

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

**Committee of the Whole**

**September 17, 2018**

A special meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on September 17, 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 6:07 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson  
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald  
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)  
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson  
Mr. Jay Weitlauf  
Mrs. Lee White

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Jane Giulini  
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  
Miss Addie Clark, Student Representative

**1. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2018**

**MOTION:** Ackerman, White: To approve the minutes of September 10, 2018.  
**PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Alliance District Grant Update**

Dr. Graner noted that a meeting had been planned last week with Commissioner Wentzell; however, the Commissioner was unable to attend. Dr. Graner was referred to the CSDE's legislative liaison officer. Dr. Graner was informed that no Alliance Grant funds were allocated for Thompson and Groton. However, funding could be addressed through a legislative solution with a bill that would be considered in the spring of 2019. The outcome of this would not be known before June 2019.

**3. Update re: Student Academic and Behavior Data by Subgroup**

Dr. Graner noted that he has instructed Principals to prepare to present student academic and behavior data by subgroups. He also noted that a report would be presented at the next COW.

**4. Update re: School Enrollment (Attachment #1)**

Mrs. Watson read a comment from Mrs. Volkmann regarding her concerns with enrollment numbers and her belief of the Administration's ability to resolve them.

Ms. Austin reviewed the enrollment data as of September 7, 2018. She also noted that a submarine is expected in October.

**5. Object Code Summary (Attachment #2)**

Mr. Knight gave an overview of the Object Code Summary dated September 6, 2018 showing an unexpended balance of \$130,693.

**6. Fuel Oil Purchase Agreement (Attachment #3)**

Mr. Knight gave an overview of fuel oil purchase noting that Groton was able to lock in at the \$2.28 rate. He further noted that the amount is over the budgeted amount and has resulted in a deficit of \$75,000 in that account.

**7. Update re: NJROTC Program (Attachment #4)**

Dr. Graner gave an overview of the Navy Junior ROTC Program. He also noted that the Navy is not adding any ROTC Programs at this time. He noted the National Defense Cadet Program. He explained the difference between the two program. If a program is instituted it would be an academic program. The instructor for the program could be a certified teacher. Uniforms for students is required. Dr. Graner stated he would put a budget together.

Point of information requested by Board members:

- Bond
- Additional equipment
- Books
- Space (classroom and storage room)
- NGSS Unit to be met
- Transportation
- Uniforms

Dr. Graner stated that he will do a survey of students and staff for interest in the program.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Ackerman, Weitlauf:

To adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**