

Seymour Board of Education



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AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
March 10, 2026
Central Office Conference Room
6:00 pm

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Members Present: Lindsay Browning, Chairperson
Monali Shah
Chris Champagne
Jeremy Tomasheski
Edward Strumello
Kim Farmer
Jennifer Lin
Shannon Levey
James Garofolo
Kristen Bruno
Jessica Nunez
Fred Stanek
Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent
Shannon Levey, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM
Introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment called three times, no comment.

III. INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

A. Appoint a Chair

MOTION: (Chris Champagne / Ed Strumello) to nominate Lindsay Browning as the chair of the awards committee

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Browning, Ms. Shah, Mr. Champagne, Mr. Tomasheski, Mr. Strumello, Ms. Farmer, Ms. Lin, Ms. Nunez, Mr. Stanek, Ms. Bruno

PASSES: 10-0-0

Ms. Lindsay Browning is Chairperson of the Awards Committee.

B. Review of Award Descriptions

Mr. Strumello and Mr. Stanek reviewed the descriptions of the five awards. They noted that the Vincentena Kobasa Award is not limited to a high school teacher, and that the Karen R. Stanek Award may be awarded to a high school student.

C. Review and recommendation of the Nomination Process and Forms for each Award

The committee discussed the importance of increasing awareness of the teacher nomination process across all school levels, not just the high school. Members emphasized the need to encourage more nominations for middle school teachers.



It was noted that committee members are eligible to submit nominations, and that the individual who submits the nomination will attend the awards ceremony to present the award to the recipient.

D. Schedule Date(s) for Submission of Nomination Forms for each Award

Important Dates:

Nominations Open: March 13

Nominations Close: April 20

Committee Review of Nominations: April 21

Board of Education Approval: May Board of Education Meeting

E. Publicity of Awards

The committee discussed strategies to promote nominations, including:

Using a QR code on printed materials to link directly to the nomination form

Sharing information with PTA Presidents

Promoting through The Valley Independent and The Voices

The nomination form was reviewed during the meeting.

Members also discussed encouraging students and children to participate in the nomination process, specifically noting that students should be informed that they are welcome to write and submit nominations.

F. Committee Member Changes

The committee also acknowledged membership changes and welcomed new members to the committee.

IV. REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Superintendent's Report

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM

Prepared by Shannon Levey, Board Clerk