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**Bungay School Facility Needs Study Committee**

**Special Meeting**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 7:00pm**

**Bungay School**

**35 Bungay Road**

**Seymour, CT 06483**

Members Present: Fred Stanek, Tim Connors, Rebecca Bennett, Trisha Danka, Ed Strumello, Jessica Butcaris and Dr. TJ Nobili

Others Present: Dr. Susan Compton, Mary Sue Feige, Stacey Long, Allison Brett, Beth Nesteriak, Andy North, Mr. Pelatowski, Jennifer Karpovich, Jeanine Weaver

Members Absent: Peter Kubik

**Item 1: Call to order**

Board Chair Fred Stanek called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance**

Allison Bret, Interim Assistant Principal at Bungay Elementary School led us in saluting the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 3 Public Comment:**

Members of Bungay School staff and Parents of students shared their thoughts on the needs of Bungay School and what they would like to see moving forward. Questions were asked about what the priorities would be and what are the next steps. All the items and concerns that were brought up were previously shared in this group. Mr. Stanek and Trisha Danka shared with the committee the process, how it works and what the next steps would be. The next step of this committee is to put together a report and move it forward to the Selectpersons in town to move forward and create a Building Committee. Mr. North, a parent of a student at Bungay School, discussed the importance of spreading the word and sharing the needs of Bungay School.

**Item 4: Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2023, Special Meeting**

A motion was made by Trisha Danka to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2023, Special Meeting. Tim Connors seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 yes 0 no

Fred Stanek: yes

Rebecca Bennett: yes

Jessica Butcaris: yes

Tim Connors: yes

Dr. Nobili: yes

Ed Strumello: yes

Trisha Danka: yes

#### Item 5 Further Discussion of the facility needs of Bungay School

Mr. Stanek recapped from our last meeting the priorities that are needed at Bungay School. Mr. Connors agreed as Facilities Director that the list created in this committee is most of the essential needs here at Bungay School. Mr. Stanek also reported that he had spoken with Mr. Nesteriak and that when the Bungay Road renovation occurs, 35 new parking spaces will be added for Bungay School. Dr. Nobili discussed the importance of Stem Labs and having a more updated library media center. A suggestion was made that the committee visit renovated schools and brand-new schools. Tim Connors also educated the committee how the state uses a specific formula based on students and square footage.

#### Item 6: Discussion and take possible action regarding recommendations to the Board of Selectpersons

The committee decided that we are ready to move forward and create our report to present to the Seymour Board of Selectpersons. Tim Connors and Rebecca Bennett along with other members of the committee will put together a report exhibiting the most important needs of Bungay School with supporting evidence. The committee will have their reports submitted prior to our deadline of December 31, 2023.

#### Item 7 Committee members comments

No additional comments currently.

#### Item 8: Public Comments:

The public members just reiterated the importance of keeping up with the times and renovating Bungay School. Everyone is agreement with the needs listed by the committee and reported they will support the committee in any way possible.

Item 9: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trisha Danka at 8:12pm to adjourn the meeting. Tim Connors seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 yes 0 no

Fred Stanek: yes

Rebecca Bennett: yes

Jessica Butcaris: yes

Tim Connors: yes

Dr. Nobili: yes

Ed Strumello: yes

Trisha Danka: yes



Rebecca Bennett

Secretary