Seymour Board of Education
ATHLETIC AND HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 16, 2022
Central Office
5:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Stephan Behuniak
Jay Hatfield (5:33 pm)
Ed Strumello
Dr. Compton
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Ernie DiStasti
Cathy Federowicz

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

I. CALL TO ORDER
A. Pledge of Allegiance
Dr. Compton called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:02 pm

II. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
Dr. Compton called for nominations for a Chairperson for the Athletic and Health Committee.
Mr. Behuniak nominated Mr. Strumello
MOTION: (Mr. Behnuniak/sec., Mr. Strumello to close nominations for the chairperson of the
Athletic and Health Committee

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behnunik, Mr. Strumello
Mr. Strumello was elected chairperson of the Athletic and Health Committee. Dr. Compton
turned the meeting over to Mr. Strumello.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a
dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public
Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the
Chairman is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairman’s
Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments
should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment
may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name
and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

None

IV. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION
A. Athletics
1. Seymour Middle School
   Mr. Strumello asked Mr. DiStasi and Ms. Federowicz discuss Middle School
   Athletics. Mr. DiStasi said before the pandemic Middle School athletics were in
good shape but the pandemic took a toll on the sports in the middle school. He
reported that we have a full viable program for the winter season and the spring
season is in the works. Mr. Prasauckas has been working with the athletic teams.
He said as bus problems are alleviated the program will revive. Ms. Federowicz
also talked about the possibility of an outdoor track team at the middle school.
2. Seymour High School
Mr. Distasi and Ms. Federowicz went over their list of possible issues that will need to be remedied. They discussed the Athletic Training services and due to extra COVID services, the amount set aside in the purchase order has almost used all monies set aside. Dr. Compton said we may have to do a RFP for Athletic Training Services. Dr. Compton said Mr. DiStasi, Ms. Federowicz, Mr. Behuniak, Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Strumello will work together to create the RFP. They submitted a list of concerns including Pool Touch Pads that need to be replaced, issues with the gym floor that needs attention, general maintenance and cleaning of the turf and track, and replacement of track equipment. They also reported that they are in good shape with regard to coaching needs. They asked for reimbursement for the hotel for the coach and athletic for the Wrestling New England Championship. Dr. Compton agreed this needs to be done. They reported two coaches will need to apply for emergency coaching permits. There was a discussion on the school physician and the possibility of having an orthopedic doctor participate with the teams. They also talked about some parents pushing for Co-op Ice Hockey with West Haven. There was some additional discussion regarding the track equipment issues. Mr. Behuniak said you are unable to hold track meets at Seymour High School without having these pieces of equipment. Mr. Hatfield said he thought the cost would be approximately $7500. Mr. Behuniak asked about fundraising. Dr. Compton congratulated Ms. Federowicz as the Connecticut Volleyball Coach of the Year and said she will be participating in the National Volleyball Coach of the Year as a finalist.

V. REPORTS
A. Chairman’s Report
   None
B. Superintendent’s Report
   None

VI. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: (Mr. Behuniak/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Stephan Behuniak, Jay Hatfield, Ed Strumello
MOTION PASSES: 3-0
The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk