

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

April 9, 2018

A special meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on April 9, 2018 in CR 2 of the Town Hall Annex.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Board Vice Chairperson, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson (arrived at 6:52 p.m.)

Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson

Mrs. Rita Volkmann

Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald

Mrs. Jane Giulini

Mrs. Gretchen Newsome

Mrs. Rosemary Robertson

Mr. Jay Weitlauf

Mrs. Lee White

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Ken Knight, Business Manager

Miss Cindy Fan, Student Representative

Mr. Daniel Gaiewski, Student Representative

Mrs. Portia Bodolon, RTM Member

Mr. Michael Whitney, RTM Member

1. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2018

MOTION: Robertson, Giulini: To approve the minutes of March 19, 2018.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. Review of BOE Template [ATTACHMENT #1]

Dr. Graner gave an overview of the BOE Template and made adjustments with Board input.

3. Review of the 2017-2018 School Calendar

Dr. Graner reviewed the 2017-2018 School Calendar in regard to what the last day of school should be for teachers and students. Dr. Graner recommended that the last day of school for students should be June 22, 2018, (180th day) and that teachers should have PD on June 25, 2018 (186th day by contract).

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent. This item will be placed on the April 23, 2018 Board Agenda for a vote.

4. **FY 18 Budget Update [ATTACHMENTS #2, 3]**

Mr. Knight gave an overview of the FY 18 Budget Summary dated April 5, 2018. Mr. Knight gave an overview of the Health Insurance Reserve noting that as of June 30, 2017 there was 2.7 million dollars in the reserve. He noted that the OPEB would not be taken out of the reserve until 2018. Dr. Graner also addressed questions regarding district staffing. Attachment #3 provides an overview of total district personnel from FY 11 through FY 19.

5. **FY 18 DoDEA Grant Proposal**

Ms. Austin gave an overview of the proposed FY 18 DoDEA Grant. She noted that she and Shannon Weigle met with representatives from across the district to discuss ideas for enhancing the STEM options. She shared the many ideas generated.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated for the record that she did not like using the DoD Supplemental Impact Aid grant to supplement the Board's budget. Board members in attendance concurred.

6. **FY 19 Budget Update [ATTACHMENT #4]**

Dr. Graner and Mr. Knight reviewed proposed adjustments to the FY 19 budget.

7. **Groton 2020**

Dr. Graner noted that significant movement has occurred and that an announcement may be forthcoming. He noted that the Architect for the new elementary schools will be identified next week. He also noted that a committee is needed to discuss the themes of the proposed Magnet Schools.

Mrs. Watson asked for Board volunteers to serve on the proposed committee: Mrs. Giuliani, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. White, Mrs. Newsome, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Weitlauf, and Mrs. Watson volunteered to serve. Board members suggested that there be student representatives, educators from the 2 schools and/or a new survey, and parents. Board members suggested that the size of the committee should be no more than 20.

8. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Weitlauf, Robertson: To adjourn at 7:41 p.m.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY