



Seymour Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2025
Central Office Conference Room
7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Champagne, Chairperson
Kristen Bruno, Vice Chairperson
Ed Strumello
Pete Kubik
Jim Garofolo
Lori Nespoli

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephan Behuniak
Jay Hatfield
Kristen Harmeling

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Compton, Superintendent
Shannon Levey, Board Clerk
Fred Stanek, Selectperson

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:20 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 Chairperson is able to answer, those questions may be addressed under the Chairperson’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 the public wanting to comment will need to state their name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board.

Fred Stanek, 22 North Benham Road: Stated that if the budget fails again, the Board should clearly communicate to the public what specific cuts will be made and demonstrate the potential impact and consequences of those reductions.

Public Comment was called three times and was closed.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Educational Specifications for Bungay School prepared by Construction Solutions Group, LLC for the Seymour Board of Education, Approved February 3, 2025, Revised April 18, 2025



1. Mr. Stanek reported that an issue arose concerning the current solar panels at Bungay School. The panels are bonded, and their removal would result in a financial penalty. After review, the architects concluded that the solar panels can be used for the new Bungay School building, both on the roof and on the ground. As a result, the educational specifications require modification. The relevant changes are outlined on pages 11 and 12 of the revised document. Mr. Kubik noted that solar panels typically do not fail outright but gradually deteriorate over time, with an expected lifespan of approximately 25 years, after which they can be replaced. Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Kubic and Dr. Compton addressed the decision not to pursue geothermal energy. They cited existing issues with the geothermal system at Chatfield-LoPresti School and noted insufficient space at Bungay to support such a system. Additionally, problems at CLS were compounded by the opening of windows, which affected system performance. Mr. Champagne inquired about potential costs associated with the change. Mr. Stanek confirmed there would be no additional costs, as the solar panel solution is included within the scope of the current building project.

MOTION: (Pete Kubik / Ed Strumello) to accept and approve the Educational Specifications for Bungay School, 35 Bungay Road, Seymour, CT 06483 prepared by Construction Solutions Group, LLC for the Seymour Board of Education Approved February 3, 2025, Revised April 18, 2025.

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Strumello, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Champagne, Ms. Nespoli, Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Bruno

PASSES: 6-0-0

IV. REPORTS

- A. Board of Education
 1. Chairman Comments - none
 2. Board Member Comments - none
- B. Superintendent's Report
 1. Dr. Compton expressed her gratitude to the Building Committee for their time and dedication over the years. She noted that this represents a positive step forward and an effective approach to addressing the issue.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Prepared by: Shannon Levey,
Board Clerk