

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

April 17, 2017

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on April 17, 2017 in Room 19 of the School Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Board Chairperson, at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Gary Baker
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson
Mrs. Rita Volkmann
Mr. Jay Weitlauf
Mrs. Lee White

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mrs. Beth Horler, GEA President
Mr. Larry Croxton, GEA Vice President
Mr. Peter Bass, Principal, Cutler Middle School
Mrs. Christine Dauphinais, Principal, Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School
Mr. Doug Manfred, Fitch High School

1. Approval of Minutes of February 22 and March 13, 2017, 2017

MOTION: Ackerman, White: To approve the minutes of February 22 and March 13, 2017.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. Discussion regarding budget contingency plans [ATTACHMENT #1]

Dr. Graner reviewed his proposed contingency plan which consisted of 3 levels of reductions. He noted that class size will be impacted at the elementary level. If these proposed reductions were to occur, transportation will be a concern.

Board members held an extensive discussion of the proposed reductions.

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3. Discussion regarding possible closure of an elementary school

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on the April 24, 2017 Board agenda.

4. Discussion of possible additional PD early dismissal day (October 17, 2017)

Ms. Austin explained the request for an additional PD early dismissal day (October 17, 2017) as outlined in the draft Strategic Plan that is continually evolving. The Teaching and Learning Collaborative made this request.

5. Business Office reorganization plans

This item was tabled.

6. Discussion regarding possible non-renewal for non-tenured teachers

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on the April 24, 2017 Board agenda.

7. Discussion of Futures Education special education transportation study

Mr. Kilpatrick explained the request from Futures Education to do a special education transportation study at a cost of \$10,000.

8. Discussion of fraud hotline policy and budget

This item was tabled.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, Robertson: To adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY