

**Seymour Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

October 14, 2025

6:30 PM

Central Office

Board Members Present: Kristen Bruno
Ed Strumello
Pete Kubik
Lori Nespoli
Jim Garofolo

Members Absent: Chris Champagne
Kristen Harmeling
Jay Hatfield
Stephan Behuniak

Others Present: Dr. Susan Compton
Shannon Levey

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Bruno called the meeting to order at 6:35 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.

Fred Stanek, 111 middle benham rd. - thanked the board

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting October 6, 2025

MOTION:(Pete Kubik / Ed Strumello) to accept the consent agenda as presented

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

PASSES: 5-0-0

IV. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Review CABA Mandated Policies in preparation for November 5, 2025 BOE Meeting

Mr. Strumello reported that approximately 90% of the policies are identical to the mandated versions, with only a few minor modifications made to better fit the needs of Seymour. He noted that if the policies do not

receive a two-thirds vote, they will need to be revisited at the following meeting. If the two-thirds threshold is met, the policies can be approved, allowing the committee to move on to other policies.

Dr. Compton advised the group to review the policies, noting that Mr. Champagne and Mr. Strumello have already done so and that they are mandated for approval. She highlighted one policy regarding library media, emphasizing that while the district has not encountered any issues in this area, it is a beneficial policy to have in place.

No action taken.

B. Bungay Building Committee Updates (Pete Kubik, Ed Strumello)

Mr. Kubik reported that the referendum passed by a landslide, noting he never expected such a significant margin of approval. He credited the Bungay Rebuild Alliance Group for their outstanding efforts, emphasizing that voter turnout was higher than ever before. The referendum passed with **1,744 votes in favor and 391 opposed**, representing **82% approval**.

Dr. Compton thanked Mr. Stanek for his hard work and dedication, as well as the members of the Rebuild Alliance Group for their continued efforts. Mr. Kubik added that he would receive a recap from the architects at the Building Committee meeting later that evening regarding project timelines, rates, and other details.

Mr. Strumello expressed hope that the strong turnout for this referendum will help parents recognize the importance of their vote in future budget referendums and how much of a difference it can make.

Ms. Bruno also noted the strong participation of senior community members, highlighting that many of the same families who have long supported the district came out to vote. She remarked that it was wonderful to see the entire community come together in support of the project.

V. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Comments - Ms. Bruno commended the Building Committee, the Bungay Rebuild Alliance Group—recognizing their efforts carried out with kindness and facts—and Mr. Stanek for their dedication and hard work in support of the project.

B. Board Members Comments - no comments

C. Superintendent's Comments - Dr. Compton expressed how proud she was that the referendum passed, recognizing all those who made an impact and worked so hard to make it happen. She stated that it was a historic day for Seymour — a day for the students — as the district moves forward with building a 21st-century school. Dr. Compton shared that it was wonderful to see so many parents and seniors come out to support the project and thanked everyone who participated. She noted that this was a record-breaking moment for Seymour, with the highest voter turnout in the town's history.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Prepared by: Shannon Levey,
Board Clerk