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Seymour Board of Education AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19, 2021
Zoom
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Blood
Jennifer Ferreira
Kate Halligan
Marlo Ruggiero, Chairman
Victoria Saracino
Fred Stanek
Vonda Tencza
Elizabeth Vicidomino
Michael Wilson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terri Ferrara
Tara Petrino
Suzanne Rafferty
Oleh Stasyuk
Ed Strumello
Jackie Sullivan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ruggiero called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please note: "If you would like to make a public comment during this meeting, please complete the "Public Comment Request Form" which can be accessed via the link: <https://forms.gle/ecNornPgigowkFpW7>, which can also be accessed on the Seymour Public Schools homepage under contacting the board. **Requests must be received no later than 6pm on Monday, April 19, 2021.**"

None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Review Nomination Forms and Select Recipients

Ms. Ruggiero and Mr. Wilson explained how the process of choosing a recipient would happen during this meeting. Ms. Ruggiero asked that all members send her a private message through the chat function in Zoom indicating their choice for each award. Mr. Stanek said he would be verbally acknowledging his vote since he is using his phone instead of his computer.

1. Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environmental Award

All nominations were for the same student, [REDACTED]

MOTION: (Mr. Stanek/sec., Mr. Wilson) to select [REDACTED] as the recipient of the 2021 Thomas J. Petruny Memorial Education and Environmental Award

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Ruggiero, Ms. Saracino, Mr. Stanek, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Vicidomino, Mr. Wilson

2. David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award
After receiving the votes from the committee members in attendance, [REDACTED] was chosen as the recipient of the 2021 David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award

MOTION: (Ms. Ruggiero/sec., Mr. Wilson) to select [REDACTED] as the recipient of the 2021 David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Ruggiero, Ms. Saracino, Mr. Stanek, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Vicidomino, Mr. Wilson

3. John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award
After receiving the votes from the committee members in attendance, [REDACTED] were chosen as the recipients of the 2021 John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award

MOTION: (Ms. Ruggiero/sec., Mr. Wilson) to select [REDACTED] as the recipients of the 2021 John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Ruggiero, Ms. Saracino, Mr. Stanek, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Vicidomino, Mr. Wilson

4. Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award
After receiving the votes from the committee members in attendance, [REDACTED] was chosen as the recipient of the 2021 Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award

MOTION: (Ms. Ruggiero/sec., Mr. Wilson) to select [REDACTED] as the 2021 recipient of the Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Ruggiero, Ms. Saracino, Mr. Stanek, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Vicidomino, Mr. Wilson

MOTION: (Ms. Ruggiero/sec., Mr. Stanek) to send the recommendations of the Awards Committee for the 2021 recipients of the David A. Brumer Excellence in Education Award, the John J. Gallagher Memorial Athletic Award, the Vincentena Kobasa Excellence in Teaching Award and the Thomas J. Petruncy Memorial Education and Environmental Award to the full Board for approval

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Blood, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Halligan, Ms. Ruggiero, Ms. Saracino, Mr. Stanek, Ms. Tencza, Ms. Vicidomino, Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson reminded the committee that the recipients' names should be kept secret until they are presented to the Board of Education at the May 3, 2021 meeting.

- B. Discussion of Next Year's Awards Advisory Committee members
Mr. Wilson said this item is put on the agenda to discuss if there are any current members who are not able to serve next year. This committee is in good shape this year and we welcome everyone back next year.

IV. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Reports

1. Chairman's Report
Ms. Ruggiero did not present a report to the committee.

2. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wilson thanked the members of the committee for their time and their willingness to step up and get the word out to people to get nominations and submit nominations of their own when Ms. Dauerty contacted the committee on how few nominations we received by the deadline. He thanked them for being part of this committee and noted that this is one of the happier jobs as we get to recognize people for their work and dedication to the Seymour Public Schools. He thanked Ms. Ruggiero for her fine job as chairperson and thanked all the committee members for their time and dedication to this committee. Mr. Stanek echoed Mr. Wilson's comments. He said the Awards Advisory Committee is an important committee because it is the one to choose the recipients of the district awards. The awards are not chosen by the Board of Education members but by members of the school communities who serve on this committee. He thanked everyone for their time.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk