Seymour Board of Education
POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 10, 2022
Seymour Middle School
6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Chris Champagne
                                          Shannon Levey
                                          Ed Strumello

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools
                               Vonda Tencza, Associate Superintendent
                               Paul Lucke
                               Salvatore Bucci

I.     CALL TO ORDER

A.     Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Compton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:37 p.m.

II.    ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Compton called for nominations for the chairperson of the Policy Committee

Ms. Levey nominated Mr. Champagne

A vote was taken:

Mr. Champagne received three votes. Mr. Champagne was elected the chairperson of the
Policy Committee. The meeting was handed over to Mr. Champagne.

III.   PUBLIC COMMENT

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None

IV.    DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

A.     Policy #6146 Graduation Requirements

Dr. Compton explained that this was a necessary revision so that students could get credit for mastery-based learning and this would tie in with the manufacturing proposal that Mr. Lucke has championed. Mr. Strumello voiced his concern for special education students and if they would be able to meet the requirements of a Capstone Project. Dr. Compton said this is a good question and she would look into it further and bring it back to the table. Dr. Compton said the State feels our revision meets the guidelines for a proper revision. She said this change would commence with the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Levey said she attended the Curriculum and Technology Committee meeting and found the presentation Mr. Lucke did wonderful. The curriculum is great. She said it was exciting to be able to have students get credit for mastery-based learning. Dr. Compton said she is supportive of different Capstone Projects of high quality and these types of programs need some flexibility. Dr. Compton thanked Mr. Lucke and Mr. Stanek for their fine work on this.
MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Levey) to recommend to the full Board the approval of Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements as revised

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Shannon Levey, Ed Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 3-0

V. INFORMATION
A. Board of Education
   1. Chairman Comments
      Mr. Champagne said polices will need a good brushing over and thought this would be a good item to discuss at the Board retreat. Dr. Compton said Mr. Caruso has some good ideas on policies. Mr. Strumello said he thought they could provide a person to review our policies at a cost to the Board. Dr. Compton felt this was an excellent suggestion. A policy audit is an excellent idea and this might be a good time to discuss it.
   2. Board Member Comments
      None

B. Superintendent’s Report
   Dr. Compton said most of what she wanted to cover has been discussed. Policies will need to be one of the Board’s main priorities. She hopes our policies will be in good shape by July.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Ms. Levey) to adjourn

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Shannon Levey, Ed Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 3-0
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk