

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

November 20, 2017

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on November 20, 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 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

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

Mr. Gary Baker

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. Ken Knight, Business Manager
Mr. Ernie Koschmieder, Food Services Director
Mr. Daniel Gaiewski, Student Representative
Mr. Douglas Manfred, GEA Vice President

1. Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2017

MOTION: Robertson, Volkmann: To approve the minutes of November 13, 2017.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. Alliance District Program Overview [ATTACHMENT #1]

Dr. Graner gave a brief overview of how Groton has come to be selected as an Alliance District. He noted that New London, Norwich, Killingly, and Windham are also Alliance Districts. He further noted that he received a call on Thursday from the Commission who stated 2 things:

- Alliance Districts must meet the MBR (minimum budget requirement);
- Alliance Districts have to meet significant professional development requirements.

3. **Object Code Summary [ATTACHMENT #2]**

Mr. Knight gave an overview of the Object Code Summary dated November 20, 2017.

4. **Health Insurance Report [ATTACHMENT #3]**

Mr. Knight gave an overview of the Health Insurance Report for the months of July, August, and September.

5. **FY 18 Budget Adjustment Proposal [ATTACHMENT #4]**

Dr. Graner gave an overview of the FY 18 Budget Adjustment Proposal. It consists of items that were reduced from the original budget as well as needed additional items as a result of the closure of Pleasant Valley Schools.

6. **Facilities/Transportation/Food Services**

Groton 2020 - Mr. Kilpatrick noted that the PSBC have selected the Construction Manager at Risk (OMG) and that 3 new members have been added to the PSBC – Christie Post, Jaime Giordano, and Doug Manfred.

Transportation – Mr. Kilpatrick stated that the Transfinder is doing well. He also noted that Ken Knight, Dr. Graner and himself will be meeting with STA to discuss extending the transportation contract with STA.

Food Services – Mr. Koschmieder gave an overview of Eastern Point Concession Stand. He noted that it had been previously handled by the Garcia family. Upon the death of Mrs. Garcia, the opportunity for the Groton Public Schools to take over the stand presented itself.

He further noted the positives of taking over the stand:

- that tee shirts with a logo printed by FHS students are being sold.
- Student input was utilized i.e., beach towels with a logo that is also being sold.
- that this entire process has been a learning adventure.
- that the City was wonderful to work with.

He also noted the negatives of taking over the stand:

- the loss of water on day and the inability to operate.
- the amount of rain on Fridays with clearing on Saturdays.
- the need to fine tune the contract.
- that storage is an issue.
- that the Stand had been broken into and that coffee cups and lids were the only thing taken.

7. **Discussion of the BOE 2018 Meeting Schedule [ATTACHMENT #5]**

Dr. Graner reviewed the proposed BOE 2018 Meeting Schedule noting that the only part of the schedule in question is the second COW schedule. He asked if the Board wanted to keep the schedule as is or go back to having the Curriculum Committee and the Finance/Facilities Committee meet in place of the second COW. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the schedule as is and if the need arises for the Curriculum Committee or the Finance/Facilities Committee to meet, that meeting would be Special meeting.

8. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Ackerman, White: To adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY