



**GAINFIELD & POMPERAUG ELEMENTARY
FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pomperaug Elementary School, (PES), located at 607 Main Street South in Southbury, and Gainfield Elementary School, (GES), located at 307 Old Field Road in Southbury, have been in use since 1967 and 1941, respectively. The District is evaluating these two schools to determine the best option(s) for educational use of these facilities. A Feasibility Study, including plans, phasing plans and cost estimates, will be used to determine the path forward for the District.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
Pomperaug High School Media Center
5:00 PM

PRESENT: Ms. Heather Dwyer, BOE
Mrs. Heather Rodgers, BOE
Dr. Sally Romano, BOE
Mr. Jason Van Stone, Southbury Selectman
Mr. John Michaels, Southbury Board of Finance (absent)
Mr. Ed St. John, Middlebury First Selectman
Mr. Vin Cipriano, Middlebury Board of Finance
Mr. Jon Romeo, Principal GES
Ms. Stephanie Furman, Principal PES
Ms. Lynne Dolan, Teacher, PES
Ms. Christina Hubbard, Teacher, GES
Mr. Jason Andrews, PES PTO (absent)
Ms. Molly Mandje, GES PTO

PRESENT Ms. Marion Manzo, Board of Education Chair
Non -Voting Joshua Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Joe Martino, Director of Finance Region 15
Ms. Antonia Ciaverella, Tecton Architects
Mr. Jeff Wyszynski, Tecton Architects

Ms. Manzo called the June 4, 2025 GES/PES Feasibility Study Committee meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Call to Order

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Ms. Dwyer IT WAS VOTED Approval of Minutes

“to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2025 GES/PES Feasibility Study Committee meeting” and passed with Mr. Cipriano, Ms. Dolan, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Furman, Ms. Hubbard, Ms. Mandje, Mrs. Rodgers, Dr. Romano, Mr. Romeo, Mr. St. John, and Mr. Van Stone voting, “aye. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Michaels were absent.

Mr. Wyszynski and Ms. Ciaverella presented the top three preferred options discussed by the committee during the May 22nd meeting. The committee agreed to bring the following recommendations to the Board of Education:

Tecton Architects:
Progress Update

- Purchase land and construct a single new school to serve both the GES and PES student populations.
- Construct a new PES on new land and rebuild GES on its existing property.
- Build two new schools on existing properties.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Van Stone, that the Feasibility Study Committee recommend the following three options to the Board of Education for consideration:

- Purchase land and construct a single new school to serve both the GES and PES student populations.
- Construct a new PES on new land and rebuild GES on its existing property.
- Build two new schools on existing properties.

The motion passed, with Mr. Cipriano, Ms. Dolan, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Furman, Ms. Hubbard, Ms. Mandje, Mrs. Rodgers, Dr. Romano, Mr. Romeo, Mr. St. John, and Mr. Van Stone voting “aye.” Mr. Andrews and Mr. Michaels were absent.

Approval of GES/PES
Feasibility Study
Committee
Recommendation

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Dr. Romano
IT WAS VOTED

Adjourn

“to adjourn the June 4, 2025 GES/PES Feasibility Study Committee meeting at 6:45 p.m.” Mr. Cipriano, Ms. Dolan, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Furman, Ms. Hubbard, Ms. Mandje, Mrs. Rodgers, Dr. Romano, Mr. Romeo, Mr. St. John, and Mr. Van Stone voting “aye.” Mr. Andrews and Mr. Michaels were absent.