I. CALL TO ORDER
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
      Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

II. RECOGNITIONS
   A. Essay Winners – “Important Women in Connecticut’s History and How Their Contributions to the State and Nation Affect me.”
      1. First Place – Victoria Bertapelle
      2. Second Place – Samantha Pastick
      3. Third Place – Jacob Olson
      4. Fourth Place – Melody Ramos
      Dr. Compton said these students will be honored in the superintendent’s newsletter.
III. STUDENT REPORTS
A. HS Student Representative Report-Tyler Lang

Athletics:
- Golf: 2-4
- Boys’ Track & Field: 5-2
- Girls’ Track & Field: 5-2
- Tennis: 3-6
- Softball: 6-5
- Baseball: 4-6

Dance Team - performed today at CLS for Pep Rally - school organized a Pep Rally to motivate students for upcoming MAP testing. Mrs. Driscoll’s Special Education class - Wildcat Shack Pop UP Shop - open this week May 2-6 selling handmade bracelets and other items for Mother’s Day - classes can visit her room or see the students selling the good in the morning. Prom - this Saturday May 7, 2022 at Aqua Turf from 6:30 - 11:30 pm. SHS art show will be June 7, right before the national honor society induction ceremony.

Student Council minutes from last meeting:
- Students volunteered at the Seymour Pink dinner last week
- Food drive will begin the week benefitting the Seymour Oxford food bank, class that donates the most amount will receive a ice cream party
- Teacher appreciation week will begin next week; we will be nominating staff members for superlatives

IV. 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.

Caroline Scaria, 62 Briarwood Drive – Asked the Board to support the proposed Co-op for the hockey program. Her son has played hockey for years and will enter Seymour High School in the fall. Ben Stone, 27 West Church Street – in attendance to ask for support of the hockey co-op program being presented tonight. As a parent he would be willing to pitch in. Glen Rodrigue, 30 Briarwood Drive – Asked the Board to support the proposal for the Hockey Co-op. He, as a parent, would be willing to chip in. Athanasios Diakomis, 56 Briarwood Drive-feels the hockey co-op is a great opportunity for Seymour and he too will be willing to pitch in.

Public Comment closed at 7:45 pm.

V. REPORTS
A. Literacy Presentation – Ms. Stacey Albertson

Ms. Stacey Albertson was excited to present a presentation about student achievement in Literacy and to share some of the programs that they are using in Chatfield-LoPresti School. She shared student work with the Board and invited some students to share their experiences in Literacy and to showcase their work. Ms. Alison Brett assisted Ms. Albertson by sharing some of the things we are doing with our special education students. Juliana Bell- 4th grade, Peyton Billy- 4th Grade, Paris Billy- 3rd Grade and Leighton Bell- Kindergarten all shared some of the work they have done is literacy. They did a great job.
B. **JCI Presentation**
Mr. Jamie Hand, did an overview of where we are with the Johnson Controls solar project. He reviewed the utilities savings and the shortfall in year one. He indicated there should be no more shortfalls but if there are, JCI will make up the difference. Dr. Compton thanked Mr. Hand for this presentation. Mr. Strumello said he wished he had the presentation in advance so he could have studied it before the presentation was made.

C. **Committee Meeting Update**
1. Finance Committee – May 2, 2022

D. **Committee Meeting Minutes**
1. Facilities and Transportation Committee – April 12, 2022
2. Awards Committee – April 25, 2022
   There will be an additional award next year. There will be restructuring of the committee based on Mr. Stanek’s recommendations. A parent representative from each school will be on the committee. Dr. Compton thanked Mr. Champagne and Mr. Strumello for serving on the committee.
3. Finance Committee – April 4, 2022

E. **Special Education Department**
1. Enrollment Report – Dr. Kris Boyle
   Dr. Boyle reported that two students aged out as they had reached the age of 22 and one elementary student returned to our district today. There is a possibility that another elementary student will be returning also.
2. Assistant Director of Pupil Services Monthly Update – Dr. Meghan Pogonelski

VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**
A. **Approval of Minutes**
1. Regular BOE Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2022
2. Special BOE Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2022

B. **Nutrition Services Financial Report** – May 2, 2022

C. **Financial Management Reports** – May 2, 2022

D. **Out of State Field Trip** – Seymour High School Spanish IV and V Classes to Museo El Barrio in New York City, NY on May 19, 2022

E. **Staff Hiring**
1. Non Certified
   a. Spence, Miriah
      · Secretary
      · Bungay Elementary School
      · Replacing Jomarie Sia

2. Certified
   a. Miles Rigoli, Samantha
      · School Nurse
      · Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School
      · Replacing Jenna Klein
   b. Oddo, Lindsey
      · Long Term Substitute
      · Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School
      · Replacing Alison Liberta

3. **Appendix E**
   a. Tilton, Joshua
      · Assistant Coach, Outdoor Track and Field
      · Seymour High School
      · Replacing Jenny Ames
4. Interns
   a. Barbera, Gabrielle
      - Intern, 2022-23 School Year
      - Bungay Elementary School

5. Volunteer Appointment
   a. D’Amato-Guarino, Jennifer
      - Assistant Coach, Softball
      - Seymour High School

F. Auction of Unused Inventory
   MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to approve the Consent Agenda with items D, 3a, and F removed
   SO VOTED
   AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello
   MOTION PASSES: 8-0

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

D. Out of State Field Trip
   Mr. Hatfield questioned the vaccine requirement. Mr. Freund explained this is a requirement of the museum and of New York City.
   MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to approve the out of state field trip to Museo El Barrio in New York City, NY on May 19, 2022.
   SO VOTED
   AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello
   MOTION PASSES: 8-0

3a. This is duplicate of a hiring on the last agenda. No action needed.

F. Auction
   Mr. Garofolo had several questions that he would like to have answers on. Dr. Compton said she would have Mr. Connors follow up.
   MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Behuniak) to table to the June 6, 2022 meeting
   SO VOTED
   AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello
   MOTION PASSES: 8-0

VIII. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Awards Advisory Committee – 2022 Award Recipients
   1. 2022 David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award
      MOTION: (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the recommendation of the Awards Advisory Committee to award the 2022 David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award to Harvey Catlin
      SO VOTED
      AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello
      MOTION PASSES: 8-0
2. 2022 John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award

**MOTION:** (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the recommendation of the Awards Advisory Committee to award the 2022 John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award to KC Sirowich

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello

**MOTION PASSES:** 8-0

3. 2022 Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award

**MOTION:** (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the recommendation of the Awards Advisory Committee to award the 2022 Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award to Debbie Baldarelli

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello

**MOTION PASSES:** 8-0

Mr. Strumello said Ms. Baldarelli is very well deserving of this and that she is, in his opinion, one of the best teachers ever. She is very dedicated.

4. 2022 Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environmental Award

**MOTION:** (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to accept the recommendation of the Awards Advisory Committee to award the 2022 Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environmental Award to Luca Tecci

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello

**MOTION PASSES:** 8-0

**MOTION:** (Mr. Strumello/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to move the discussion of a hockey co-op out of order of the agenda

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello

**MOTION PASSES:** 8-0

C. Hockey Co-op

The Seymour High School Athletic Dept. has been involved in ongoing communication with West Haven High School about the possibility of forming a co-op program in boys’ hockey, where there has been significant interest expressed by Seymour athletes and parents. This co-op program would also include Shelton High School, which has already agreed to be a part of this program. West Haven has asked that Seymour and Shelton split the cost of officials and transportation to away games, which would result in approximately $3000 of cost incurred by our district, in order to participate. West Haven has already submitted the proposal to the CIAC, and a decision is expected to be made on or around May 9.

Mr. DiStasi said there is significant interest in hockey. The co-op is passionate about it. West Haven and Shelton will participate. We will benefit because it will keep students in Seymour. Mr. Champagne asked how many students are interested. Mr. DiStasi indicated four students this year but feels it will grow as the word gets out. Mr. Strumello asked if there is a guarantee that students will play. Mr. DiStasi said cuts are not a problem. The intent of this is to grow a program and build continuity. Ms. Bruno asked if a coach would be needed and would we pay for transportation.
Mr. DiStasi said no coach is needed and parents would transport their kids. Ms. Nesteriak asked about equipment. Mr. DiStasi said uniforms are covered along with masks and sticks will be provided by West Haven. We would need to provide skates. **MOTION:** (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Strumello) to approve the request of the High School Athletic Director to move forward with forming a co-op boys hockey program by splitting the cost of officials and transportation to away games in the amount of approximately $3000 pending approval from the CIAC

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello

**MOTION PASSES: 8-0**

**B. Donations**

1. In A Heartbeat would like to donate one Defibtech Automated External Defibrillator (AED), one alarmed Wall cabinet, and one Rescue Kit

**MOTION:** (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Mr. Strumello) to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the donation from In a Heartbeat of one Defibtech Automated External Defibrillator, one alarmed wall cabinet, and one Rescue Kit and direct that the Superintendent determine the placement of this donation

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello

**MOTION PASSES: 8-0**

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. The Cornet Family

**X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

A. Board of Education Comments

1. Chairman’s Comments

Mr. Champagne talked about the great turnout for the vote and how our budget passed by 114 votes. Even though it was a great turnout for us, the overall turnout of the town was low. He reported that he, Jim Garofolo, Shannon Levey, and Ed Strumello toured the schools with Dr. Compton last week.

2. Board Member Comments

Ms. Bruno reported that she attended the Seymour High School Sports Hall of Fame banquet and said it was a wonderful inspiring evening. She said they were very well prepared. Dr. Compton who also attended agreed. Mr. Strumello said he was disappointed in the vote because people are not utilizing their right to vote. He also reported that he attended the Hoopster Basketball Banquet. Ms. Nesteriak attended a program at Bungay School and it was very well done. She also said she attended the Veterans Concert at the middle school and it was very enjoyable.

B. Superintendent Report

Dr. Compton said the Superintendent’s Newsletter went out today. It was a good edition and covered many things involving our students. In the future, she would like to include biographies and pictures of all of the Board members. She talked about Staff appreciation week and has decided to send a cake to each school in honor of this and to keep it small in light of our budget situation. She thanked the PTA’s and PTO’s who have done many things to honor our staff during this week. She said she attended the Seymour High School Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. It was a four-hour event but was great to hear all of the wonderful stories. On Friday she along with school administrators attended the SCASA Luncheon that honored six students. The District Communication Committee is scheduled to meet again on May 12.
Graduation is on June 21 with a rain date of June 22. Senior Awards are coming up. We will send a list of events in the near future. Dr. Compton reported the first negotiation with the custodians was held last week and will be ongoing.

XI. INFORMATION

A. School Activities and Recognitions
   1. Seymour High School
   2. Seymour Middle School
   3. Bungay School
   4. Chatfield-LoPresti School

B. Subscription Agreement
   1. Arbiter Sports – Family ID
      This is a software program that tracks physicals and other athletic information.

C. Legal Costs
   1. Shipman& Goodwin, LLP

D. Staff Transfers
   1. Sponheimer, Deirdre
      · English Teacher
      · Seymour High School
      · Replacing Kathleen Papa-Zinko

E. Staff Hiring – Appendix E
   1. Cleveland, Brian
      · Assistant Coach, Outdoor Track and Field
      · Seymour High School
      · Replacing Mike Avena

F. Staff Appointment – Sports Volunteer
   1. Esposito, Emily
      · Volunteer Assistant Coach, Tennis
      · Seymour High School

G. Resignations
   1. Non Certified Staff
      a. Boyle, Patricia
         · Administrative Assistant
         · Central Office
         · Effective May 20, 2022
   2. Appendix E Positions
      a. Pellicone, Matthew
         · Assistant Coach, Football
         · Seymour High School
         · Effective April 8, 2022

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Mr. Hatfield/sec., Ms. Bruno) to adjourn

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Behuniak, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Levey, Ms. Nesteriak, Mr. Strumello

MOTION PASSES: 8-0

YouTube Link:
https://youtu.be/39OfeQQWO5w

Submitted by:
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Board Clerk