

Groton Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2017 @ 8:00 p.m.
School Administration Building, Room 11

Members Present: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, Katrina Fitzgerald, Gretchen Newsome, Rosemary Robertson, Rita Volkmann, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White

Members Absent: Gary Baker

Also Present: Michael Graner, Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick, Beth Horler, Larry Croxton, Chris Dauphinais

Chairman Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to address the FY 18 budget reduction priorities and the administrators' early retirement incentive.

1. Discussion and possible action regarding administrators' early retirement incentive

Mrs. Watson noted that at negotiations it was proposed:

- 3 years of health insurance or \$10,000 per year contribution to tax shelters, i.e. 403b if administrators retire by May 26, 2017.

MOTION: Ackerman, Robertson: To approve the administrators' early retirement incentive as presented. **PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 18 budget reduction priorities

A dialogue was held regarding the proposed budget restoration scenarios. Board members proposed different scenarios.

Mr. Weitlauf called for a Republican caucus at 8:44 p.m. The Republicans returned at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION: Fitzgerald, Ackerman: To start with the number approved by the Town Council and to go forward from there. **MOTION WAS WITH DRAWN**

MOTION: Fitzgerald, Weitlauf: To present the RTM with a list of items to be restored by the RTM. **YES – Watson, Weitlauf, Newsome, Volkmann, Fitzgerald, Robertson; NO – Ackerman; ABSTAINED – White. MOTION PASSED**

MOTION: Ackerman, Weitlauf: To adjourn at 9:40 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY