

Seymour Board of Education



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2019
Seymour High School
6:30 pm

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DATE: 6/12/19
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BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Champagne
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Edward Hendricks
Peter Kubik
Jennifer Magri
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello (6:55 pm)
Sukhman Singh, Student Representative
Ashley Sirowich, Student Representative
James Garofolo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Kris Boyle, Director of Special Services
Tim Connors, Director of Operations
Cindy Brooks, Director of Nutrition
Jim Freund, Principal, SHS
Bernadette Hamad, Principal, SMS
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, BS
Lauren Reid, Assistant Principal, BS
David Olechna, Principal, CLS
Kathleen Freimuth, Assistant Principal, CLS
Mary Jane Bennett
Tom Bennett
Zachary Saracino
MaryLou Sapalino
Ron Sapalino
Jacqueline Sullivan
Frankie Casanova
Rebecca Bennett
Tracy Kyrytschenko
Janna Sirowich
Brian Sirowich
Heather Brown
Suzanne O'Hara
Janet Tropeano

Patrick Stanek
Rhonda Geffert
Paige Bennett
Linda Bellavance
Gabby Bellavance
Mary Bruno
Sharon Ewaskie
Kristen Bruno
Susan DeBarber
Ariana Wheeler
David Moktan
Cynthia Dion
Harvey Catlin
Jodi Gerstenhaber
Kim Farmer
Maria Reiter
Sean Walsh
Kathryn Rich
Alfred Bruno
Cathy Federowicz
Laura Stech
Jenna Geffert
Al Bruno
Melissa Anelli
Kimberly Cassette

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Ms. Magri called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Welcome – Ms. Jennifer Magri, Chairperson

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Awards Recognitions
1. 2019 Distinguished Alumnus of Seymour High School – Mr. Jim Freund
Michael J. Gardella, III
 2. Retiring Staff Members – Mr. Michael Wilson
 - a. Jennifer Anthony-Bogue
 - b. Bernadette Hamad
 - c. Renee Efthymiou
 - d. Carol Perez
 - e. David Cyr
 - f. Fatima Silva
 - g. Basilla Stevens
 - h. Janet Tropeano
 - i. Walter Schuttler
 3. Golden Apple Awards – Mr. Michael Wilson
 - a. Sharon Ewaskie - Bungay School
 - b. Jackie Sullivan - Chatfield-LoPresti School
 - c. Linda Bellavance – Special Education
 - d. David Moktan - Seymour Middle School
 - e. Cathy Federowicz – Seymour High School
 4. David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award – Mr. Fred Stanek
 - a. Rebecca Bennett
 5. John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award – Mr. Jay Hatfield
 - a. Alfred Bruno
 6. Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award – Mr. Ed Strumello
 - a. Karen Stanek
 7. Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environment Award – Ms. Jennifer Magri
 - a. Caroline Kyrytschenko
 8. Recognition of Board of Education Student Representative – Ms. Jennifer Magri
 - a. Sukhman Singh
 9. Recognition of Awards Committee Student Representatives – Mr. Fred Stanek
 - a. Amber Recine
 - b. Dibran Trepca
 10. 2019-2020 Paraprofessional of the Year – Mr. Michael Wilson
 - a. Suzanne O'Hara
 11. 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year – Mr. Michael Wilson
 - a. Heather Brown
 12. CABE Student Leadership Award – Ms. Bernadette Hamad, Mr. Jim Freund
 - a. Michael Casanova – Seymour Middle School
 - b. Sarah Walsh – Seymour Middle School
 - c. Sophia Fioretti – Seymour High School
 - d. Sukhman Singh – Seymour High School
 13. CAS Governor's Scholar Program –Mr. Jim Freund
 - a. Ashley Sirowich
 14. Top 10 Students – Class of 2018 – Mr. Jim Freund, Mr. Michael Wilson
 10. Ariana Wheeler
 9. Jenna Geffert
 8. Aleksej Cupic
 7. Sophia Fioretti
 6. Godwin Gagaza
 5. Amia Jain
 4. Sukhman Singh
 3. Zachary Saracino
 2. Daniel Bouzolin
 1. Mahad Khan

- B. Recess (Reception) 7:21 pm
- C. Finance Committee Meeting Begin 7:41 pm End 7:47

RECONVENE (7:52 pm)

II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

A. Field Trip Presentations

- 1. Philadelphia, PA – Grade 8 Seymour Middle School
Mr. Catlin and 8th grade students Andrew Keeler, Sophia Farmer, Alina Brito, John Douglass, Christ Reiter, Alyssa Norton, and Sarah Walsh spoke to the Board about their experiences during the 8th Grade Class Trip to Philadelphia, PA. The kids did a great job!

B. Recognitions

- 1. Congratulations to Grade Five Presidential Academic Award Recipients: Bungay School students William Lee, Madison Hannan, James Burn and Chatfield-LoPresti School students Cameron King, Kelsey King, Mirravail Rishi.
- 2. Congratulations to our seventh grade Science Olympics team consisting of Zoie Kempf, Kaylee Cabaza, Liz Eng and Noelle Taverner and our eighth grade team Emma Adams, Ashley White, Reagan Kalish and Jackie Okula; these girls represent Seymour Middle School at its best!!

C. Media Coverage

- 1. Media Links

<https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Seymour-voters-OK-municipal-and-school-budgets-13834131.php>

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Nothing-Hazardous-Found-After-Students-Faint-in-Seymour-High-School-Classroom-509588331.html>

<https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/Seymour-High-School-honored-for-preparing-13851876.php>

<https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Police-Fire-EMTs-sent-to-Seymour-High-over-13825525.php>

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/video/schools-country-crack-student-phone-usage-part-62813779>

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairman is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairmen's Report portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and be no longer than two minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

Cindy Dion, 18 Carriage Drive – spoke about the transfers of the middle school social worker and the high school social worker and her concerns for the students with this change. She asked if the kids will be able to meet their new social worker during the summer to help ease the transition.

Jodie Gerstenhaber, 8 Emma Street – voiced her concern over the class size for 1st grade at Bungay Elementary School and wondered if the children will get the attention that they need.

Jim Freund, Principal Seymour High School and Vice President of the Administrators union – thanked the Board for allowing Mr. Lucke to attend the high school graduation ceremony and reminded the Board the their union feels the position of Dean of Students is a bargaining issue.

Paul Forte, 6 Apple Lane – told the Board that he attended the Electrathon car race and wanted them to know that the car club is a great program and a good job was done at the race. He also talked about Mr. Lucke and the cost of having him out on leave and spoke in support of Mr. Lucke's accomplishments and his desire to see this situation resolved. He also voiced his concern over the transfers of the social worker at the middle school and high school saying his son has a connection with his social worker at the high school.

Joseph Criscuolo, 27 Buckingham Road – asked the Board to take a look at the social worker situation. He voiced his concern as he stated that his son has a strong connection with his social worker at the high school.

Alison Brett, 11 Stanley Drive – was checking on the progress of getting a resource officer for Seymour High School.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*A. Assistant Principal – Seymour Middle School

* ***It is anticipated that the asterisked items will be discussed in Executive Session from which the public will be excluded.***

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Kubik) move that the Board enter Executive Session for discussion and possible action on the appointment of the assistant principal of Seymour Middle School. The Board invites Michael Wilson, Vonda Tencza and the candidate into the Executive Session

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

Into Executive Session: 8:15 pm

Out of Executive Session: 9:03 pm

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Dr. Hendricks) to add to the agenda the appointment of the Seymour Middle School Assistant Principal

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 7-0

MOTION: (Mr. Kubik/sec., Dr. Hendricks) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to hire Kenneth Dunaj as the Assistant Principal of Seymour Middle School

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

The Board welcomed Mr. Dunaj to the Seymour Public Schools.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Dr. Hendricks) to remove Item G1 and G3 from the consent agenda

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular BOE Meeting – May 6, 2019
2. Special BOE Meeting – May 8, 2019
3. Special BOE Meeting – May 20, 2019

B. Financial Management Summary – ending May 28, 2019

C. Nutritional Services

1. Financial Report – April, 2019

D. Out of State Field Trip

1. HS Cheerleading Team

Approve the field trip request of Coach Jessica Young to take the high school cheerleaders on an out of state field trip to Westfield State University, in Westfield, MA on August 7, 2019 through August 10, 2019.

E. Staff Hiring – Certified

1. Freeman, Jason
 - Physical Education Teacher
 - Bungay Elementary School
 - Replacing Carol Perez

- F. Staff Hiring – Non Certified
 - 1. Barnes, Mistylynn
 - Instructional Paraprofessional
 - Bungay Elementary School
 - Replacing Tiffany Quick
 - 2. Williams, Rosalee
 - Assistant Cook, Nutrition Services
 - Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School
 - Replacing Autumn Salcido
- G. Staff Hiring – Appendix E
 - 2. George, Steven
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Drew Taratino
 - 4. Vartelas, James
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Mike Kearns

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Champagne) move to approve the consent agenda with the recommended removals

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Removed from consent agenda by Mr. Strumello/Dr. Hendricks - both items are tabled until they have completed the necessary requirements for certification.

- 1. DeVellis, Jake
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Will Apply for Emergency Coaching Certification
 - Replacing Tim Krapf
- 3. Jeanette, Christopher
 - Assistant Coach, Football
 - Seymour High School
 - Certification Pending Completion of Class
 - Replacing Tom Long

VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Nutrition Services

1. Healthy Food Option

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Kubik) the Seymour Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

2. Exemption for Food
MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Strumello) The Seymour Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

3. Exemption for Beverage
MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Strumello) The Seymour Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

4. Wage Increase – Nutrition Services Staff
MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Dr. Hendricks) approve the recommendation of the Director of Nutrition Services to give a 2% wage increase to all nutrition services staff effective July 1, 2019

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

B. Bid Acceptance – Propane Gas

On May 23rd, 2019 we received bids for propane gas which is used to power the buses. There were three bids:

- Hocom Gas bid \$0.935 for one year fixed price and \$0.935 for two years fixed price
- East River Energy bid \$0.9523 for one year fixed price and \$1.0523 for two years fixed price
- Santa-Buckley bid \$0.8450 for one year fixed price and \$0.874 for two years fixed price

In all three cases the bids had to be accepted within from 24 hours to 2 days. Therefore, under BOE Policy 33-20, the Business Manager, Superintendent, and the Chair of the BOE decided to accept the two year bid from Santa Buckley of Bridgeport. As back ground, we paid \$0.99 per gallon on this year's contract and are presently paying between \$1.21 -1.24 per gallon on a price at time of delivery' basis. Based on an anticipated use of 80,000 gallons per year, the savings this year and next year over the present contract price will amount to \$9,280 per year.

Mr. Stanek questioned the need to ratify this bid if it had already been approved. Ms. Magri said she was not sure but felt it would not hurt to do so. Mr. Hatfield asked why there was a 24 hour limit on the bids and Mr. Wilson explained it was market uncertainty and we would realize significant savings if we locked in within the 24 hour time period.

MOTION: (Dr. Hendricks/sec., Mr. Champagne) to award RFP # 19-01 Propane gas for transportation to Santa-Buckley Energy Inc. 154 Admiral Street Bridgeport, CT 06605 in an amount not to exceed \$102,750 in order to provide bussing fuel for school transportation

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

C. Add to Agenda

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Champagne) to add to the agenda a donation to be approved
SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

Ms. Lana Wall has made a very generous offer to pay off the student debt for meals at Chatfield-LoPresti School. She is donating \$318 which is the total amount due in school meals. This is a wonderful gesture. Ms. Wall is the parent of a daughter in second grade and truly wanted to help some families.

MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the donation from Ms. Lana Wall who donated \$318 and direct that the Superintendent determine the placement of this donation.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

The Board was very appreciative of this gesture by Ms. Wall.

VIII. **REPORTS and DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

- A. HS Student Representative Report – Mr. Sukhman Singh, Miss Ashley Sirowich
Mr. Singh presented his final report to the Board. The Halo Awards – Sukhman Singh won best Supporting Actor, Electrathon Car Club – Placed 2nd and 3rd at the races. The seniors had their picnic at Holiday Hill. Graduation practice has begun. The National Honor Society inducted new members on Thursday. Awards night was a success. Zana Imetovski, a junior, was All-NVL in tennis. She was the only girl to make the individuals of the state tournament. Ms. Sirowich reported that track won 3rd in States. Softball is participating in the semi-finals in North Haven, the Art Show was a big success, CAD did the boats contest in the pool, it was great fun. Miss Sirowich congratulated Mr. Singh on his graduation and wished him good luck in college. The Board also thanked Mr. Singh on his two years of dedication to the Board and said they looked forward to spending another year with Miss Sirowich.
- B. Committee Reports
1. Finance Committee Meeting – May 6, 2019
 2. Nutrition, Health, & Safety Committee Meeting – May 6, 2019
 3. Awards Committee Meeting – May 2, 2019
- C. Athletic Director/Assistant Principal/Dean of Students Ballot Vote on the Three Options Provided by Mr. Michael Wilson (Tabled from May 6, 2019 BOE meeting)
MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Dr. Hendricks) to table to the meeting of July 1, 2019
SO VOTED
- AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello
MOTION PASSES: 8-0
- D. Special Education Report – Dr. Kris Boyle
1. Update on Bungay Classroom
Dr. Boyle reported that the Reach Classroom had a successful first year. A total of eight students were enrolled. One student was included, two students were included 90% of the time, five students were 100% in the classroom and their behavior is improving. Dr. Boyle said 6-7 students will begin in the Reach Classroom next year assuming no new students move into the district.
 2. Use of Paras by Grade Level/Building
Dr. Boyle recently finished PPTs and is in contact with the schools regarding the use of paraprofessionals in the schools. He does not anticipate a reduction in the number of paraprofessionals used at each school.

3. Number of Identified Students who Entered the district in the 2018-19 school year
86 students were new to the district. 37 moved into the district (4 of which were outplaced), 11 are coming from the birth to three program. 56% were anticipated.
 4. Outplacement Projection for the 2019-20 school year
Three students are aging out. 25-26 may be placed and he said he would try to send them to programs where we already have students attending which will save on transportation costs. Ms. Harmeling asked about any resources that might be available to Board Members to understand what a 1-1 paraprofessional does. She said it was hard to envision what the para does particularly at the secondary level. Dr. Boyle said he would do some research to see what is available.
- E. Spring Assessment Report – Mrs. Vonda Tencza
Mrs. Tencza did a quick recap of the spring assessment report of Spring 2019 MAP Assessment Results. She said that overall she is pleased with the results but there are concerns with 6th grade math, 7th grade math and 7th grade reading. She said she has not had enough time to discuss this with Administrators. She thought the dip in grade 2 might be a curricular issue but she needs to look into it further. Curriculum areas will be examined for grade 2 since one elementary school made expected growth and one didn't. Ms. Tencza said she has talked to a lot of people regarding the 6th grade math. 5th grade last spring was exceptionally high. This year in grade 6 they did progress but never made it back to the level they were at last spring. It is concerning and grade 7 ELA and Math lack of growth and performance is worrisome. Dr. Hendricks asked if other things were going on like changing classes. Ms. Harmeling said she recalled when the new schedule was being discussed, math teachers saying they could not afford to not see the students one day a week; could the new schedule be at fault? Mr. Hatfield wondered if we should make changes now for next year. Mrs. Tencza said Mrs. Hamad has ideas on areas to look deeper but things need to be much more thoroughly examined this summer and we need to include our new middle school administration. In grade 7 I it is not just a math issue, it is ELA as well. Mr. Stanek said it sounded like something wasn't working. Mrs. Tencza said we have seen some growth in grade 6 and we always see some regression in 6th grade. She said she is not ready to say the new Illustrative Mathematics resources are not working. Mr. Singh asked if the 5th and 6th grade curriculum overlaps. Mrs. Tencza said the test is a little different but the curriculum is connected. Mr. Singh suggested survey the students to find out their ideas and what has changed between grade 5 and 6. Mr. Strumello asked if we are doing things differently than our neighboring schools and the schools in our DRG. Mrs. Tencza said this was a good question.
- F. Facilities – Update on Planned Summer Work – Mr. Tim Connors
Mr. Connors reported that the standard summer items that will be happening at the schools include stripping the floors, painting walls, and general maintenance items. He said they are working very hard to limit the use of outside contractors and are trying to do most projects by themselves. He said the back door at CLS has been repaired. The Johnson Control project is continuing. The roof at Bungay School will be replaced as part of the Johnson Control Project, there will be no impact to the budget. Mr. Connors said overtime continues to be an issue. He said he has put a list of projects in each school that custodians who come in for events can work on while the event is going on. Mr. Strumello voiced some safety concerns regarding the softball field at the high school and Ms. Harmeling asked if we can do something about the broken goal post on the field at CLS. Mr. Champagne questioned the condition of the tree line at CLS. Mr. Connors reminded the Board that they can email him any time with any concerns they may have.
- G. Vaping – Appropriateness of Alternative Discipline
<https://www.wtnh.com/news/politics/discipline-or-treatment-schools-rethinking-vaping-response/2028819910>
Ms. Magri wanted to point out to the Board that there is talk regarding the appropriateness of alternative discipline when it comes to Vaping. Many are treating it as an addiction. Dr. Hendricks was concerned that we may be sending mixed messages if we lower or change our restrictions on discipline for Vaping. Mr. Freund said he is in favor of increasing the consequences and providing instructional education programs to learn about the impact on their health.

Miss Sirowich suggested doing more education at the middle school level where kids may be more responsive to education on the health impacts. She feels the lesson cannot be taught in high school; it's too late.

H. Board of Education Report

1. Chairman's Comments

Ms. Magri attended the Bungay Playground dedication. It was unfortunate that the weather did not cooperate but the students will enjoy the playground for many years. Thanks to the town for the cooperation and support in getting it done. She also attended the Awards Night at the high school, the NHS Induction Ceremony and the HALO Awards honoring the student theatrical productions. It is a wonderful evening honoring our drama students at the Palace Theatre in Waterbury. Ms. Magri said the Art Show this evening was fantastic. She also reminded the Board about the following:

- Graduation at 6 pm with Distinguished Alumnus Reception at 5 pm
- Middle School at 10 am
- Administrators Contract Negotiations will take place this summer. Review the contract and provide comments to me by next meeting.
- July meeting will include discussion on the Legislative Session and impact to school district as well as the Superintendent evaluation
- Thursday is a teacher grievance meeting that will be held in Executive Session

In addition to the high school student's report a late entry from today -Congratulations to Patti Jurkowski who placed 3rd in the 100m hurdles at the Class M State Open which qualifies her for Nationals! Sukhman Singh saved the day when a spider showed up at the meeting, he was able to scoop it up and remove it from the room which was a relief to many!

2. Board Member Comments

Mr. Stanek reported that he participated in the Mass Casualty drill and he thanked the participants. He thought it was a very worthwhile exercise and would like to have Mr. Kearns report to the Board. Mr. Strumello said he felt the Administrators Union does not have the right to negotiate the Dean of Students position as only the Board can create or eliminate positions. Mr. Hatfield asked to be notified if the meeting scheduled for Thursday is settled prior to the start of the meeting, he said his time was wasted at the last grievance hearing when it had been settled before the meeting started. Mr. Hatfield said he did not get any notification regarding the transfer of the social workers at the middle school and high school. Ms. Harmeling said a little heads up would have been good. Ms. Magri said she was a little confused by the job postings for counselors. Mr. Wilson explained it was to make part time positions full time positions. It was noted that we are still searching for a head coach for the girls soccer team. Mr. Wilson said we will post the drama advisor position at the beginning of the school year and Ms. Harmeling wondered why wait?

I. Superintendent Report

1. Hiring Update

Mr. Wilson thanked Sukhman Singh for his time spent as a student representative. He said it has been a pleasure working with him and Ashley Sirowich this year. He wished Sukhman well and told Ashley he is looking forward to working with her next year.

1. Teachers, Custodians, Paraprofessionals, and Fall Coaches

All retirees' positions have been posted and interviews are progressing. Fall coaches are hired with the exception of the two that were removed for certification issues. Paraprofessional and custodian positions have been posted.

2. Lack of Internal Candidates for Administrative Positions

Mr. Wilson said he thought promotions from within is a good thing and he supports our administrators.

2. Budget Update – Impact on Staffing and Programs

The only position that was talked about and will not be going to full time is the music teacher at the high school. This is because the enrollment in the music classes did not support it.

3. Technology Update – Installation and Adoption of Interactive TVs across the District
Mr. Wilson shared an update on the installation of the TV's from Mr. Dyer. He said the one that was installed at Central Office is really cool and there are a lot of features that will be good to use. He informed the Board that Rob and his wife just had their third child and he is at home tonight but he was able to fix the problem we were having with the internet from home.

IX. INFORMATION

- A. Activities and Recognitions
 1. Seymour Middle School
 2. Bungay Elementary School
 3. Chatfield-LoPresti School
- B. Special Education Monthly Enrollment Update – Dr. Kris Boyle
- C. Staff Resignations – Certified
 1. Rush, Stephanie
 - School Counselor
 - Bungay School
 - Effective June 12, 2019
- D. Staff Resignations – Non Certified
 1. Condo, Carol
 - Nutrition Services
 - Bungay School
 - Effective June 7, 2019
 2. Fitzsimmons, Victoria
 - Monitor Paraprofessional
 - Bungay School
 - Effective June 6, 2019
- E. Staff Hiring – Appendix E
 1. Pawluk, Aaron
 - Head Coach, Boys Soccer
 - Seymour High School
 - Replacing Joe Perrucci
- F. Staff Hiring – Department Chairs
 1. Anelli, Melissa
 - Department Chair, School Counseling
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year
 2. Cheney, Lisa
 - Department Chair, English
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year
 3. DeMarco, Eric
 - Department Chair, Social Studies
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year
 4. Federowicz, Cathy
 - Department Chair, Math
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year
 5. Morgatto, Sara
 - Department Chair, Special Education
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year

6. Scozzafava, Erin
- Department Chair, Science
 - Seymour High School
 - Continuing from Last Year

X. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Dr. Hendricks) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Dr. Hendricks, Mr. Kubik, Ms. Magri, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk