

TOWN OF SHERMAN
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025
6:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

Presentation Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwftyjoNFAI>

The school building committee (SBC) special meeting was called to order by committee chair Kerry Merkel at 6:32 PM.

⇒ **PRESENT**

For the committee:	Kerry Merkel (Chair), Bob Gamper (Vice Chair), Jim Best, Dave Febbraio, Tim Laughlin (BOE member)
BOS & Treasurer:	Don Lowe (First Selectman), Andrea Maloney (Treasurer)
SHERMAN SCHOOL:	Dr. Pat Consentino (Superintendent)
Newfield:	John Flis (Project Executive), Rich Breitenbach Jr. (Project Manager)
Public:	Kasey Diotte

[D. Lowe joined at 6:34 PM]

⇒ **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS RELATED TO DISCOVERED CONDITIONS IN GYMNASIUM FLOORING SYSTEMS AND TILE REMOVAL**

K. Merkel stated there were two change orders to discuss. Change Order #1 is a credit, a deductive change order, in the amount of \$3,466.92. This is for a reduction in the art tiles that have existed on some of the walls in the school. Some tiles are being covered by new construction work. During efforts to remove the tiles, many tiles have fallen apart. It was proposed that they no longer be saved.

A. Maloney **made a motion** to approve Change Order #1 for the reduction in wall tiles to be removed and salvaged.

Seconded by: T. Laughlin

Vote For: All in Favor

Per K. Merkel Change Order #2 is in the amount of \$20,185.09. This change order addresses the existing gym floor. During demolition a significant dimension change and odd condition was discovered. This was new to all the teams involved. This change order recommends to remove and demolish what is being described as the mounded cementitious material from the previous

floor in order to prepare the appropriate and required subfloor for the new gym floor that will be installed and to meet and transition with the existing and adjacent door floor materials and door opening thresholds.

K. Merkel **made a motion** to approve Change Order #2.

Seconded by: D. Lowe

Vote For: All in Favor

⇒ **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

BOARD/COMMITTEE COMMENTS

A. Maloney explained that as change orders arise, there will be a need for special meetings to keep on track with the project timeline. J. Flis thanked K. Merkel for her description of the change orders.

ADJOURNMENT

K. Merkel adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.