

# Seymour Board of Education



## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 9, 2019  
Seymour Middle School  
7:30 pm

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Moment of Silence
  - 1. Dr. Philip M. Fallon, Former Seymour Superintendent of Schools
- C. Introduction of Mr. Kevin Pimpinelli, School Security Officer

### II. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Recognitions
  - 1. Congratulations to Mrs. Jennifer Magri and Mr. Jay Hatfield on earning CABE's Certificated Board of Education designation!
- B. Correspondence
  - 1. Letter dated August 7, 2019 to Mr. Wilson, Superintendent from the Derby Historical Society thanking the Seymour Public Schools for the donation in the amount of \$2500.00
  - 2. Letter dated August 30, 2019 from Dr. Carol Birks, Superintendent New Haven Schools to Mr. Wilson regarding the proposed tuition charges for Seymour students who attend New Haven Magnet Schools
- C. Media Coverage
  - 1. Media Links
    - a. <https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Former-superintendent-of-schools-in-Seymour-dies-14295512.php>
    - b. [https://www.primepublishers.com/voicesnews/news/top\\_stories/in-seymour-finance-board-okays-funds-for-projects/article\\_c17ebb08-ce5b-11e9-addb-5fd6e899d420.html](https://www.primepublishers.com/voicesnews/news/top_stories/in-seymour-finance-board-okays-funds-for-projects/article_c17ebb08-ce5b-11e9-addb-5fd6e899d420.html)
    - c. <https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/Seymour-school-official-reinstated-following-DUI-14089445.php>
    - d. [https://www.gametimect.com/around-the-camps-seymour-focused-on-football-this-preseason/?\\_ga=2.16775798.1736741518.1567645355-1015000329.1508801278](https://www.gametimect.com/around-the-camps-seymour-focused-on-football-this-preseason/?_ga=2.16775798.1736741518.1567645355-1015000329.1508801278)
    - e. <https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/Seymour-grads-get-boost-from-Citizens-Engine-14374227.php>
    - f. <https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/DiStasi-named-interim-athletic-director-at-14361941.php>
    - g. <https://www.nhregister.com/valley/article/Seymour-schools-to-hire-more-armed-security-14067518.php>
    - h. [https://www.gametimect.com/cunningham-resigns-as-fairfield-warde-coach-takes-same-job-at-seymour/?\\_ga=2.84333273.1736741518.1567645355-1015000329.1508801278](https://www.gametimect.com/cunningham-resigns-as-fairfield-warde-coach-takes-same-job-at-seymour/?_ga=2.84333273.1736741518.1567645355-1015000329.1508801278)
    - i. [https://www.ctinsider.com/valley/nhregister/article/Seymour-Middle-School-gets-new-leadership-team-14064950.php?cmpid=gsa-nhregister-result&\\_ga=2.88462043.1736741518.1567645355-1015000329.1508801278](https://www.ctinsider.com/valley/nhregister/article/Seymour-Middle-School-gets-new-leadership-team-14064950.php?cmpid=gsa-nhregister-result&_ga=2.88462043.1736741518.1567645355-1015000329.1508801278)
    - j. [https://www.ctinsider.com/valley/nhregister/article/Seymour-hires-new-school-district-finance-director-14070279.php?cmpid=gsa-nhregister-result&\\_ga=2.44854756.1736741518.1567645355-1015000329.1508801278](https://www.ctinsider.com/valley/nhregister/article/Seymour-hires-new-school-district-finance-director-14070279.php?cmpid=gsa-nhregister-result&_ga=2.44854756.1736741518.1567645355-1015000329.1508801278)
    - k. [https://www.ctinsider.com/local/ctpost/article/Former-Seattle-Mariner-now-pitching-school-work-14402961.php?\\_ga=2.263764042.75164366.1567279030-1633450714.1536684561&fbclid=IwAR2SSNck5poivqFIHDOXh7iit50b5IST\\_Z8JeD1KJ66HZF9nwD4Z36TgDPc](https://www.ctinsider.com/local/ctpost/article/Former-Seattle-Mariner-now-pitching-school-work-14402961.php?_ga=2.263764042.75164366.1567279030-1633450714.1536684561&fbclid=IwAR2SSNck5poivqFIHDOXh7iit50b5IST_Z8JeD1KJ66HZF9nwD4Z36TgDPc)

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. Regular BOE Meeting – August 5, 2019
- B. Financial Management Summer ending June 30, 2019
- C. Financial Management Summary ending August 31, 2019
- D. Nutrition Services Financial Report - Year End
- E. Acknowledge the receipt of homeschooling notification and render no opinion as to the appropriateness of the planned program
  - 1. Gardecki, Nicole and Gardecki, Samantha  
Ms. Kathy Gardecki has informed the Board of Education of her intent to home school her children, Nicole Gardecki and Samatha Gardecki for the 2019-2020 school year
  - 2. Kostick, John A.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Kostick have informed the Board of Education of their intent to home school their child, John Kostick V, for the 2019-2020 school year
  - 3. Pignataro, Anthony  
Ms. Holly Syrotiak has informed the Board of Education of her intent to home school her child, Anthony Pignataro for the 2019-2020 school year
  - 4. Zagrabinski, Hazel  
Ms. Dian Zagrabinski has informed the Board of Education of her intent to home school her child, Hazel Zagrabinski, for the 2019-2020 school year
- F. Child Nutrition Programs Authorized Signatures – Change to Sherry Holmes
- G. Seymour High School Sports Hall of Fame Resolution
- H. Staff Hiring – Non Certified
  - 1. Gallo, David
    - Night Custodian
    - Seymour High School
    - Replacing Jeremy Yustin (transfer)
- I. Staff Appointment – Volunteer
  - 1. Cleveland, Brian
    - Volunteer Assistant Coach
    - Boys Soccer
    - Seymour High School
  - 2. Dempsey, Patrick
    - Volunteer Assistant Coach
    - Football
    - Seymour High School

**MOTION:** move to approve the consent agenda as presented

V. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

VI. **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

- A. Educational Specifications – Johnson Controls
  - 1. **MOTION:** to approve the educational specifications for roof replacement and solar panel installation at Bungay Elementary School
  - 2. **MOTION:** to approve the educational specifications for solar panel installation at Seymour Middle School
  - 3. **MOTION:** to approve the educational specifications for roof replacement and solar panel installation at Seymour High School

- B. End of Year Finance Report – Mrs. Sherry Holmes
- C. Out of State Field Trip
  - 1. CLOSEUP Program - Washington, DC  
Mr. David Willadsen would like to take grade 10, 11, 12 AP United States Government & Politics students to the CLOSEUP Program in Washington DC on April 5 through April 10, 2020.  
**MOTION:** to acknowledge the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the request of Mr. David Willadsen to take grade 10, 11, 12 AP United States Government & Politics students to the CLOSEUP Program in Washington DC on April 5 through April 10, 2020

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

- A. Committee Reports
  - 1. Finance Committee Meeting – August 5, 2019
- B. Spring AP Test Scores – Mr. Jim Freund
- C. Legislative Updates and Board Impact – Mrs. Jen Magri
- D. Summer Work/Initial Professional Development Prior of Start of School – Mrs. Vonda Tencza
- E. Fall Sports Update – Mr. Ernie DiStasi
- F. Summer Hiring Report – Mr. Michael Wilson
- G. Board of Education Report
  - 1. Chairman’s Comments
  - 2. Board Member Comments
- H. Superintendent Report
  - 1. ACES – Seeking a Board Member to represent Seymour

**VIII. INFORMATION**

- A. Staff Resignations – Non Certified
  - 1. Ali, Alexander
    - Instructional Paraprofessional
    - Chatfield-LoPresti School
    - Effective August 23, 2019
  - 2. Bonanzio, Laurie
    - Monitor Paraprofessional
    - Bungay School
    - Effective September 3, 2019
  - 3. Kirpas, Rebecca
    - Instructional Paraprofessional
    - Chatfield-LoPresti School
    - Effective August 23, 2019

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**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

\*A. Security Update – Mr. Rich Kearns

**MOTION:** move that the board enter Executive Session to discuss Matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting school and public security. Only those invited by the Board may be present in the Executive session. The Board invites the following individuals into the executive session: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kearns

\*B. Security and Employment

**MOTION:** move that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss school security and the employment of the Director of Security. Only those invited by the Board can enter Executive Session; the Board invites Mr. Michael Wilson and Mr. Rich Kearns into the Executive Session

**XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDED ACTION**

A. Security Update

B. Security and Employment

C. Administrator Grievances

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Note:** The next scheduled Regular Board of Education meeting is on Monday, October 7, 2019. at 7:30 in Seymour Middle School.