

SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEYMOUR, CT

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REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, March 9, 2009  
Bungay Elementary School  
7:30 p.m.

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I) **CALL TO ORDER**

- A) Salute to the Flag

II) **BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS**

A) Recognitions:

1. Congratulations to Mike Godette and Jess Braccia on their auditions for the All-State Music Festival. Both students performed extraordinarily well. Jess Braccia made the final cut and will be performing as part of the All-State Concert Choir
2. Congratulations to the members of the Seymour High School Indoor track team. An outstanding effort was put in by both the girls and the boys teams. The boys team were victorious and brought home the Class M Championship
3. Carmella Burns, a parent volunteer at Bungay Elementary School, has been recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools with their CAS Parent-Volunteer Recognition Award. She will be honored at a banquet at the Aqua Turf Club on March 25, 2009
4. During the week of February 2, 2009, officers from the Seymour Police Department Youth and Community Police Divisions, Griffin Hospital Valley Parish Nurses, and Rich Kearns presented a program on how and when to call 911 to all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in the district
5. On February 13, 2009, the nationally recognized "Making the Right Choices Teen Safe Driving Program" was presented to Seymour High School students in grades 11 and 12
6. Parents of Oxford students purchased a full page ad in this year's yearbook thanking everyone on behalf of the last Oxford students to attend Seymour High School
7. Congratulations to Jillian Murphy, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Bungay for qualifying for the state finals of the National Geographic Bee

B) Board Correspondence

1. Letter to members of the Bungay School PTA from Principal Mary Sue Feige thanking them for the holiday treats they provided the staff during the holidays
2. Letter to Dotty Cacchillo, Walmart from Principal Mary Sue Feige thanking them for the grant in the amount of \$1000 that Bungay used to purchase hats, mittens, and coats for our less fortunate students
3. Chatfield-LoPresti Building Committee meeting minutes from February 10, 2009
4. Letters from various members of the Seymour High School Swim Team written in support of former swim coach Kevin Quinn
5. Letter from Mrs. Susan DeRosa – Parent at Chatfield School

III) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

IV) **CONSENT AGENDA**

A) Approval of Minutes

1. BOE Meeting – February 2, 2009

B) Staff Hiring – Non-Certified

1. Horan, Julie – Instructional Paraprofessional, Special Education, Chatfield Elementary School
2. Soricelli, Jill – Instructional Paraprofessional, Special Education, Bungay Elementary School
3. Wolfe, Connie – Instructional Paraprofessional, Special Education, Bungay Elementary School

- C) Staff Hiring – Appendix E
  - 1. Orosz, Missy – Interim coach, boys and girls swim team, Seymour High School
  - 2. Lennon, Tom – Head Coach, Boys Football team, Seymour High School
  
- D) Volunteers
  - 1. DiCaprio, Patrick – Interim statistician, boys and girls swim team, Seymour High School
  - 2. Slie, Shelby – Pitching Coach, girls softball team, Seymour High School
  
- E) Staff Resignations – Certified
  - 1. Magnano, Tammy, Special Education, LoPresti Elementary School
  - 2. Upshur, Carol, Math Teacher, Seymour Middle School
  - 3. Van Stone, Kathryn, Science Teacher, Seymour High School
  
- F) Staff Terminations – Non-Certified
  - 1. Guliuzza, Josephine – Instructional Paraprofessional, Bungay Elementary School

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

V) **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

VI) **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- A) Student Representatives Report
  - 1. March Against Cancer – March 19, 2009
  - 2. Volleyball Tournament – March 20, 2009
  - 3. Mr. Seymour – Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society
  - 4. Indoor Track – NVL's – February 17, 2009
  - 5. States – Indoor Track - February 12, 2009
  - 6. 1000 Cranes for Mrs. Paidoussis – HOPE Club
  
- B) Committee Reports
  - 1. Finance Committee meeting minutes – February 2, 2009
  - 2. Awards Advisory Committee meeting minutes – February 3, 2009
  - 3. Athletic Committee agenda – March 9, 2009
  
- C) School Calendars and Newsletters
  - 1. Bungay School Calendar – February, 2009 and March, 2009
  - 2. Chatfield School Calendar and Newsletter – February, 2009 and March, 2009
  - 3. LoPresti School Calendar – February, 2009 and March, 2009
  - 4. Seymour Middle School Calendar – February, 2009 and March, 2009
  - 5. Seymour High School Newsletter and Calendar of Events – February, 2009 and March, 2009
  
- D) Chairman's Report
  
- E) Superintendent's Report

VII) **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

- A) Review and approve the request of Ed Rostowsky, Athletic Director at Seymour High School to have Dara Sok, Jr. represent Seymour High School as a team of one in Boys Tennis with Woodland High School pending their board's approval

**Motion for Consideration: to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the request to have Dara Sok, Jr. represent Seymour High School as a team of one in Boys Tennis with Woodland High School**

- B) Review and approve the request of Ed Rostowsky, Athletic Director at Seymour High School to have Joe Toth and Christopher Ringenback represent Seymour High School as a team of one in Boys Golf with Ansonia High School pending their board's approval

**Motion for Consideration: to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the request to have Joe Toth and Christopher Ringenback represent Seymour High School as a team of one in Boys Tennis with Ansonia High School**

- C) Request for out of state field trip – Mr. Joel Knecht requests a field trip for Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Choral to attend the Trills and Thrills Music Festival at East Longmeadow High School, East Longmeadow, MA and Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA

**Motion for Consideration: to approve the request for Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Choral to attend the Trills and Thrills Music Festival at East Longmeadow High School, East Longmeadow, MA and Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA**

- D) Request for out of state field trip – Mr. Joel Knecht requests a field trip for Concert Choir, Concert Band, Choral and Music Theory class to see the Phantom of the Opera at the Majestic Theatre, in New York City, NY

**Motion for Consideration: to approve the request for Concert Choir, Concert Band, Choral and Music Theory class to see the Phantom of the Opera at the Majestic Theatre, in New York City, NY**

- E) The Superintendent will recommend the non-renewal of two non-tenured teachers (Joel Knecht and Brian Cleveland) at the end of the 2008-2009 school year in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151 due to the loss of position to another teacher and no other available positions for which these teachers are certified and qualified and budgetary reasons

**Motion for Consideration: Move that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Seymour Board of Education non-renew the teaching contracts of Joel Knecht and Brian Cleveland at the end of the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.**

**I further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to Joel Knecht and Brian Cleveland and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any request, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151.**

- F) The Superintendent will recommend the non-renewal of nine non-tenured teachers at the end of the 2009-2009 school year in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-151. This recommendation has been made due to the elimination of position based on budgetary considerations

**Motion for Consideration: Move that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Seymour Board of Education non-renew the teaching contracts of Megan Kinsman, Daniela Librandi, Megan McDonough, Noelle Milano, Kristen Ramadon, Kathleen Riordan, Rebecca Trzaski, Frank Warecke, and Kristine Yoxall at the end of the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.**

**I further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to Megan Kinsman, Daniela Librandi, Megan McDonough, Noelle Milano, Kristen Ramadon, Kathleen Riordan, Rebecca Trzaski, Frank Warecke, and Kristine Yoxall and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any request, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151.**

- G) The Superintendent will recommend the termination of one tenured teacher at the end of the 2009-2009 school year in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151. This recommendation has been made due to loss of position to another teacher and there is not another position for which he is both certified and qualified in the Seymour School system and other due and sufficient causes, more specifically budget considerations

**Motion for Consideration: Move that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Seymour Board of Education terminate the teaching contract of Mr. David Kania at the end of the 2008-2009 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.**

**I further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to David Kania and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any request, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151.**

VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) None

IX) ADJOURNMENT