

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEYMOUR, CT

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 20, 2009  
Chatfield Elementary School  
7:30 p.m.

I) CALL TO ORDER

- A) Salute to the Flag

II) BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

A) Recognitions:

1. Congratulations to Kristen Rychalsky, Valedictorian, Class of 2002 at Seymour High School, on receiving her doctorate degree from the Connecticut School of Pharmacy
2. Thank you to the Seymour High School Cross Country team who picked up litter on the roads that they usually run. 32 team members picked up approximately eight bags of litter from the roads around Seymour High School on November 22, 2008
3. Congratulations to Seymour High School students, Jess Braccia, Ryan Fletcher, Michael Godette, and Alex Rice on their successful auditions for the Southern Regional Music Festival on January 17, 2009

B) Board Correspondence

1. Kim Leoni, Anna LoPresti Elementary School – Letter to the Church of the Good Shepherd for their contributions toward the families at LoPresti School during the holidays
2. Rich Kearns, Seymour High School – Letter acknowledging the purchase of ten multi-channel portable radios and how they have improved communication during emergency situations
3. Linda Bellavance, Seymour Culture and Arts Commission – Letter distributing the official rules and regulations for the Community Spirit Art Contest
4. Ronald Skurat, Registrar of Voters – Letter to Cathy Goodrich, Principal of Seymour High School, requesting permission to register voters again this year
5. Chatfield-LoPresti School Building Committee minutes – January 13, 2009

III) PUBLIC COMMENT

IV) CONSENT AGENDA

A) Approval of Minutes

1. Special BOE Meeting – January 5, 2009
2. Special BOE Meeting – January 5, 2009
3. Special BOE Meeting – January 5, 2009
4. Special BOE Meeting – January 7, 2009
5. Special BOE Meeting – January 8, 2009
6. BOE meeting – December 15, 2008
7. Special BOE meeting – December 16, 2008

B) Staff Retirement – Certified Staff

1. Finkle, Pam – Language Arts Teacher, Seymour Middle School
2. Fischer, Regina – Language Arts Teacher, Seymour Middle School
3. Peck, Lois – Reading Specialist, Seymour Middle School/Chatfield Elementary School

C) Nutrition Services

1. Financial Report – November, 2008

D) Finance Committee – January 20, 2009

1. Financial Management Summary ending December, 2008
2. Proposed account transfers

IV) CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:** Move to approve the consent agenda as presented

V) ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VI) INFORMATION AND REPORTS

- A) People to People Trip to Australia – Aubrey Tan, Grade 8, Seymour Middle School
- B) Student Representatives Report
  - 1. Mid term exams 1/20/09-1/23/09
  - 2. Washington DC trip
  - 3. Course Selection
- C) School-wide Read – Sue Dowdell, Library Media Specialist, Bungay Elementary School will discuss the “school-wide read” of the book “Tales of Desperaux”
- D) Curriculum
  - 1. None
- E) Committee Reports
  - 1. Finance Committee minutes – December 15, 2008
  - 2. Liaison Committee minutes – December 16, 2008
  - 3. Finance Committee meeting – January 20, 2009
- F) School Newsletters and Calendars for January, 2009
  - 1. Bungay School calendar
  - 2. Chatfield School calendar
  - 3. LoPresti School calendar
  - 4. Seymour Middle School calendar
  - 5. Seymour High School calendar of events and newsletter
- G) Student Newspaper
  - 1. Seymour High School – The Pawprint – December, 2008
- H) Chairman’s Report
- I) Superintendent’s Report

VII) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- A) Review and approve Ansonia High School Athletic Director, Luba Soldra’s request to have Nick O’Connor and Dennis Danley participate on Seymour High School’s wrestling team as a one man team

**Motion for Consideration:** to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve Ansonia High School students, Nick O’Connor and Dennis Danley participation on Seymour High School’s wrestling team as a one man team

VII) **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)**

- B) Review and approve Seymour High School's Textbook Request for the purchase of a textbook entitled "Forensic Science"

**Motion for Consideration:** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the purchase of the textbook entitled "Forensic Science" as requested by Seymour High School

- C) Review and approve Seymour High School's request to raise the yearly student parking fee from \$20 to \$180 for a full school year and a \$90 fee for students who want to obtain a parking permit during the second half of the year

**Motion for Consideration:** to accept the Administrators' recommendation to approve the increase in student parking fees at Seymour High School from \$20 to \$180 for a full school year and a \$90 fee for students who want to obtain a parking permit during the second half of the year

VIII) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A) None

IX) **ADJOURNMENT**