

**Bungay Elementary School Building Committee
Regular Meeting
May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Seymour Board of Education
Central Office
Seymour, CT 06483**

Members' Present: Rebecca Bennett, Andy North (on telephone), Trisha Danka, Dr. TJ Nobili, Beth Nesteriak
Fred Stanek arrived at 7:15pm
Peter Kubik arrived at 7:24pm.

Members Missing: Ed Strumello, Tim Connors

Others Present: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools, Michael LoSasso from Antinozzi Associates, Raymond Wiley, Senior Project Manager from Colliers Engineering & Design, Leila Burke (Bungay School Rebuild Alliance member), Narineh North (Bungay School Rebuild Alliance member), Renee Guliuzza (Bungay School Rebuild Alliance member), Lauren Reid, Principal of Bungay School.

Item 1: Call the meeting to order

Rebecca Bennett, secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Lauren Reid led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Public Comment

Leila Burke, 17 Stanley Drive emphasized the importance of this project and emphasized that now is the time

Item 4: Discussion and take possible action regarding the approval of the Committee's Minutes of April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Beth Nesteriak made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 8th, 2025, Regular Meeting. Dr. Tj Nobili seconded the motion.

In favor: 4

Rebecca Bennett
Beth Nesteriak
Dr. TJ Nobili
Andy North

Not in favor: 0

Abstention:1

Trisha Danka

Item 5: Discussion and take possible action regarding the preparation and filing of the application for reimbursement to the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services Office of State Grants for Bungay Elementary School.

Michael LoSasso from Antinozzi Associated reviewed the Educational Specifications and the changes that were recently made and approved by the Board of Education. Fred Stanek presented Michael with those certified minutes. Michael reviewed that they have started

submitting information to the state for the grants. The final information will be the Board of Finance approval on May 27, 2025, and then the approval of the minutes of that meeting. Michael reports that we should hopefully know about the amount of grant funding we will receive by December of 2025, if not sooner. Michael reviewed timeline expectations with the committee and Sec. 10-284 Approval of grant funding and Sec. 10-282 definitions related to grant funding applications. Michael shared some renderings of the outside view of the new Bungay Elementary School and the Library Media Center.

Item 6: Discussion and take possible action regarding the public information plan.

Rebecca Bennett updated the committee on all the Bungay School Rebuild Alliance has done and has planned. The alliance had an ambassador meeting where over 30 community members showed up. The Bungay School Alliance group is going to participate in the Memorial Day Parade and has a float. The alliance is also hosting a Run & Glow Crazy event at SHS on June 5th for all children in the community. It will be a free event with free vendors. Griffin Hospital is coming and giving out helmets to the first 100 children. We have also been blessed with many donations to make these events happen from: Wildcat Storage, Ice Cream Shop, Water Doctors, Haynes, Explores and Retina Solutions, just to name a few. It was discussed that when it gets closer to the referendum date, we will be purchasing yard signs, banners and billboards to support the vote. Rebecca Bennett emphasized how this group is amazing. The work that has been done and continues to be done is incredible.

Item 7: Discussion and take possible action regarding the next steps required to fulfill the charge of the committee.

The committee will have their regularly scheduled meeting in June. Committee members and Alliance members will attend the Board of Finance meeting on May 27th at 7pm in the Norma Drummer Conference Room.

Fred Stanek, Board Co-Chair, will provide Antinozzi Associates with the board's approval of the grant amount and the approval of the minutes.

Item 8: Committee members comments, including the Chairpersons' reports.

No further comments currently.

Item 9: Public comment.

Nerinah North, 4 Ajello Farm Rd, commented on how it makes her very sad realizing all that Bungay School is currently lacking. It is a failing infrastructure, and the children are truly missing out. Nerinah and other members of the public commented that they hope this gets passed and gets going, it is long overdue.

Lauren Reid, Principal of Bungay School, made a comment asking about a virtual walk through or a virtual tour. Lauren thought that would be very impactful

Item 10: Adjournment.

Fred Stanek, Board Co-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Bennett, Board Secretary

