

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

October 13, 2015

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on October 13, 2015 in multipurpose room of Claude Chester School.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Board Chairperson, at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Elizabeth Gianacoplos
Ms. Mary Kelly
Mr. Jay Weitlauf

ABSENT

Mrs. Rita Volkmann, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Patricia Doyle
Mrs. Lee White

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Michael Emery, Director of Teaching and Learning
Mr. Don Meltabarger, Business Manager
Mr. Joseph Arcarese, Principal, Fitch High School
Ms. Erin McGuire, Assistant Principal, Fitch High School

1. Welcome by Jamie Giordano, Principal, Claude Chester School [ATTACHMENT #1]

Mrs. Giordano introduced Carol Marsiglio, Kindergarten teacher, who had the honor of being published. Mrs. Marsiglio gave a presentation of one of her lessons of the Math Curriculum and explained how it is used.

2. Approval of minutes of September 15, 2015

A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the minutes of September 15, 2015.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

3. District Data Team Report and School Action Plans [ATTACHMENT #2 & 3]

Mr. Emery introduced the principals who gave an overview of the Action Plans and Goals. It was noted that the Action Plans and Goals were similar at every level.

- Peter Bass and John Jones – Middle School
- Monica Franzone, Paul Esposito, and Steve Wheeler – Elementary Math
- Jamie Giordano, Christine Dauphinais and Kathleen Miner – Elementary Literacy

4. Guidance Update [ATTACHMENT #4]

Mrs. Erin McGuire, Assistant Principal at FHS, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the reorganization at FHS and their goals.

5. Review of the 2015-2016 BOE Committee Schedule of Meetings

The Board reviewed the proposed 2015-2016 BOE Committee Schedule of Meetings. It was the consensus of the Board that the COW meetings be held at the Central Office in Room 11 and that the regular BOE meeting on May 23 be held at FHS.

6. Enrollment Report [ATTACHMENT #5]

Mr. Meltabarger reviewed the enrollment data from October 1, 2015.

7. Prep for October 20, 2015 Town Council/Board of Education Joint Meeting

Dr. Graner noted that Chief Fusaro requested a Resource Officer at CMS.

Mr. Meltabarger reviewed the mandates for education. Dr. Graner stated that he would share this data with the Town Manager.

8. Review of Referral List

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

Items removed:

R2014-29 Discussion of Flip Classroom/Blended Classroom

R2015-20 How to market the district

R2015-26 How large is the class sizes with paraprofessionals – full day/half day in regular education

R2015-48 Longitudinal study of substitutes

R2015-47 How do we use data to inform of student's performance – this referral was reworded to read "What is the efficacy of school data teams in terms of (a) teacher perceptions, (b) principal perceptions, and (c) actual solid results.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Gianacoplos and seconded by Mrs. Fitzgerald to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY