

## Seymour Board of Education AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 6, 2020  
Central Office  
6:30 pm

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Karen Blood  
Jennifer Ferreira  
Kate Halligan  
Tara Petrino  
Fred Stanek  
Ed Strumello  
Jackie Sullivan  
Vonda Tencza  
Marlo Verrastro-Ruggiero  
Elizabeth ViciDomino  
Michael Wilson

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Terri Ferrara  
Oleh Stasyuk  
Suzanne Rafferty  
Michael Starkey

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance  
Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order at 6:51 pm

### II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Strumello appointed Marlo Verrastro-Ruggiero as chairperson of the Awards Committee.

### III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Review Nomination Forms and Select Recipients
1. Thomas J. Petruncy Memorial Education and Environmental Award  
**MOTION:** (Mr. Wilson/sec., Mr. Strumello) to name Giana Guerrera as the 2020 Thomas J. Petruncy Memorial Education and Environmental Award Recipients  
**SO VOTED**  
**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Petrino, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Verrastro-Ruggiero, Ms. ViciDomino, Mr. Wilson  
**MOTION PASSES:** 11-0
  2. Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award  
**MOTION:** (Mr. Wilson/sec., Mr. Stanek) to name Ms. Nicole Hiscock as the 2020 recipient of the Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award  
**SO VOTED**  
**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Verrastro-Ruggiero, Ms. Petrino, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Tencza, Ms. ViciDomino, Mr. Wilson  
**MOTION PASSES:** 11-0

3. John J. Gallagher memorial Athletic Award  
**MOTION:** (Ms. Ferreira/sec., Mr. Strumello) to name Ms. Peggy Carvahlo as the 2020 recipient of the John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Petrino, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Verrastro-Ruggiero, Ms. Vicidomino, Mr. Wilson

**MOTION PASSES:** 11-0

4. David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award  
**MOTION:** (Ms. Ferreira/sec., Ms. Verrastro-Ruggiero) to name Ms. Tara Andrews as the 2020 recipient of the David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Petrino, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Verrastro-Ruggiero, Ms. Vicidomino, Mr. Wilson

**MOTION PASSES:** 11-0

- B. Discussion of Next Year's Awards Advisory Committee members  
Mr. Stanek said the goal was to have representatives for each school so we would need to replace our graduating parent from the high school. In the future this may be expanded to two from each school but this would be discussed at a later date.

#### **IV. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

##### **A. Reports**

1. Chairman's Report  
None

2. Superintendent's Report  
Mr. Wilson thanked the member of this committee for their time and dedication to this committee. We think our awards are very special and appreciate their dedication to choosing the best recipient for each award. The recipients chosen tonight will be honored at a future Board meeting. He thanked Ms. Petrino for her service to this committee and wished her the best of luck.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** (Ms. Verrastro-Ruggiero /sec., Mr. Wilson) to adjourn

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Petrino, Mr. Stanek, Mr. Strumello, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Verrastro-Ruggiero, Ms. Vicidomino, Mr. Wilson

**MOTION PASSES:** 11-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Submitted by:  
Lee-Ann Dauerty  
Board Clerk