

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR 2

Members Present: Jay Weitlauf, Katrina Fitzgerald

Members Absent: Jane Giuliani

Also Present: Michael Graner, Sam Kilpatrick, Ken Knight, Ernie Koschmieder, Susan Austin, Lee White

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

1. Review September 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Review of Salary/Wage Proposals for Central Office Non-union and Non-certified Personnel – The committee reviewed the salary/wage proposals and forwarded the following recommendations to the full Board:
 - a 1.5% increase for certified Central Office administrators and directors
 - a 2% increase for Central Office support staff
 - a \$5.00 per day differential for building substitutes

The committee also approved the recommended wages for non-union hourly and stipend positions as presented.
3. Update re: School Lunch Program Procedure (Policy P 3542.43) – The committee met with Ernie Koschmieder to clarify the school lunch procedures regarding payment of meals. Ernie indicated that the current procedure at each school is to inform parents of outstanding balances in their child's meal account; however, children are never denied the school lunch meal due to lack of funds in their account. The committee recommended that the Board policy be revised to reflect current practice. The committee also spoke to Ernie regarding the free/reduced lunch meal program; Ernie is compiling data to determine if individual schools within the district may be eligible for 100% free/reduced meals.
4. Update re: DoD Supplemental Impact Aid Account Expenditures – The committee reviewed the details of the supplemental Impact Aid account. Ken Knight noted that of the \$261,000 received this June, \$111,000 has already been expended. The committee then considered possible expenditures of the remaining \$150,000 in the account; the proposal includes purchasing Chromebooks for 5th grade classes, replacing ACTIVE boards, and restoring some site budget funds. Susan Austin informed the committee that the NGSS curriculum implementation will require additional science funds this year. No action was taken. Susan Austin will compile the financial data regarding science expenditures.
5. Budget Timeline Proposal – This item was tabled.
6. Update re: FY20 CIP Recommendations – The committee considered the CIP proposals as presented by Sam Kilpatrick and Mike Graner and forwarded all the proposals to the Board recommending approval.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.