

# Seymour Board of Education



## Facilities & Transportation Committee Meeting Agenda

September 23, 2024

Seymour BOE Central Office

7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:     Kristen Harmeling, Chair  
   Jim Garofolo  
   Lori Nespoli

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS:                     Pete Kubik  
   Kristen Bruno

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:                    Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools  
   Shannon Levey, Board Clerk  
   Tim Connors, Director of Facilities

### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

- Ms. Harmeling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 PM.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment provides the opportunity for the public to make a comment. It is not a dialogue between the Board and the public. Based upon what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may choose to add a topic to the agenda. If questions are posed that the Chairman can answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairman's Comments portion of the agenda. The Board will not discuss personnel matters. Comments should be respectful and no longer than 3 minutes in length so that all who wish to comment may have the opportunity to do so. All public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

- Public Comment called three times. No public comment.

### III. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

#### A. Review of Five-Year Capital/Needs Assessment Plan

- a. Ms. Harmeling asked Mr. Connors to have facilities assessment to line up with the line items on the budget. Mr. Connors has a separate plan for Bungay Elementary School. Ms. Harmeling expressed that no one from the board has been able to have any input and wants to ensure the BOE members have input in the planning. Dr. Compton reported that Bungay needs to be updated to better meet the needs of the special education population. Mr. Garofolo asked what categories should be established for Bungay such as 1) health and safety of students, 2) educational specs to promote better education, 3) physical requirements, with all of them being integrated to contribute the most to the education of the kids. Ms. Harmeling suggests starting with the "budgetary" line items. Mr. Kubik stated the number of kids will need to be determined soon because that will determine the amount of reimbursement. Dr. Compton stated that enrollment at Bungay is increasing. Mr. Kubik stated that the architects know the right questions to ask. Ms. Harmeling said the big takeaway for this topic is to reformat, include dollar amount, when the last update was, expected update date – all estimated of course. Dr. Compton said the number one issue at Bungay is the traffic and parking.

B. Review of SHS Athletics Action Plan

- a. All areas are pretty much complete except for the locker rooms and pool area. Could be approximately around 1 million dollars to update the locker rooms/pool area. Mr. Garofolo asked about grandfathering under certain codes. Mr. Connors explained it's different because of accessibility; also, because people from the public utilize the facilities. Ms. Harmeling requested clarity - because it was a part of the high school accreditation not ADA compliance. Mr. Garofolo asked Mr. Connors to include the life expectancy (e.g. boilers are at 23 years... of how many years/what is the actual life expectancy?) in his plan.

C. SHS Turf Field Report

- a. A report about where the field stands right now. The field is at 9 years with a life expectancy of 10 years. With the way it has been taken care of and with less use during covid the field has about 2 more years left. \$700-\$750 thousand to replace the turf. Mr. Connors said turf made now has a longer life expectancy than years ago (possibly 12+ years). Track alone would be \$500-\$600 thousand to be redone.

D. SHS Track Repair Plan

- a. Track alone would be \$500-\$600 thousand to be redone. Tim Sadek might have someone that could be able to patch the track. Ms. Harmeling asked if we are currently in a position to have or not have CIAC track meets.

E. Surplus Funds – 2023/2024 Budget

- a. Ms. Harmeling believes the surplus funds should be put towards facilities since facilities is the one area that is first to be cut. Ms. Harmeling asked what the facilities budget was cut to. She also asked Mr. Connors what he would spend his money on. He said our biggest costs are the “unknowns” (e.g. flooring). Bungay replaced 4 classroom floors for about \$18,000. Middle school floor near the gym and water fountain could be retiled but it's not a necessity, some patching repairs could solve it for about \$18,000-\$20,000. Mr. Garofolo asked about epoxy flooring rather than tiling. Mr. Connors said it's great, but the cost is about three times the amount as tiling. Dr. Compton said that flooring isn't absolutely necessary at this time. Bigger ticket items are going to go at some point. He does preventative maintenance. Ms. Harmeling asked Dr. Compton to check with Mr. Bucci how other districts handle situations like this and when unexpected facilities costs come up. Ms. Nespoli mentioned the hand driers in the SMS bathrooms. Ms. Harmeling asked Mr. Connors to explore options for bathrooms in SHS.

#### IV. REPORTS

A. Board of Education

1. Chairman Comments: none
2. Board Member Comments: none

B. Superintendent's Report

- This has been a good discussion. Dr. Compton worries about three years down the road with the field and track. She thinks it would be good for the town and school system to work together on this.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:59 by Kristen Harmeling.

Prepared by Shannon Levey,  
Board Clerk