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. Petruny Memorial Education and Environmental Award
      
      MOTION: (Mr. Wilson/sec., Mr. Strumello) to name Giana Guerrera as the 2020 Thomas J. Petruny 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