

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AD HOC MAGNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015  
9:30 A.M.  
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 4**

**Members Present:** Andrea Ackerman, Katrina Fitzgerald, Chris Dauphinais, Paul Esposito, Susan Austin, Robert Beaulieu

**Members Absent:** Jay Weitlauf

**Also Present:** Mike Graner, Christy Post, Shannon Weigle

The meeting was called to order by Katrina Fitzgerald at 9:35 a.m.

1. Review Survey Results – Shannon Weigle presented the results of the parent surveys that were sent to parents of Groton Public School children and to the parents of children attending magnet schools.
2. Update re: LEARN Magnet School Grant – The committee discussed the feasibility of phasing in an arts magnet school program into Northeast Academy. Paul Esposito indicated that the school has 20 classrooms; if the kindergarten and first grades are limited to four classes of 18 students, the school could initiate an arts program in the fall of 2016. The plan would call for admitting kindergarten and first grade magnet students up to a class total of 68 children. Once the class reaches second grade, the 68 children would then be separated into three classes of approximately 23 students. The committee requested that Paul work with his staff to define the magnet programs and determine the necessary funding to begin the plan. The committee will make a presentation to the full Board at the March C.O.W. meeting.

The committee decided to cancel the meetings in January & February to allow the Board time to complete the budget development process.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.