

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

February 21, 2018

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on February 21, 2018 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Board Vice Chairperson, at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Jane Giulini
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson
Mrs. Rita Volkmann (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Mr. Jay Weitlauf
Mrs. Lee White

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Samuel Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. Ken Knight, Business Manager
Mrs. Laurie LePine, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Rachael Franco, Town Council Member
Mr. Michael Whitney, RTM Member

1. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2018

MOTION: Robertson, Giulini: To approve the minutes of February 12, 2018.
PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. Health Insurance Update [ATTACHMENT #1]

Mr. Knight and Mrs. LePine gave an overview of the Health Insurance data.

3. Object Code Summary [ATTACHMENT #2]

Dr. Graner reviewed the Object Code Summary data dated February 9, 2018 for FY 18.

4. **Alliance District budget proposal [ATTACHMENT #3]**

Ms. Austin gave an overview of the 2017-2018 Alliance District/Priority School District budget. Ms. Austin noted that it is divided into four (4) sections:

- I. Talent Priorities
- II. 2017-18 Academic Priorities
- III. 2017-18 Culture and Climate Priorities
- IV. 2017-18 Operations Priorities

5. **Class Sizes/Enrollment Report**

Dr. Graner reviewed the class sizes and enrollment data previously distributed.

6. **Budget [ATTACHMENTS #4, 5]**

Dr. Graner reviewed the outcome of each Budget Worksession meetings and the current proposed budget reductions that would bring the budget to a 2.38% increase.

Extensive discussion was held on the proposed budget. Suggestions were made to use funds from the health insurance reserve to pay OPEB and a cut of approximately \$300,000 from the tuition account that would bring the budget to a .95% increase. Dr. Graner will investigate the feasibility of these proposals.

7. **Referral List**

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

REMOVED:

- R2017-13 Discussion of the reinstatement of the Curriculum Committee
- R2018-1 Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee Structure

8. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Ackerman, Weitlauf: To adjourn at 8:15 p.m.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY