

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018  
5:00 P.M.  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 4

**Members Present:** Jay Weitlauf, Katrina Fitzgerald

**Members Absent:** Jane Giuliani

**Also Present:** Michael Graner, Sam Kilpatrick, Ken Knight, Marc Romano

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

1. Review September 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Review of Budget Timeline and Budget Format – Dr. Graner and Mr. Knight reviewed the budget timeline with the committee. The budget form for FY20 will be similar to FT16 format with the addition of staffing.
3. Athletic Contest Entry Fee at FHS – Marc Romano provided an overview of the athletic event admission report. The summary report listed the sporting events where an entry fee is charged. Marc reported the total entries collected during the 2017-2018 school was \$28,183
4. Update re: Interactive Whiteboard Repairs – Dr. Graner reviewed the cost estimate chart developed by Dennis Colclough, the Director of Technology Services; the chart included an inventory of all the district's interactive whiteboards plus 3 alternative replacement plans. The committee requested an annotated inventory indicating the condition of the various whiteboards.
5. Update re: Impact Aid FY 19 – Dr. Graner reported that the Town received 50% of the FT19 Impact Aid grant. The budgeted amount was \$3.2 million; however, the anticipated amount for this year based on the 50% calculation is \$3.6 million.
6. Update re: DoD Supplemental Grant – The district received \$262,000 this year from the program. The Board has already allocated \$111,000 for Chromebooks at the high school and membership fees for CABE and NSBA. The committee considered recommending an additional \$150,000 from the DoD Supplemental Impact Aid grant. The committee will consider the repair estimates for the interactive whiteboards before making their final recommendation.
7. Update re: Treehouse Fee Structure – Nikki Salaun provided a chart comparing the costs for other before/after school programs in the region to the Treehouse fees. The committee plans to wait for a financial report in January to consider the possibility of offering scholarships to families.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.