

Seymour Board of Education
SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

December 8, 2025
Seymour Middle School
Library Media Center
6:45 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stephan Behuniak
 Kristen Bruno
 Chris Champagne
 James Garofolo
 Kristen Harmeling
 Pete Kubik
 Lori Nespoli
 Ed Strumello

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Hatfield

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent
 Shannon Levey, Board Clerk

Unless changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, the order of business for the organizational meeting of the Board of Education shall be as follows:

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
 Dr. Compton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:48 PM
- B. Opening of Meeting by the Superintendent – Dr. Compton

II. ELECTIONS

- A. **Temporary Chairperson**
 Dr. Compton asked for nominations for a temporary chairperson
 Pete Kubik nominated Kristen Bruno as the temporary chairperson

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

PASSES: 8-0-0

Ms. Bruno was appointed as temporary Chairperson
Dr. Compton turned the meeting over to Ms. Bruno, temporary chairperson

- B. **Chairperson**

Ms. Bruno, temporary chairperson, asked for nominations for the Chairperson of the Board of Education
Mr. Champagne and Mr. Kubik nominated Kristen Bruno for Chairperson of the Board of Education
Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed and called for a vote.

For Ms. Bruno as Chairperson, eight (8) yes votes – Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Nespoli, Mr. Strumello

Passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0, Ms. Bruno was elected Chairperson of the Board of Education.

- C. **Vice-Chairperson**

Ms. Bruno, Chairperson, asked for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education.
Mr. Kubik nominated Chris Champagne for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education
Ms. Harmeling nominated herself for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Harmeling stated that her self-nomination was not intended as a challenge to Mr. Champagne. Rather, she believes the Board functions more effectively when there is representation from both political parties. She noted that maintaining the same structure yields the same results and expressed that it is time for a change.

Mr. Champagne stated that he will continue to do his best and will support Ms. Bruno to the best of his ability.

For Mr. Champagne as Vice-Chairperson, there were five (5) yes votes – Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Nespoli and Mr. Strumello

For Ms. Harmeling as Vice-Chairperson, there were three (3) yes votes – Mr. Behuniak, Mr. Garofolo and Ms. Harmeling

By a vote of 5 to 3, Mr. Champagne was elected Vice-Chairperson for the Board of Education.

D. **Secretary**

Ms. Bruno called for nominations for Secretary of the Board of Education

Ms. Harmeling nominated herself for Secretary of the Board of Education

Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed and called for a vote.

Passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0, Ms. Harmeling was elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

III. **COMMITTEES – APPOINTED BY CHAIRMAN**

- A. Athletic and Health
- B. Curriculum and Technology
- C. Facilities and Transportation
- D. Finance
- E. Liaison
- F. Policy

MOTION: (Chris Champagne / Ed Strumello) table item 3 till the January meeting 8-0-0

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garofolo inquired as to when committee requests should be submitted. It was suggested that an item be added to a future agenda to discuss committee assignments.

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

PASSES: 8-0-0

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

After adjournment of this meeting, the Board shall reconvene in regular or special meeting if it wishes to consider additional matters. The order of business for any such special meeting shall be that established for regular and adjourned business meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Prepared by: Shannon Levey,
Board Clerk