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**Seymour Board of Education  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
August 26, 2020  
7:00 pm

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kristen Bruno  
Christopher Champagne  
James Garofolo  
Kristen Harmeling  
Jay Hatfield  
Peter Kubik  
Ed Strumello

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Beth Nesteriak  
Fred Stanek

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools  
Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent  
Sherry Holmes, Business Manager  
Kris Boyle, Director of Special Services  
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk  
Rob Dyer, System Technology Coordinator  
Tim Connors, Director of Operations  
Jim Freund, Principal, SHS  
Paul Lucke, Assistant Principal, SHS  
Ernie DiStasi, Assistant Principal, SHS  
Jodie Roden, Principal, SMS  
Kathleen Freimuth, Assistant Principal, SMS  
Mary Sue Feige, Principal, BS  
Lauren Reid, Assistant Principal, BS  
David Olechna, Principal, CLS  
Stacey Albertson, Assistant Principal, CLS  
Rebecca Bennett

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please note: If you would like to have a public comment read into the minutes, please email your brief (300 words or less) comment along with your full name and address to [rdyer@seymourschools.org](mailto:rdyer@seymourschools.org) by no later than 6:45 pm on Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

None

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

A. Update on Special Education Reopening Plans - Dr. Boyle

Dr. Boyle talked about the reopening plans with regard to Special Education students. Adapt, Advance, Achieve. Dr. Boyle said each district must provide services even if the IEP has lapsed. In our district we did not have any IEPs lapse and we continued to do annual reviews. He noted that the services provided may not be exactly as written in the IEP and that is ok with the State. Changes have to be documented. We have continued to have PPTs and are doing a good job. We will try to preserve the class cohorts. There will be more direct services in classrooms. If there is a need, we may group students and do the services virtually via Google meet or some other service. Providers will use some flexibility to group kids for lessons. For the hybrid model we will follow IEPs but it may not be exactly as written. We are looking at the students with the highest needs and will offer four days a week learning parts of Special Education programs. There is a preference to in person instruction and we will minimize virtual learning where we can. All the supports such as counseling, speech/language pathology will be done in person and

families will be encouraged to participate in school. Services may be different than the way the IEP is written. Remote learning will be live if parent provides transportation. Virtual evaluations will be very important. Referrals start the clock to complete the evaluation in 45 days. There is a 45 day timeline and it will start on day one of school. Birth-3 is included. The Special Education staff is going to be busy. We are going to do evaluations live and in person. We are starting with pre-school and it will be four days a week. The high school transition program starts on day one. They will have opportunities within the school rather than travelling to destinations. They will have some good opportunities working with food services. As far as student regression, it is very import to get a good assessment of where they are when they enter school. Depending on where they are in their evaluation, their program IEP could change. Ms. Harmeling asked what type of PD the special education staff has received especially those who have not taught virtually in the past. The special education staff has received professional development, more PD is coming out, and they will participate. Mr. Champagne wondered how we will be able to meet IEPs. Dr. Boyle said more small group instruction will be provided. Dr. Boyle said teachers are ready and will participate in ongoing PD. Mr. Garofolo asked if there have been any concerns regarding our internet. Dr. Boyle said we will continue to meet and evaluate how things are going. He said we will provide assessments three times a year and the outcome of those assessments will influence our programs. We will adjust the instruction and IEPs based on regression, more evaluation can be done to dive deeper and they will require parental consent. Ms. Bruno said it was a nice job on the presentation. She said we will experience transition and will need to be aware of social emotional needs. She feels administration is doing a good job. We are rolling out a couple of new programs and will be evaluating mental health. Classroom teachers are good at recognizing issues. Dr. Boyle said expectations have evolved and they have gotten a better sense after the extended closure and we have gotten more instruction from the State. He said we are in a stronger place now. Mr. Champagne asked if service providers have been given the information. Dr. Boyle said they were meeting with special education staff to answer the questions.

B. Update on Cleaning Procedures – Mr. Connors

Mr. Connors said there were questions about the public assessing the MSDS information and he said everything we use to clean and disinfect is listed on the website. We use all green products. The second question was about public access to the cleaning procedures, which is also on the website. Mr. Champagne asked if the cleaning checklist is on the website. Mr. Connors confirmed it is. He also asked when schools resume 100% do we have everything that we need. Mr. Connors said the bottle fillers are on backorder until the second week in September but they will have cases of water in each school for the students. Mr. Garofolo asked about the deep cleaning on Wednesday and with staff being in the building, is there any health hazard to staff? Mr. Connors said everything will be sanitized at night when the staff is not in the building. Cleaning will be done on Wednesday along with special projects. The bathrooms will be cleaned and staff will be safe in the classrooms. Mr. Garofolo asked about toxicity or warnings that we need to be aware of. Mr. Connors said everything will be dried and the air intakes will be running. Ms. Harmeling asked about the elementary playground and if 10 minutes in between recess is enough time to clean. Mr. Connors said spray sanitizers will be used outside and there are 25 minutes between recesses. Mr. Hatfield asked if the Johnson Controls project materials will be moved by the weekend and is the project on schedule. Mr. Connors said we are waiting for the State to sign off and the materials will be moved. Mr. Kubik asked if the custodial staff have all the necessary PPE and training. Mr. Connors said all custodians have full suits, respirators, and gloves. They received training last week on the chemicals they are using and the use of the sprayers. Mr. Champagne asked why school cannot be in session on Wednesday. Mr. Wilson explained that for now Wednesday is the day that we catch up on other projects and to get ready for deep cleaning. We may reassess this in the future.

C. Update on Health Procedures – Ms. Bennett

Ms. Bennett said she was asked about the communication when and if there is a positive test of one of the students or staff. She said we will be working with Naugatuck Valley Health District.

Once we have confirmation of a positive test Ms. Bennett will start the investigation and the timeframe. If some student has a 102 temperature, she will encourage the parents to get the COVID-19 test. The student will stay home for at least 10 days. Ms. Bennett will reach out to the parents and find out who has been in contact for the last 48 hours prior to symptoms. She said the State Department of Education website is a good resource for parents. Ms. Bennett said we will look at the DOE metrics and it is collaborative effort between the Board of Education and NVHD. Mr. Kubik thanked her for the update. Mr. Hatfield thanked her for the work and effort she has put in. Ms. Bennett went through a hypothetical situation where a child is in class and the teacher notices the child is not feeling well. The teacher will call the nurse and ask to send the child to the nurses' office. That begins the isolation process. The nurse puts on an isolation gown, mask, shield, gloves and all necessary PPE. She will meet the child outside the nurses' office and will explain to the child that he will be going to a very special trailer. The nurse will call the parents and notify them that the child will need to be out for 10 days and will need to be tested. Ms. Harmeling asked if we have the trailers yet and Ms. Bennett said she believed they would be here tomorrow. Mr. Connors confirmed that the trailers will be installed tomorrow at the middle school, Chatfield-LoPresti, Bungay School and finally the High School. Ms. Bennett was asked about the 48 hour window and she confirmed that this is the national barometer and is based on science. The CDC and NVHD use 48 hours and it seems accurate since the pandemic started. Mr. Champagne asked how quickly we receive test results and Ms. Bennett said the test results have a turnaround of 3-4 days and she said tests are improving and she hopes the timing of results improves also. Ms. Bruno said it is clear that there needs to be trust between families and schools and wondered if staff have been trained in confidentiality. Ms. Bennett said confidentiality goes without saying, we have professional development every year. We have had professional development for the whole staff, there is a PowerPoint and there is even a quiz at the end. She said confidentiality is good and she is not worried. She feels the information in the PowerPoint was well received. Ms. Bennett said resources are posted on the website for families. Mr. Strumello said we are looking out for all.

D. Update on Technology Concerns – Mr. Dyer

Mr. Dyer reported a status update on orders that are placed but not yet received. When this started, we focused on what was most important which was getting Chromebooks to students and staff. There is a severe supply disruption across the world, many orders are delayed and Chromebook orders are delayed. The IT team have rebuilt approximately 70 Chromebooks and Mr. Dyer is happy to report all students have a Chromebook waiting for them in homeroom. His team has done a tremendous amount of work along with all the routine summer work that needs to be done. Equipment needs to be reconnected after floors are waxed. We need to distribute 2400 Chromebooks and he was happy to report everyone will have a Chromebook. He is expecting delivery around the 1<sup>st</sup> week in September and when they arrive, they will probably switch out the oldest ones. Mr. Dyer continues to beat up the vendors to get delivery estimates. Some software is outstanding and will be delayed. He explained that the Connecticut Education Network will be upgraded to double we have now and currently we are waiting for CEN to send us a necessary part. It is hard to determine if this will be a problem, keep in mind we are operating at 50%. Once the part is received it will be installed, he said he does not cause an interruption. The document cameras have been ordered for all teachers but as of now, it looks like they will not delivered until November. Mr. Dyer has come up with an alternative, which is an articulating stand with a high resolution webcam. He said his group has demonstrated it and it worked. 109 were delivered on Friday and additional ones will be delivered on Monday. The group will have enough time to assemble and distribute. Mr. Dyer and his group will do a video to instruct teachers on how to use the high resolution cameras and it will probably be shared via Zoom. Ms. Bruno said his group definitely gets the MacGyver award for this solution. She also asked about support for kids at home, will they be able to call in for support? Mr. Dyer said he will probably develop a Google form for students to report the need for technical support. Mr. Champagne said the document cameras will be delivered in November at the earliest, he asked if we are certain the webcams can help with distance learning. Mr. Dyer said he admitted they are not the same. He said it is a camera and can show whiteboards, which is something

document cameras cannot do. In some way the webcams are better but the software is better with the document cameras. He said we may need to get creative, there are pluses and minuses to this. We are not going to cancel the document camera orders. Mr. Champagne asked if we have any document cameras in house and Mr. Dyer said we have a few but there was never an organized effort to purchase before this. Mr. Garofolo asked Mr. Dyer about the five year life of a Chromebook. Mr. Dyer said yes this is planned obsolescent. Google has relaxed for newer models to 6-7 years. They no longer provide an operating system. Mr. Garofolo asked how many are obsolete and need to be replaced. Mr. Dyer said he has a plan in place for a five year rotation. Ms. Harmeling thanked Mr. Dyer for his group's efforts but she wanted to put out there that teachers can teach without document cams. She also asked what teachers are being told in order to protect the privacy of the students. Ms. Tencza said we are encouraging teachers to err on the side of caution and not to put students on camera view. Show work on the page and position on what is happening. Mr. Wilson confirmed that we have heard this concern loud and clear. Cameras will be focused on lessons not on students. We will be working in small groups and cameras will offer another layer. Kudos to Mr. Dyer on his efforts to solve the document cam problem.

E. Update on Finances – Ms. Holmes

Ms. Holmes reported that \$1.2 million has been allotted to Seymour. When asked how the additional 1.2 million dollars came about Mr. Wilson explained that as stated by Mrs. Holmes at the Special Finance meeting and again at the Special full Board meeting, we were asked to fill out a survey from the State of Connecticut in terms of additional resources that would be needed to safely re-open. As this Board knows, Mr. Wilson met with the Governor in late July with the other area Superintendents and they discussed what it would take to re-open. Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Wilson then filled out a survey to the state and included the following:

- additional one-year teachers that would potentially be needed for distance learning
- health aides to staff the isolation areas
- Isolation trailers
- Additional PPE
- Webcams and Document Cameras

At no time were we given a confirmed dollar amount until Friday August 21 at 10:11am. Mr. Wilson was on vacation so he did not read the email until 11:00 am since access to email was limited. Mr. Wilson then forwarded the good news to both Sherry and Vonda. This good news was later shared with the Board via an email sent that evening around 8:00pm. These funds still have to be formally applied for in the form of a grant. These grant funds will be represented in our budget. In terms of Board purview, grant money is typically not under the purview of the Board and never has been since Central Office applies for all of the grants. While there is an accurate accounting of such funds by both the State of Connecticut and us, these funds are not coming from our Board approved budget. We are fortunate to have received the news on Friday August 21, 2020 that we are eligible to receive the amount of 1.2 million dollars. By receiving this grant money, the burden of paying for any additional items no longer falls on our taxpayers. To reiterate \$1,282,864 is the exact amount we are eligible to receive. Grants are not under the Board's discretion. Grants are audited by the Town auditors. These funds do not come from the Board budget. He reported that we are to receive \$1.2 million through this grant. This is not a burden on the taxpayers. Ms. Holmes reported that she has closed out the 19-20 budget and it has been sent to the Board of Finance. Approximately \$166,000 will be turned back to the Town at the end of the year. Ms. Harmeling said she would like to make a statement. She said kudos for advocating for these funds but she said she was concerned about the lack of transparency and that she has asked about this three times. Why wouldn't have this been shared with us since it is such good news? We were also told you would come to the Board and report these types of things. She said at no time were we told \$266 million was set aside by the State. She said someone should have said in just general terms that this was a possibility, but this was not shared with us. She questions why this was not shared with the Board. The information was not forthcoming and there is a disconnect; the Board was left in the dark. She also said they were told by the Administration "we will come to the Board". She said

she does not want to control, but she does want to share and offer ideas. Mr. Garofolo said he concurs with much of what Ms. Harmeling has said. Ms. Bruno said there was a good amount of anxiety due to the availability of staff. Questions were asked but did not get answers. She said she would like more about the vision for this funding especially with regard to staffing. Ms. Tencza did a quick overview of distance learners with a total of 239 at this point in time. Mr. Wilson said he would certainly be open to hire more paraprofessionals if our administrators request it. We targeted distance learning first. We want it to be the best learning experience we can give. Ms. Harmeling asked that the Board see all the different buckets that are addressed in the grants. Mr. Wilson said once the grant is filled out we can share the itemized list with the Board. Mr. Strumello asked what our success rate of hiring of the open postings. Mr. Wilson said he was pleased that we had 47 applicants for the distance learning positions. People know Seymour Schools is a great place to work. There are three applicants so far for the Health Aides positions. He feels because Ms. Bennett is so well respected in town that people will fill in. Mr. Hatfield said we need to make the position of substitute nurses more attractive so we get more applicants. Ms. Bennett said she is appreciative of this saying money never hurts. She talked about the types of nurses that are interested in working with us. We have reposted for substitute nurses. Mr. Champagne asked what the plan is if a significant amount of staff calls out sick. Mr. Wilson said having permanent building subs will help with this and our normal substitute pools will be available. We have open positions for subs. We will tell the people we don't hire of the 47 applicants and we will encourage them to apply as a sub. He said we will not mix classes. Central Office is in the process of contacting substitutes and confirming their willingness to work and finally if we need to, we will contact an agency. Ms. Harmeling appreciates the optimism but feels hiring four permanent building subs will not solve the problem. She asked what the plan is in the event we don't have a substitute teacher. Mr. Wilson said they are working with the administrators to come up with a plan that includes extra space where appropriate social distancing can happen. He said we are hopeful that we will have enough subs. Mr. Champagne asked for more detail if we don't have enough subs, Mr. Wilson said he will be working with the administrators to develop a plan should this situation happen and he will present a plan to the Board when it's complete. Mr. Champagne asked if the bus routes are finalized, if we have made accommodations for parents who want to switch cohorts. Are they evenly split between cohorts. Ms. Holmes said Ms. Boyle has worked tirelessly with Steve from All Star Transportation in order to remedy all of the bus run concerns. We are happy to report that all of the issues have been corrected in terms of having families attend school on the same day, which was the goal under the hybrid plan. Today we sent out a letter to all parents indicating that all bus routes are posted on the website. This letter is below:

*Dear Parents:*

*As you are aware, Seymour Schools Reopening Committee has chosen to use bus routes as a way to create smaller classes within our buildings under the hybrid model. This being the case, adjustments were made to ensure that all families' children would attend on the same day. Please check the new bus numbers by cohorts posted on the [www.seymourschools.org](http://www.seymourschools.org) website under the transportation tab. To utilize all available buses assigned to your school, which allows us to make the runs shorter, and less populated, your students bus number may have changed. All available buses for each school are used each day, i.e. Bus30-Group 1 and Bus30-Group 2, etc. Cohorts were based on the original bus numbers. Any questions please call 203.888.4564 ext. 1902 or e-mail [pboyle@seymourschools.org](mailto:pboyle@seymourschools.org). We continue to work with parents who have concerns. Mr. Dyer said there is 1065 in one cohort group and 940 in the second cohort. Mr. Garofolo as a point of order, asked if we were discussing issues that are not on the special meeting agenda. Mr. Strumello agreed. Ms. Bruno asked when the grant deadline is and Mr. Wilson said they have not yet been told. Mr. Hatfield said we need to give some leeway and benefit of the doubt to the superintendent and administrative team regarding transparency because this situation is so fluid and changing so rapidly. Moving forward we need to remind ourselves that it is an ever changing situation. Give a little credit to the Superintendent for his efforts and just to remember to be transparent.*

F. Update on School Calendar 2020-21

Mr. Wilson said he has touched on this in the past but would now like the Board to consider changing the first day of school to September 8. Both the Administrator's Union as well as the Teacher's Union are in favor of pushing our start of school back to September 8, 2020. This will allow us the proper amount of time to receive all of our necessary equipment as well as to properly staff our team. This would move our last day of school from June 9 to June 15, 2021. The first four days will be in person only days for Bus Group 1 on Sep 8 and 9 and in person only days for Bus Group 2 on Sep 10 and 11. There will be no remote learning on these days for our hybrid learners as these days will be used to review policies and procedures as well as to distribute the technology to students. However, for those who temporarily chose to opt into full distance learning, their classes will begin on September 8, 2020. Our full hybrid plan will begin on Monday September 14, 2020 where students will access their class remotely on the days when they are not physically in school. Ms. Bruno asked if the teachers would be working on the four days (September 1-4). Mr. Wilson said administrators will be working and the buildings will be open if teachers wanted to come in to work on their rooms but they will not be required to come in. Mr. Champagne said he would like to hear from the Building Administrators and Mr. Strumello reminded him that Mr. Wilson has made the recommendation. Ms. Harmeling said she would like to hear from the teachers union and the administrators union. Mr. Strumello reminded Ms. Harmeling of the board bylaws that the request must come through the Superintendent. Mr. Wilson said he has the support of the Administrators Union and the Teachers Union. Mr. Garofolo said if he can be assured there will not be a second delay, he might consider voting yes. Mr. Wilson said the 8<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of school and it will not change unless something changes due to the pandemic. Ms. Bruno said we have heard from Mr. Dyer, Mr. Connors, and Ms. Bennett and she did not get the sense that they needed more time. Mr. Dyer said we are ready to open but we can use more time to do some things. We have teachers come to us all the time with normal things we have to deal with. Giving us some breathing room would be beneficial. Ms. Bennett said she is stressed about the health aides and we really need to have these people in place. She said we simply cannot do this without the health aides. The interviews are being set up and it is imperative to have them hired, there is no options. Mr. Connors said they can always use more time to prepare. Mr. Garofolo asked if this would be the first time that parents are hearing about this. He has great concern for those parents who need child care. Ms. Harmeling said she very much agrees with Mr. Garofolo, especially with those parents who have child care issues. She said she does not know why we would push the date back. She hears what Ms. Bennett and Mr. Connors is saying but she is asking what about the 1000's of families that would be impacted. This notice is too short.

**MOTION:** (Ms. Bruno/sec., Mr. Kubik) to approve the revision of the 20-21 school calendar to change the first day of school from September 1, 2020 to September 8, 2020

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello

**OPPOSED:** Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling

**MOTION PASSES:** 5-2

G. Update on Seymour High School Question and Answer session – Mr. Freund

Mr. Freund, Mr. Lucke, and Mr. DiStasi did the question and answer video together from questions that parents submitted. They asked each other questions and answered them. They got positive feedback. Mr. DiStasi talked about the athletics and who would be eligible to participate in sports. The reopening committee decided that they must be participating in live learning in order to be eligible. They felt this was the best way to handle this. Mr. Lucke concurred with Mr. Freund and Mr. DiStasi. Mr. Garofolo asked if the CIAC weighed in on the determination that distance learners would not be eligible to participate to sports and clubs. Mr. Garofolo voiced his fear of a lawsuit because kids have no consistency of participation across districts. Mr. DiStasi said it is a district level decision. Ms. Harmeling for her it is logic. If parents are not comfortable with their children coming to school and going to classes, why would they be comfortable having their kids go to practices and games. Mr. Strumello said CIAC rule says

homeschooled kids cannot participate. Mr. Hatfield said the HS Administration had done a great job.

- H. Update on Seymour Middle School Question and Answer session – Ms. Roden  
Ms. Roden and Ms. Freimuth hosted their Zoom Question and Answer session which was at lunch time. She said 60 people (parents, students, and staff) joined. Ms. Roden reviewed the reentry plan while Ms. Freimuth answered questions in the chat. They answered all the questions that were asked. They got positive feedback and they encouraged people to email if they had further questions. She said she enjoyed it and liked that it was fast paced. The video has been posted on the district website so anyone who missed it can watch. Ms. Freimuth talked about the schedule and understanding the plans which are in place which was well received. We also did our 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation at the same time. No Board members had questions.
- I. Update on Chatfield-LoPresti Question and Answer – Mr. Olechna  
Mr. Olechna said their question and answer session was from 1:00 to 3:15 on August 18. They did their presentation and then had a lot of questions and they answered their questions. There were 110 participants in the beginning and by the end they had 70 participants. They received positive feedback. He said CLS sent out a communication explaining what is happening and the differences between Hybrid, Distant Learning, and Remote. Ms. Albertson said she was happy to take the time with the community and there was a high level of parent participation. About 100 people in on the call with us. This is the wonderful community we have. She also wanted to shout out to the CLS secretaries, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Sebes who took notes and made sure parent's questions were answered. Ms. Bruno asked about the date change and does it change the cohorts, Mr. Wilson said there will be no change.
- J. Update on Bungay Question and Answer session – Mrs. Feige  
Ms. Feige reported that they have been really very busy "bees" at Bungay School. They asked for their questions to be sent ahead of time. They had 100 kindergarten parents participating. They developed a PowerPoint and it is on the website. An afternoon session for K-5 parents were included in the presentation. They had the kindergarten bus orientation and thanked central office for their support with this. Staff gave tours of the building. We have received very positive feedback. Ms. Reid said it was really helpful to have individuals from BES share their questions. It was a very positive experience. Ms. Harmeling asked if there were going to be staggered drop off/pickup. Ms. Feige said due to the hybrid model, they will not have to stagger drop offs and pickups. She also asked about before and after care, Mr. Connors said SONCCA program will be happening at BES and CLS this year and he and Ms. Holmes will be meeting with them this week. Mr. Olechna said SONCCA has been at CLS for as long as he has been there and Mr. Connors has been a great liaison with them. As far as the traffic flow are able to utilize all of the back lot as part of the queue so we are very comfortable that we can have approximately 40 cars queued up leading up to drop off and dismissal. This has helped to eliminate traffic backups on Skokorat. We are prepared as we can be.

Mr. Garofolo wanted to go back to the discussion on distance learners not being able to participate in sports and clubs. He said parents made the decision to go to full distance learning because they wanted to reduce the risk to their children and lessen the exposure to COVID-19. They felt and believed that decision would reduce the risk of their child being affected. He felt Ms. Harmeling's thoughts on this subject were deficient. She felt if a parent keeps their child at home they are not entitled to participate in sports and clubs. When a child is not in the environment of the school population they are still exposed to a far greater risk than they would if they participated in sports or clubs. This thought may have been lost. Why do we want to penalize parents and students who thought principally of their health? I think this is wrong. I hope we can realize that this may not be the best thing to do.

#### IV. RECOMMENDED ACTION

##### A. Intra District Transfer Requests

##### 1. Nathan Guidone

Ms. Bruno asked if this child would include transportation. Mr. Wilson explained that we do not offer transportation for children attending school under a waiver but if there is appropriate transportation then we try to accommodate the family. There was a brief discussion about the child living in the CLS district and going to Bungay School and if this would affect the cohort. This would not be a problem because the child would be taking a bus in the Bungay School district.

**MOTION:** (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the intra district transfer request of Dawn Guidone for her child, Nathan Guidone to attend Bungay Elementary School for the 20-21 school year

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Garofolo

**MOTION PASSES:** 6-0-1

Mr. Strumello wanted to comment on the mask breaks and how he thought it was a wonderful idea to give the children paper bags to put their masks in while they are outside. Ms. Bennett said that was part of the safety protocol. Mr. Strumello said it was an outstanding idea.

#### V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wilson thanked the Board for their support on changing the date of the first day of school. This change is so we can be 100%. We recognized the Caught Being Awesome awards recipients who received \$100 amazon cards. The recipients, Jan Daley, Christopher Cummings, Nate Dobas, and Melissa Anelli where super excited. This award was created to recognize those being caught awesome throughout the district.. Thermometers distribution coming up next week. The distribution date, time and location will be posted on website and Facebook. They are really neat thermometers and can be connected to iPhone. Thank you to everyone for the hard work everyone has been doing. Thank you to the teachers for their efforts and hard work at the PD. Kudos to all, Mr. Dyer and his group, Mr. Connors and his group, Ms. Bennett, Mrs. Holmes, Ms. Tencza and everyone who has worked so hard. We are looking forward to a great start to the year. Mr. Strumello thanked the Board members for their time noting this has been a three hour meeting.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Ms. Harmeling) to adjourn

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Strumello

**MOTION PASSES:** 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm

Submitted by:  
Lee-Ann Dauerty  
Board Clerk

The Public is invited to participate in a listen only mode using the link below:

YouTube Link

<https://youtu.be/buxin29jmQ4>