

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

**Committee of the Whole**

**March 12, 2018**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on March 12, 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. Rita Volkmann  
Mr. Jay Weitlauf  
Mrs. Lee White

Mrs. Gretchen Newsome  
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Denise Doolittle, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Mr. Samuel Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Mr. Daniel Gaiewski, Student Representative  
Mrs. Rachael Franco, Town Council Member

Dr. Graner introduced John Burt, Town Manager, who gave an overview of the budget and the proposed land swap.

**1. Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2018**

**MOTION:** White, Giulini: To approve the minutes of February 21, 2018.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. EXPECT Grant Update (Arts & Humanities Magnet, STEM Magnet, MYP Application)**

Dr. Graner gave an overview of how we applied for the EXPECT Grant. Ms. Austin noted the workshop she, Kathy Wilson, Leslie Forbes, and Amy Murphy attended regarding MYP was excellent. Each shared their experience from the workshop and the overall enthusiasm shown by the teachers regarding Magnet Themes and MYP. Rebecca Beyus explained the lottery process being used.

**3. Accountability Index Report [ATTACHMENTS #1, 2]**

Dr. Graner reviewed the Next Generation Accountability Report: 2015-2016 & 2016-2017.

Mrs. Doolittle addressed chronic absenteeism and the Tiered Series System of Intervention. Amy Ruotola shared the efforts of the Safe School Climate Committee and Adam Diskin reviewed the outreach and community resources.

**4. Committee Structure**

The Board discussed the meeting times of the standing committee and whether to have 1 or 2 COW meetings. It was the consensus of the Board that the following will occur:

Policy Committee will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Curriculum Committee will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.\*

Finance/Facilities Committee will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.\*

COW will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m.; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday will focus on curriculum and student data issues and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday will focus on finance and facilities issues.

Regular BOE meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

- The Chairs of the Curriculum Committee and the Finance/Facilities Committee will call a meeting only when there are items to discuss.

**5. Update regarding planned student-lead event on March 14, 2018**

It was noted that the high school will be locked down 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and an assembly will be held where gun violence will be addressed. The League of Voters will be in attendance and will do pre-registering with students.

The middle schools will take 17 minutes for recognitions of victims of gun violence.

**6. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Ackerman, Fitzgerald: To adjourn at 8:29 p.m.  
**PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**