



## MEETING MINUTES

### SEYMOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

**SPECIAL BOE MEETING:**

Seymour Middle School

September 26, 2011

7:00 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ed Strumello, Chairman  
Bruce Baker  
Peter Kubik  
Yashu Putorti  
James Ward  
Patricia Gillis, BOE Clerk

**ABSENT:**

Judith Flood  
James Garofolo  
Jeanne Loda  
Fred Stanek

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent  
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent  
Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Oper.  
Mary Lavoie, Director of Instruction  
Nancy Snopkowski, Director of Special Education  
Roberta Pratt, System-wide Technology Coordinator  
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, Seymour Middle School  
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, Bungay School  
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, Bungay School  
David Olechna, Principal, Chatfield/LoPresti Schools  
Leslie Sojka, Assist. Principal, Chatfield/LoPresti Schools  
Allison Cunningham  
Gina Wendland  
Stefanie Slie  
Susan Dowdell, Bungay School  
Pat Sabatini  
Kim Leoni  
Darlene O'Callaghan  
Andrea Lund-Teixeira

**I) CALL TO ORDER**

**A.** Ed Strumello, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:15 P.M.

Introductions were made by Chairman Strumello and Ms. Mascolo.

1. Presentation of School Improvement Plan – Bungay Elementary School  
Principal Mary Sue Feige and Assistant Principal Ernie DiStasi gave an in-depth slide show presentation of the Bungay Elementary School Improvement Plan and answered all BOE members' questions.
2. Presentation of School Improvement Plan – Chatfield Elementary School  
Principal David Olechna and Assistant Principal Leslie Sojka gave an in-depth slide show presentation of the Chatfield Elementary School Improvement Plan and answered all BOE members' questions.

3. Presentation of School Improvement Plan – LoPresti Elementary School  
Principal David Olechna and Assistant Principal Leslie Sojka gave an in-depth slide show presentation of the LoPresti Elementary School Improvement Plan and answered all BOE member questions. BOE members, Mr. Olechna and Ms. Sojka thanked SMS Principal Monica Briggs for all her hard work and guidance on the LoPresti Elementary School Improvement Plan during her tenure as Principal of Lo Presti.
4. Servers/SAN's

**10-3523: MOTION:** (Mr. Putorti, sec. Mr. Baker) to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter to Mr. Paul Roy, First Selectman, indicating that the Seymour Board of Education will pay \$57,433.74 for the District Servers and SAN's from the 2011-12 Board of Education budget, pursuant to the award of the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee project bids by the Seymour Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Discussion was held.

**SO VOTED:**

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Ward

5. Paraprofessionals Contract

**10-3524: MOTION:** (Mr. Baker, Sec. Mr. Kubik) to approve the Paraprofessionals Contract (August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2014) as negotiated and recommended by the Liaison Committee

**SO VOTED:**

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Ward

6. Chairman's Report  
Chairman Strumello and Christine Syriac attended a Focus Group meeting with BOE members in attendance, parents, teachers administrators and candidates for the Associate Superintendent's position
7. Superintendent's Report  
Ms. Mascolo, Ms. Syriac, and Ms. Lavoie recently attended a New England Association of School Superintendent's conference. The conference focused on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, technology in the classroom, and social media.

**VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**IX) ADJOURNMENT**

**10-3525: MOTION:** (Mr. Baker, sec. Mr. Putorti) to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

**SO VOTED:**

AFFIRMATIVE: Chairman Strumello, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Putorti, Mr. Ward

Submitted,

Patricia Gillis, Clerk