

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT
Board of Education
Special Bathroom Committee Meeting Monday, January 5, 2026
7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting/School Library

Present: Caitlin Greenhouse, Gerard Cremé, Anne Cremé, Brianne Lanzieri (virtual), Marcie Miner (virtual), Sharon St. Rock (virtual), Bill Desrosiers, Robert England (virtual), Beata Gadomski (virtual), Louise Goodwin (virtual), Dianne Grenier (virtual), Liz Lokiec (virtual), Jeff Murray, Kimberly Person (virtual), Dr. Ed Sarisley (virtual), Amber Pritchard (virtual), Josh Boudreau (virtual), Valerie Bruneau, Jodiann Tenney (virtual), Jeff Maguire

1. Call to Order: BOE Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Greenhouse.

2. Brief Presentation by Fuss & O’Neill Representative Virtually, Specifically to Address Design-Build Advantage

Chairperson Greenhouse did a brief timeline overview of how we got to where we are now. Introduced Josh Boudreau of Fuss & O’Neill to briefly speak about a Design Build project and the advantages. He explained that RFI’s could delay a project and that the collaboration with the Richards Group as one point of contact and one bill to the firm would be an advantage. He anticipates that this project would get done much quicker and more effectively and efficiently with this model.

3. Eric Sanderson Letter Regarding Support for Design-Build

Erik Sanderson spoke to the letter he submitted to the committee on behalf of a Design Build, the price, as well as the vendors selected. He spoke to the minor deficiencies he noted early on in the process that went back to the design team at Fuss & O’Neill and were corrected. He believes the project will have all the resources both Fuss & O’Neill and Richards Group have to offer.

4. Discussion by BOE Committee on Presentation (if needed)

J. Murray was concerned that his suggestions were not all considered. Conversation regarding the door swing took place. Although the door swing is the same that it was prior to this project, it can be revisited with the general contractor as the project moves ahead to see if there is something the Board wants changed to not have the doors so close when swinging closed.

The flushers were discussed. J. Murray wants the flush-less; the BOE has visited this already weighing the pros and cons and decided that the traditional would fit the need better. Lighting considerations were discussed. J. Murray would like consideration for moving the lights from the old locations.

5. Comments From the Public on Agenda Items

J. Boudreau: Egress and safety codes, as well as ADA considerations, need to be noted.

B. Desrosiers: Believes Fuss & O'Neill are experts and values the opinion of Erik Sanderson because of his background and concurs that a Design Build has all the advantages we need, but does want to see the other comparable numbers and quotes that C. Greenhouse is getting.

M. Miner: Considered a Design Build for her home, but her design would have made her project 2M instead of 1M.

R. England: Agrees with B. Desrosiers, wants to see more quotes to be sure but agrees with Design Build; also noted that traditional flushers are good for small children.

D. Grenier: Agreed with R. England and is happy there was a meeting.

S. St. Rock: All set.

Dr. Ed Sarisley: Believes in Design Build but spoke about bids.

L. Lokiec: Asked how C. Greenhouse got the names of the other companies for quotes. C. Greenhouse answered that there were many at a school/BOE resource fair at the convention and she has been speaking with a couple from there.

K. Person: All set.

B. Gadowski: Wanted to know when parents can expect an update and thanked Jeff for addressing policy.

A. Pritchard: All set.

L. Goodwin: Happy to see we are getting two more opinions.

B. Lanzieri: All set.

A. Cremé: All set.

J. Maguire: Asked about a copy of the signed Fuss & O'Neill contract.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Regular BOE Meeting – January 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie E. Bruneau
Superintendent

*Amendment 2/9/26

Marcie Miner wishes to add the following:

J. Murray was concerned his suggestions were not considered. Conversations regarding door swing took place. Discussion of policy 3323 took place. The toilet flushers were discussed. Lighting was discussed.

Under #5 – M. Miner: “Considered a design build but spoke of how it would make her home project cost \$1,000,000 instead of \$500k.”