

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

(*Attachments are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.)

Committee of the Whole

November 13, 2017

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on November 13, 2017 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kim Shepardson Watson, Board Chairperson, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Gary Baker
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson
Mrs. Rita Volkmann
Mr. Jay Weitlauf
Mrs. Lee White

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. Daniel Gaiewski, Student Representative
Miss Cindy Pan, Student Representative
Mrs. Beth Horler, GEA President
Mr. Douglas Manfred, GEA Vice President
Joseph Arcarese, Principal, Fitch High School
Mr. Matt Brown, Assistant Principal, Fitch High School
Ms. Erin McGuire, Assistant Principal, Fitch High School
Mr. Peter Bass, Principal, Cutler Middle School
Mr. Jeff Kotecki, Principal, West Side Middle School
Mr. Jemal Davis, Assistant Principal, West Side Middle School
Mr. Peter Crump, Social Studies Teacher, Fitch High School
Ms. Carmita Hodge, Social Studies Teacher, Fitch High School
Ms. Margaret Courter, Special Education Teacher, Fitch High School
Mr. Jason England, Science Teacher, Fitch High School
Ms. Caitlin Kennedy, Math Teacher, Fitch High School
Ms. Lisa Dragoli, French Teacher, Fitch High School
Mr. Robert Rafka, Science Teacher, Fitch High School
Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, Social Studies Teacher, Fitch High School
Mrs. Portia Bodolon, Parent

1. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2017

MOTION: Ackerman, White: To approve the minutes of October 16, 2017.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. FHS College Level Classes Report

Mr. Arcarese introduced FHS teachers of College Level Classes: E. Porter, C. Hodge, P. Crump, J. England, C. Kennedy, R. Rafka, M. Courter, and L. Dragoli. Mr. Arcarese read a statement from Janine Sullivan of her view of college level classes. Each of the teachers' present shared their views and experiences with teaching college level classes as well as their view on the need or not for Basic level classes.

3. High School Schedule Review [ATTACHMENTS #1, 2]

Ms. McGuire gave a PowerPoint presentation on the process used at FHS in building a Master Schedule as well as an overview of Career Clusters.

4. Secondary Data – SBAC/SAT/AP [ATTACHMENT #3]

Mr. Matt Brown gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FHS SBAC/SAT/PSAT/IB/AP results.

5. Middle School Schedule Review [ATTACHMENT #4]

Mr. Kotecki gave an overview of the middle schedule and how it functions.

6. Middle School SBAC Results [ATTACHMENT #5]

Mr. Kotecki and Mr. Bass gave a PowerPoint presentation of the SBAC results at each of their schools.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, White: To adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY