

TOWN OF SHERMAN  
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026  
12:00 PM  
VIA ZOOM

Presentation Link: <https://youtu.be/JSHrVEnEITY>

The school building committee (SBC) special meeting was called to order by Kerry Merkel at 12:03 PM.

⇒ **PRESENT**

For the committee:	Kerry Merkel (Chair), Jim Best, Christian, Dacunha, Tim Laughlin (BOE member), Matt Vogt (BOE Chair)
BOS & Treasurer:	Don Lowe (First Selectman)
Sherman School:	Dr. Pat Consentino (Superintendent)
Antinozzi Associates:	Michael LoSasso (Principal Architect)
CSG LLC:	Samantha D'Agostino (Project Manager)
Newfield:	John Flis (Project Executive), Benjamin Chasse (Assistant Project Manager)

⇒ **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None at this time.

⇒ **APPROVAL OF CURRENT CHANGE ORDERS**

B. Chasse shared the change order log with the committee showing six change orders totaling \$106,897.63 for review. The first change order is with respect to the fire service main location in the amount of \$6,541.85. The second change order addresses drywall replacement and removal in the renovation wing (\$93,246.26). C. Dacunha asked for background on this specific change order. Per T. Laughlin it was due to pre-existing water damage and related mold.

The third change order presented by B. Chasse involves the removal of a ceiling fan in the cafeteria which was deemed to be redundant and amounts to a 6,167.13 credit in terms of electrical services. The fourth change order involves revisions to the electrical room to accommodate different slab elevations (\$4,715.98). The fifth change order is for ground heater rental and water storage tanks on site which is covered under the construction management contingency. The last change order is for additional rock removal (\$8,560.67) above the original allowance.

K. Merkel proposed that all change orders be approved in a single motion and vote.

K. Merkel **made a motion** to approve potential change orders 18, 14R, 19, 20, 21 and 22 in the total amount of \$106,897.63.

**Seconded by:** M. Vogt

**Vote For:** All in favor

⇒ **NEW BUSINESS:**

⇒ **REVIEW CT DAS 1049R SUBMISSION AND PROCESS**

T. Laughlin advised they are at the stage of the process whereby the CSG team has assisted in preparing the 1049R. The 1049R is the formal update for each project to budget. He went on to explain that they are concurrently in the process of finalizing their furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) schedules as well as the technology package. They have to go through a PCR review with the state. He went on to add that the goal is to align the 1049R submission with the final budget packages for the FF&E and technology. The anticipated completion time is slated for the end of next week.

⇒ **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None at this time.

⇒ **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Monday, March 16, 2026 – Regular Meeting  
*TBD – Special Meeting if Required*

**ADJOURNMENT**

K. Merkel adjourned the meeting at 12:22 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Christine D. Aruza, clerk for the School Building Committee, on March 9, 2026.