

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Special Meeting

January 30, 2017

A special meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on January 30, 2017, in the Band Room of Fitch High School, for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing of the proposed 2017-2018 budget.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson of the Board, at 6:06 p.m.

The first order of business was the lead of allegiance to the flag led by the Girls Scouts of Connecticut, Lighthouse Service Unit, Groton Junior Troop 63330.

PRESENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome
Ms. Rosemary Robertson
Mrs. Rita Volkmann
Mrs. Lee White

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Don Meltabarger, Business Manager
Mr. Samuel Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds

ABSENT

Mr. Gary Baker
Mr. Jay Weitlauf

Mr. Dennis Colclough, Director of Technology Services

Mrs. Denise Doolittle, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mrs. Laurie LePine, Director of Human Resources

Dr. Graner gave a PowerPoint Presentation [ATTACHMENTS #1] of the proposed 2017-2018 budget.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

1. Mrs. Clare Rogers, 138 Payer Lane, addressed her support of the Superintendent's proposed budget. **[ATTACHMENT #2]**
2. Mr. Mike Doyle, 15 Elm Street, stated his support for a full time Athletic Director.
3. Mr. Jeff Bresnahan, 410 Brook Street, stated his support for a full-time Athletic Director. **[ATTACHMENT #3]**
4. Mrs. Andrea Lanoux, 27 Spicer Avenue, stated her appreciation for the Board of Education; shared her concerns with bullying at the middle school level; and asked that parents remember what athletics brings to a child.
5. Mrs. Kathleen Young, Bushnell Street, asked a question of Dr. Graner – would he be able to maintain the services presently in affect a year from now. Dr. Graner responded that he believes, barring any unforeseen situations, he would.

MOTION: Ackerman, Robertson: To adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY