

Board of Education Special Meeting
Held Remotely Via Zoom
October 11, 2022

Call to Order

Board Chair Sattan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present (all via Zoom): Board members Terry Antrum, Tracy Cloyd, Jamie Drzyzga, Melissa Finnigan, Brian Fry, Glenn Gazdik, James Mol and Maureen Sattan; Superintendent Timothy Van Tasel

Absent: Board member Josh Barrows

Discussion/Action Items

- Suffield Middle School Building Project Proposal with Community Feedback

Board Chair Sattan introduced the night as an opportunity to begin community discussions on a possible town building project involving the school district. Superintendent Van Tasel spoke about the general timeline and process. This was focused on the timeline and process of the Long-range Facilities Study conducted by the Town. Next, Jeffrey Wyszynski and Antonia Ciaverella from Tecton Architects were introduced. They reviewed possible options for a Suffield Middle School project, should the town wish to move forward. Possible options included a SMS renovation (both with and without an addition) and a new building.

The presentation can be viewed here: [10.11.22 Community Conversation](#)

Questions from the community were solicited and answered, covering district enrollment projections, the square footage difference between options, state reimbursements, opportunities for shared spaces, and environmental concerns requiring abatement.

The Superintendent's office will be sending out a survey to the community to measure feedback on the presentation and the possible options for Suffield Middle School. The Board is interested in initial community input and encouraged the completion of the survey.

Adjournment

Finnigan moved, Cloyd seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. All members voted in favor.

Minutes are subject to approval at the regular meeting of November 7, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Sattan
Board Chair