

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

June 18, 2018

The regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on June 18, 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 6:09 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson  
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald  
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome  
Mr. Jay Weitlauf  
Mrs. Lee White

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Rosemary Robertson  
Mrs. Jane Giuliani  
Mrs. Rita Volkmann

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 June 11, 2018**

**MOTION:** White, Ackerman: To approve the minutes of June 11, 2018 with corrections. **PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. FHS Parking Lot design fundraiser [ATTACHMENTS #1]**

The Junior Class Officers, Daniel Gaiewski, Brittney Toussaint, Faye Cleetus, and Abbey Tuoghy, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed FHS Parking Lot design fundraiser. Ms. McGuire, Ms. Castor, Ms. Halliwell, and Ms. Reising were also in attendance to contribute to the presentation and answer questions. A concern was raised by the students regarding Custodian Union issues.

Dr. Graner stated that he would contact the Custodial Union representative to resolve the issues.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the FHS Parking Lot design fundraiser condition with the resolution of the Custodial Union issues.

**3. Curriculum and Instruction Council Update [ATTACHMENT #2]**

Ms. Austin gave an overview of the Curriculum and Instruction Council summer work (June, 2018 – August, 2018).

**4. Update re: APEX Learning Software Program**

This item was tabled until the June 25, 2018 for approval as a summer pilot.

**5. Adjustments of FY 19 BoE Budget to align with approved budget [ATTACHMENT #3]**

Mr. Knight gave an overview of the FY 19 BoE Budget to align with the approved budget.

This item will be placed on the Regular agenda of June 25, 2018 for Board approval.

**6. Discussion of other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligations [ATTACHMENT #4]**

Dr. Graner gave an overview of other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligations and the proposed plan to meet these obligations (3-year plan).

**7. Alliance District Grant – revised budget [ATTACHMENT #5]**

Ms. Austin gave an overview of the revised budget for the Alliance District Grant. Ms. Austin noted that Laurie LePine, Director of Human Resources, works hard at addressing minority recruitment throughout the district and she also noted the conference she and Nadine Macklin, Special Education Supervisor, will be attending next week in Hartford.

**8. Referral List and Suggested Agenda Items**

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

Mrs. Fitzgerald made a referral for discussion of Social Worker to address attendance issues.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Ackerman, Weitlauf: To adjourn at 8:02 p.m.  
**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**