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**Bungay Elementary School Building Committee
Special Meeting
March 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Seymour Board of Education
Central Office
Seymour, CT 06483**

Members Present: Fred Stanek, Peter Kubik, Tim Connors, Rebecca Bennett, Beth Nesteriak, Trisha Danka, Andy North, Dr. Nobili, Ed Strumello

Members Missing:

Others Present: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools, Matthew Bennett, Raymond Wiley Senior Project Manager from Colliers Engineering & Design

Item 1: Call the meeting to order

Co-Chairperson Fred Stanek called the meeting to order at 7:11pm

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Ed Strumello led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Public Comment

No public comment.

Item 4: Review and discussion of Bungay Elementary School - RAN vs. New Construction Estimate Comparison/Concept Level Estimate dated December 10, 2024.

The committee started by reading two documents that were provided by Fred Stanek. One of the documents was from Antinozzi Associates and the other Kurt Miller, Chief of Operations for the town.

Antinozzi Associates summarized the concerns regarding the roof, solar and boiler. Antinozzi reported that they were aware along with the committee that regardless of renovation or building new the roof and boiler would have to be touched to certify to the state that they would last another 20 years. It was also reported that the solar can be replaced in the new building but after cost analysis it is better and more economical to replace it with new. You take the chance of damage upon transport and storage. It was brought up that there currently is a 1.2million dollar pay back to the state they will need to occur in three years. Delaying the project any further from these dire needs will face a possible 4% increase each year equaling out to approximately 1.45 million. Antinozzi Associates closed with the fact that Bungay School is the only school in Seymour that has not experienced a facility wide update in 30 years. Antinozzi Associates stands by the best value remains moving forward with a new building.

Kurt Miller sent a document addressing two questions that were pending. Would the amortization fee be written off if where the old school was a playground and field space were created. The answer was no, however, it was discussed as a group that there are possible actions that the committee and/or Kurt Miller can take to possibly get this balance forgiven. Special legislation was discussed as a possible option. The frustration of the group is that this building is in dire need of help. It is the state who would opt for new being all the work that is required and would then be certified by the state for 20 years. Why is forgiveness of the amortization amount not an option. Kurt Miller and Fred Stanek both reported that they will continue to research different options and speak with the state.

It was also discussed that the town will have to go to bond for the full amount but will get reimbursed wither 56-66% of the state on completion of the new building. It will take a great

deal of education to make the public aware of the actual amount the town will be bonding for 30 years and that it is important for our debt ratio to show the state that we are giving back to our town.

Item 5: Discussion and take possible action regarding the development of a public information plan.

Rebecca Bennett and Beth Nesteriak shared with the committee the creation of the Bungay School Rebuild Alliance. This committee is made up of many community members with specific tasks. This committee is very well organized, structured and very enthusiastic. The committee has already spoken with the SEEC and created an account through the referendum. It was discussed how the group will be putting on multiple events for the whole town and showing up at any other events that we are aware of. We realize that communication is the key and want the public to understand how essential this is to the future of Seymour.

Item 8: Discussion and take possible action regarding the next steps to fulfill the charge of the Committee.

The committee decided that the information discussed tonight will be presented to the Board of Selectpersons on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, in the Norma Drummer Room at the Seymour Town Hall. Fred Stanek will speak with Antinozzi Associates to get a final cost analysis.

Item 9: Committee members comments, including Chairpersons' reports.

No further discussion at this time.

Item 10: Public Comment

No public comment.

Item 11: Adjournment

Fred Stanek, Board Co Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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