**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
**GROTON, CONNECTICUT**
**(\*Attachments are available upon request in the Superintendent's Office.)**

**Special Meeting** **February 17, 2016**

A special meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on February 17, 2016, in Room 11 of the School Administration Building, 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 Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson of the Board, at 6:09 p.m.

| PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson | Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson |
| Mr. Gary Baker | Ms. Mary Kelly |
| Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald | Mrs. Gretchen Newsome |
| Mrs. Rita Volkmann | |
| Mr. Jay Weitlauf | |
| 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

Mrs. Denise Doolittle, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mr. Samuel Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Laurie LePine, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Dennis Colclough, Director of Technology Services

Dr. Graner and Mr. Meltabarger reviewed the answers to questions raised by Board members at previous meetings.

Dr. Graner stated that he and Mr. Meltabarger met with Mr. Oefinger, Town Manager, and Ms. Landry, Town Finance Director, and was asked if the Board would be using a portion of the Health Insurance Reserve as revenue for the FY 17 budget. Dr. Graner stated that he had not planned to use the reserve funds. Ms. Landry stated that the Town Council had instructed her to use 70% of the Town's Health Insurance Reserve as revenue.

Dr. Graner and the Board held an extensive discussion of the merits of this practice.

It was the consensus of the Board to allocate $746,246 of the Board's Health Insurance Reserve to the FY 17 budget proposal which will result in 0%.

A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Mrs. Newsome to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**