required community service and the guidance department would help students secure places.  
**MOTION:** to move to full Board for proposal and discussion (Mr. Champagne, sec., Ms. Harmeling)  
**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Strumello  
**PASSES:** 3-0-0
- B. [Seymour High School Athletics Signage/Sponsorship](#)  
Mr. Champagne stated that clarity is needed on who puts up, fixes, and takes down signs and that the approval of signs should go through the High School. Ms. Harmeling states that only a few lines in 1341 need to be removed in order for this to work.  
**MOTION:** to approve, revise, and adopt Policy 1341 to the full Board for consideration at tonight's meeting (Ms. Harmeling, sec., Mr. Champagne).  
**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Strumello  
**PASSES:** 3-0-0



## IV. REPORTS

- A. Board of Education
  - 1. Chairman Comments  
None
  - 2. Board Member Comments  
None
- B. Superintendent's Report  
None

## V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Submitted by:  
Alana Zhingri, Interim Board Clerk