

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
SHENNECOSSETT YACHT CLUB

Members Present: Chairperson Kim Shepardson Watson, Vice Chairperson Andrea Ackerman, Katrina Fitzgerald, Jane Giuliani, Gretchen Newsome, Rosemary Robertson, Rita Volkmann, Lee White, Jay Weitlauf

Also Present: Michael Graner, Susan Austin

Chairman Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a Board retreat.

Great By Choice - Chapter 3: 20 Mile March – Jay Weitlauf recommended that the Board implement a document repository for all documents presented to the Board of Education.

Characteristics of a Board Member – Rita Volkmann distributed the document “Eight Characteristics of an Effective School Board” for future review (see attachment).

Committee Structure – The Board discussed at length the current committee structure and meeting schedule (including two C.O.W. meetings). Several Board members thought it would be useful to reinstate both the Finance/Facilities Committee and the Curriculum Committee, which could meet one hour prior to the C.O.W. meetings or the regular BoE meeting. The matter was referred to the January 22, 2018 BoE meeting for a vote.

CABE/CAPSS Convention Reports – This item was tabled.

Board of Education Vision/Sustainability – Dr. Graner presented a 5-year timeline overview which included all the district initiatives including Groton 2020 - big umbrella, EXPECT (MYP, STEM, Arts/Humanities), Alliance District, Teacher College Reading/Writing Workshops, and Math Workshops.

Alliance District Program - Accountability Index and Alignment with Strategic Plan – Susan Austin provided an overview of the Accountability Index regarding the district’s status as an Alliance District. She distributed CSDE documents including “Next Generation Accountability System,” the CSDE Performance Office Newsletter *Performance Matters* which explained how Alliance Districts are identified, and a document explaining how Alliance Districts track progress (see attachments).

Groton 2020 Advisory Committees – This item was tabled.

MOTION: Weitlauf, White; to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.
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