

Groton Board of Education
Finance/Facilities Committee Special Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2016
5:30 p.m.
School Administration Building, Room 11

Members Present: Gary Baker, Katrina Fitzgerald, Jay Weitlauf

Also Present: Mike Graner, Sam Kilpatrick, Don Meltabarger, Kevin Trejo

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Discussion & Possible Action re: the FY16 Budget – Don Meltabarger reported to the committee that he has identified potential savings in the current budget; however, since we are only half way through the current year, we need to monitor the budget through June to determine the unexpended balance. The committee also discussed the possibility of underfunding the current year’s health insurance account and using the current year’s balance to fund any shortfalls. The Board of Education could vote to allocate a portion of the FY16 health insurance account to be used by the town to offset expected deficits.
2. Discussion & Possible Action re: the CMS School Resource Officer – the committee referred this item to the full Board for discussion at a budget workshop.
3. Update re: the Redflex Traffic Program – Dr. Graner explained that he spoke to Chief Fusaro about the program. Chief Fusaro investigated the procedures and reported that the Groton Police Department would require an additional officer to implement the program. He suggested that the proposed SRO at Cutler Middle School could perform the duties required by the Redflex program.
4. Continuation of the FY17 Budget – Don Meltabarger distributed the revised budget summary pages after eliminating the \$350,000 allocation for the additional health insurance costs associated with the Affordable Care Act. The budget currently reflects an increase of .97%.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.