

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

May 7, 2018

A special meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on May 7, 2018 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Board Chairperson, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

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

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. Ken Knight, Business Manager
Mr. Daniel Gaiewski, Student Representative

1. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2018

MOTION: Robertson, White: To approve the minutes of April 9, 2018.
PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. FHS Weighted GPA [ATTACHMENTS #1, 2]

Mr. Arcarese gave an overview of the prior approved 9th grade GPA scale and the present class of 2019 and 2020 weighted GPA as well as the proposed weighted GPA for the classes of 2019 and 2020.

This item will be placed on the agenda of the May 29, 2018 agenda.

3. FY 19 Budget [ATTACHMENTS #3, 4]

Mr. Knight reviewed the recommended FY 19 budget adjustments and the Object Code Summary dated May 7, 2018 that shows an unexpended balance of \$476,673.

4. Health Insurance Report [ATTACHMENTS #5, 6]

Mr. Knight gave an overview of the Health Insurance Reserve as well as the health insurance expenses for FY 17 and FY 18.

5. CIP [ATTACHMENT #7, 8, 9, 10]

Dr. Graner gave an overview of the submission of the CIP regarding water quality in the district beginning April 2016 where FHS, PV and CC were found to have concerns. These concerns were addressed by bringing in bottled water and/or removing the water fountains from service.

Mrs. Volkmann asked Mr. Kilpatrick for a running tab for providing bottle water in necessary areas as well as the cost each time the water was tested.

Mr. Gaiewski pointed out two areas at the high school that may not have been tested.

6. Agenda Development for BoE/TC/RTM Liaison Committee Meeting

Mrs. Watson noted that in talking with the Mayor there would be 3 Town Council members along with 3 Board Members (White, Robertson, Weitlauf) on the BoE/TC/RTM Liaison Committee. She also noted that she has talked to the City Mayor for a representative from the City. The first meeting date has yet to be determined.

7. Referral List and Suggested Agenda Items

- Mrs. White stated that starting Thursday, a food series will be held at the Groton Public Library, every Thursday free of charge.
- The following referral list items were reviewed:
 - R2017-20 Discussion of playground safety and consistency (aides don't have radios) (KF)
 - Mr. Kilpatrick noted that speakers for announcements will be installed.
 - Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that she would like a report on playground safety.
 - R2017-29 Discussion of transportation re: Intra-district Magnet Schools (RV)
 - This item will be placed on a COW agenda and will include survey results

(Mrs. Newsome left at 8:15 p.m.)

- R2018-6 Discussion of IB students paying for their test (RV)
- R2017-19 Discussion of the high school guidelines re: cell phones (why did FHS change process) (RV)
 - The policy should be reviewed and it should be determined if FHS follows the policy.

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- Superintendent and BOE Evaluations
Superintendent evaluation is done in June (per Mrs. Volkmann); the BOE evaluation is done in the summer.

- Mrs. Watson noted that at the May 29, 2018 Regular meeting the certificates for staff acknowledgement will be read by the Principals.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, White: To adjourn at 8:23 p.m.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY