

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

**Special Meeting**

**January 19, 2016**

A special meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on January 19, 2016, in CR 3 of the Town Hall Annex, for the purpose of conducting a budget Worksession on the proposed 2016-2017 budget.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson of the Board, at 7:50 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Mr. Gary Baker  
Ms. Mary Kelly

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Emery, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Mr. Samuel Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Mr. Don Meltabarger, Business Manager  
Mrs. Louann DeMotto, RTM Member  
Mrs. Kathy Neugent, RTM Member

Mrs. Denise Doolittle, Director of Pupil  
Personnel Services

Mrs. Laurie LePine, Director of Human  
Resources

Mr. Dennis Colclough, Director of Technology  
Services

Dr. Graner continued an extensive overview of the proposed 2016-2017 budget. Mr. Meltabarger reviewed updated special education enrollments showing its growth and a breakdown of General Classroom Supplies. [ATTACHMENTS #1 & 2]

Mrs. Volkmann suggested the need to review bus aide salaries to remain competitive with area towns.

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Mrs. Fitzgerald suggested adding Object Codes for Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten to the budget document.

Mrs. Volkmann asked to know that the dues are for C.A.B.E.

Mrs. Fitzgerald asked that the Board discuss the reserve account and the feasibility of using it to reduce the Board's budget. How much is in the account? Should 40% be kept in the account?

A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Mrs. Newsome to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**