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**Minutes
Bungay Elementary School Building Committee
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2025 at 7:00pm
Seymour Board of Education
Central Office
Seymour, CT 06483**

Members Present: Rebecca Bennett, Dr. TJ Nobili, Beth Nesteriak, Ed Strumello, Trisha Danka, Andry North.
Fred Stanek arrived at 7:47pm

Members Absent: Tim Connors & Pete Kubik

Others Present: Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Seymour Schools, Michael LoSasso from Antinozzi Associates, Joe Vetro & Corey Morin from O&G, Bob Labaner from Gilbone Building Company and Lauren Reid, Principal of Bungay Elementary School.

Item 1: Call meeting to order.

Rebecca Bennett, Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Susan Compton led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3: Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

Item 4: Discussion and take possible action regarding approval of the Committee's Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Beth Nesteriak made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting.

Trisha Danka seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 yes 0: No 0: abstention:0

Dr. Nobili
Ed Strumello
Rebecca Bennett
Beth Nesteriak
Andy North
Trisha Danka

Item 5: Discussion and take possible action on the approval of the Committee's 2026 Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule (see attached).

Beth Nesteriak made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for the 2026 school year.

Trisha Danka seconded the motion.

Dates for Regular Scheduled Meetings for 2026 year:

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- January 13, 2026
 - February 10, 2026
 - March 10, 2026
 - April 14, 2026
 - May 12, 2026
 - June 9, 2026
 - July 14, 2026
 - August 11, 2026
 - September 8, 2026
 - October 13, 2026
 - November 10, 2026
 - December 8, 2026

Vote: 6 yes 0: No 0: abstention:0

Dr. Nobili
Ed Strumello
Rebecca Bennett
Beth Nesteriak
Andy North
Trisha Danka

Item 6: Discussion and take possible action, if necessary, regarding the State Grant Application for reimbursement filed with the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services for Bungay Elementary School II.

Dr. Compton noted that she did speak with Michelle Dixon from the State and another female named Heather. Michelle Dixon so kindly sent an email to Dr. Compton congratulating her on the passing of the Bungay School Rebuild Referendum. Dr. Compton was checking to see if anything else needed to be sent in. Dr. Compton was also checking to see that the solar would be included since that new guidance went into effect July 1st and we had to submit and file by June 30th. Michelle Dixon was going to verify and get back to Dr. Compton. Michael LoSasso reported that the Priority List should be published by December 15th. Michael LoSasso reported that he has not heard anything from the state on his end.

Item 7: Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a Request for Qualifications and Proposals for architectural and construction plans and publication of the same for Bungay Elementary School II.

Beth Nesteriak brought a rough draft of the RFQ and RFP to the meeting. Beth plans on emailing it out to all members of the Building Committee after discussion tonight. Beth noted that she created this by looking at and blending together other RFQ/P's. Beth reported that some of the things that she would like the Board to pay special attention to are: size of projects, number of projects and set minimal qualifications.

Value Engineering was also discussed. What were the specific numbers from projects in the past and what did they do to stay within those numbers? Do they have processes and procedures related to this and can they give examples.

Also important to look at How did the project start, how many change orders were made and how did the overall project end.

Trisha Danka noted that there will always be change orders as a result of design errors/changes. It is important that we closely monitor to minimize the number of changes that will need to be made.

R Bennett asked if we would be able to see the RFQ/P's from the CLS project. The other members were not sure due to the time frame. It was suggested that an email be sent to K Miller to enquire.

Item 8: Discussion and take possible action regarding publication of a Preliminary Design and Construction Schedule for Bungay Elementary School II.

Beth Nesteriak reviewed what she preliminary had in the RFQ/P. Beth noted that we would have documents ready and go out to bid at either the end of 2025 or the beginning of 2026. The dates will be broken down further with a goal to move into the new school for the 2028-2029 school year.

Item 9: Comments of Committee members:

Rebecca Bennett reported that members of the Alliance Group reached out to Dr. Compton, Fred Stanek, Board Chair and First Selectwoman Ann Marie Drugonis to see if they can remain on as some sort of sub committee to the Bungay School project. The main goal of this committee would be to continue to share information and be transparent throughout the project. First Selectwoman and Dr. Compton was happy that the Alliance group wanted to remain intact and support the project. What the group would be called or specifically look like will further be broken down.

Trisha Danka reported that she was very happy that the Alliance group was remaining intact and a part of this project.

Item 10: Public Comment;

Dr. Compton wanted to again thank the Alliance Group for all their hard work stating that an 80% passing rate was so wonderful. Dr. Compton also thanked First Selectwoman Ann Marie Drugonis for creating the original Bungay School Facilities Needs group and Kurt Miller for his support with the financial numbers and time. Dr. Compton thanked the Building Committee for their dedication and countless hours that they have invested in this project and getting it passed and Beth specifically for creating and writing the RFQ/P for this project.

Cory Moren from O&G brought up the current schools that they are working on in Cheshire. Cory reported that he sent a Permanency Report to Board Chair, Fred Stanek. This report noted the market each quarter and inflation. Cory reported that they have a good amount of contacts and can often save money by getting items in a faster manner. Cory also mentioned that he would love to invite the committee to come tour the new schools at their building sites.

Item 11: Adjournment

Rebecca Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm

Fred Stanek arrived at the meeting at 7:47pm as the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Bennett
Secretary for Bungay School Building Committee



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