

SEYMOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Seymour Community School District was held on March 20, 2023, in the Board Room of the Seymour Community School.

President Justin Keller called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Members in attendance were Drew Power, Sarah Carter-Jones, Dan Furlin, Jr., Justin Keller, and Missy Liggett. Also present were Mr. Breon, Shannon Starr, Jamie Houser, and Scott Valentine.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the Agenda with the following addition: 1) Discuss and possibly approve the School Calendar. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Breon conducted a budget retreat and presented information on items including role of the Board of Education and Superintendent, District financial goals and budget priorities, code of ethics for Board members, legal authority of school boards, open meetings overview, aid and levy worksheets, and unspent authorized budget report.

The budget retreat was temporarily suspended at 6:30 p.m. so the Budget Hearing could be conducted.

Following the budget hearing, Mr. Breon concluded the budget retreat with information on upcoming negotiations including the pay schedule, schedule C, insurance increase and definitions of Iowa school finance terms.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The District financial reports were reviewed.

President Justin Keller welcomed visitors. Deanna Parham addressed the Board with concerns over the content in a book that has been read to Junior High students.

Board discussion items included if a date for 8th Grade Graduation has been set and/or if the event will be held. Mrs. Houser reported that May 22nd has been tentatively scheduled.

Mr. Breon had the following for Administration discussion: 1) Distributed IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards) materials and noted that \$1,578.00 would be the membership dues for 2023-2024 and recommended the District join. Drew Power made a motion to join IASB. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mrs. Houser reported that Seniors are making plans for a senior trip. Abi Wiltamuth addressed the Board on behalf of the senior class to request permission to travel to Orange

Beach, Alabama. Tentative plans and transportation were discussed. Drew Power made a motion to approve the senior class trip to Alabama. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mrs. Starr reported on the Mighty Mini Warriors Summer Day Camps to be held this Summer for kids 5-10 years old.

There was no CSIAC meeting update. The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2023. This will be the final meeting for the year.

An open enrollment request was received for Oaklyn Ballanger to attend our District from the Centerville CSD for the 2023-2024 school year.

An open enrollment request was received for Addison Tuttle to attend the Centerville CSD for the 2023-2024 school year.

Sarah Carter-Jones made a motion to approve the School Calendar as presented. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Repair work to the gymnasium floor has been completed and Gary Miller addressed the Board regarding the drainage problem with the west lot adjacent to his property were building issues discussed.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the audit report for the fiscal year 2022 from Terpstra, Hoke and Associates. Missy Liggett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to approve the Summer Lunch Program with dates to be determined. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Missy Liggett made a motion to accept the resignation of Paige Mitchell as Softball Coach. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to accept the resignation with request for early retirement benefit from Jim Murray as Teacher effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Board would like to thank Mr. Murray for his 25 years of service to the District.

Sarah Carter-Jones made a motion to accept the resignation with request for early retirement benefit from Carole Brown as Cook effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Missy Liggett seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Board would like to thank Mrs. Brown for her 31 years of service to the District.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to accept the resignation with a request for early retirement benefit from Wendy Chophonis as Teacher effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Board would like to thank Mrs. Chophonis for her 20 years of service to the District.

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to accept the resignation of Dorothy Wilcox effective April 17, 2023. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Missy Liggett made a motion to approve the hire of Deborah Vanderlinden as Cook for the 2022-2023 school year. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Sarah Carter-Jones made a motion to approve the hire of Rachel Collis as Cook for the 2022-2023 school year. Missy Liggett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Missy Liggett made a motion to approve the hire of Dennis Whitlow as Play Coach for the 2022-2023 school year. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Sarah Carter-Jones made a motion to approve the hire of Shaun Houser as Boys Baseball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year. Drew Power seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Drew Power made a motion to approve the AEA Purchase Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Upcoming events noted were the negotiations meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m., the FFA Banquet will be held on Friday, March 24, the winter sports banquet will be held on Monday, March 27 and the BGC band concert will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. with a 1:00 p.m. school dismissal on that day. The school play “Death of a Hot Sauce Salesman” will be held on March 31 and April 1 with musical entertainment and a free will donation supper to be held both evenings, Spring Break will be April 3 – 7, and the final CSIAC meeting of the school year will be held on April 24, 2023.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023.

There being no further business, Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Drew Power seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

BOARD PRESIDENT, JUSTIN KELLER

BOARD SECRETARY, MOLLIE BANKS

SEYMOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Directors of Seymour Community School District was held on March 20, 2023, in the Board Room of the Seymour Community School.

President Justin Keller called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Justin Keller, Dan Furlin, Jr., Sarah Carter-Jones, Drew Power, and Missy Liggett. Also present were Mr. Breon, Jamie Houser, Shannon Starr, Scott Valentine, Devon and Heather Sharp, Abi Wiltamuth, Levi McDaniel, Gary Miller, Derick Jones, Deanna Parham, and Dennis Whitlow.

Drew Power made a motion to open the budget hearing. Sarah Carter-Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The 2023-2024 school budget was reviewed and discussed by those present. Since no one appeared for or against the budget for the 2023-2024 school year as published in the Seymour Herald and presented at the Budget Hearing, Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to approve the budget as published. Missy Liggett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast:

Ayes: Dan Furlin, Jr., Drew Power, Missy Liggett, Sarah Carter-Jones, Justin Keller

Nays: None

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Seymour Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

Drew Power made a motion to pass the foregoing resolution. Dan Furlin, Jr. seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast:

Ayes: Dan Furlin, Jr., Drew Power, Missy Liggett, Sarah Carter-Jones, Justin Keller

Nays: None

Dan Furlin, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 6:33 p.m. Missy Liggett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY