



MEETING MINUTES (revised)

SPECIAL MEETING: March 28, 2011
Central Office 7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Strumello, Chairman
Bruce Baker
Judith Flood
James Garofolo
Peter Kubik
Jeanne Loda
Yashu Putorti
Fred Stanek

OTHERS PRESENT: MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Ed Strumello, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:40 P.M.

I) Review and Possible Action on Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers

Mr. Strumello indicated that Mr. Putorti had a question as to why we needed to do these non-renewals. Mr. Putorti questioned why we had to have a special meeting regarding this when it had already been decided. Ms. Mascolo explained that the letters that went to the teachers were notifications of the meeting tonight and that they have the right to attend if they so choose.

MOTION: (Ms. Loda/sec., Mr. Baker) move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Seymour Board of Education non-renew the teaching contracts of Ms. Allison Acquavella, Ms. Jennifer Batterton, Ms. Tamresa Brody, Ms. Allison Calvert, Ms. Michelle Cirella, Mr. Brian Cleveland, Ms. Rebecca DeAngelis, Ms. Lauren Defilippo, Ms. Lauren Dizenzo, Ms. Jessica Diroma, Ms. Christina Duquette, Ms. Monica Fasciano, Ms. Caitlyn Ferraiolo, Mr. Nicholas Frosolone, Ms. Nichole Gardner, Ms. Ashley Hanners, Ms. Terri Kirkland, Ms. Mallory Knutson, Ms. Joy Marino, Ms. Megan McDonough, Ms. Judith Moeller, Mr. Michael Oberdick, Ms. Noelle Oberdick, Ms. Laura Pellerito, Ms. Julie Pinkussohn, Ms. Kristen Ramadon, Ms. Kathleen Riordan, Ms. Kimberly Ryan, Ms. Jennifer Schmolz, Ms. Allison Sheridan, Ms. Shelly Stedman, Ms. Jessica Strumello, Ms. Gina Sweet, Ms. Andrea Teixeira, Ms. Victoria Williams, Ms. Kristine Yoxall, Ms. Marisa Zou at the end of the 2010-2011 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Flood asked how it would be decided who would leave should we had to let some of these people go. Ms. Mascolo indicated that it would be by seniority and by certification.

Mr. Putorti asked how many teachers we let go due to budget constraints in the past. Ms. Mascolo indicated she would need to check her records but thought that is was only 4-5 in the last couple of years. There was some discussion of what towns do this non-renewal procedure and the cost if we chose not to do these letters. Ms. Mascolo indicated teachers who are non-renewed after the April 1 deadline have the right to request a hearing and we would have to pay attorney fees. After the budget passes, these teachers are notified immediately of their employment status. Ms. Mascolo indicated she talks to each teacher individually when they receive the non-renewal letter and feel they understand the process. Ms. Mascolo reminded the board that they had requested we do these non-renewals letters the last time they met.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Bruce Baker, Judith Flood, James Garofolo, Peter Kubik, Jeanne Loda,
Yashu Putorti

OPPOSE: Fred Stanek

RECUSE: Ed Strumello

II) Chairman's Report

None

III) Superintendent's Report

Ms. Mascolo shared a very positive email from a parent in response to one of her eBlast messages.

Ms. Mascolo also shared a Republican American article about underfunding the town of Waterbury and how people are paying for that for years to come.

MOTION: (Mrs. Loda/sec.,Mrs. Flood) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Bruce Baker, Judith Flood, James Garofolo, Peter Kubik, Jeanne Loda,
Yashu Putorti, Fred Stanek, Mr. Strumello

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo