

**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 budget worksession.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson of the Board, at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mr. Gary Baker
Mr. Jay Weitlauf
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

Mr. Dennis Colclough, Director of Technology Services

Mrs. Denise Doolittle, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mrs. Laurie LePine, Director of Human Resources

The budget workshop began with an overview of the Superintendent's proposed 2017-2018 budget, which calls for an increase of 1.79%. Dr. Graner distributed a list of potential reductions due to attrition [**ATTACHMENT #1**]; the Board reviewed the list and requested more detailed information regarding a potential reduction of one physical education teacher.

The Board also discussed the issue of a full-time Athletic Director. After hearing and reading concerns expressed by high school parents, the Board requested additional information regarding the Athletic Director position including comparisons with other districts' Athletic Director positions.

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The Chairperson requested that all Board members receive the full budget details which will then be included in their FY 18 budget books.

MOTION: Ackerman, Newsome: To adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY