

Groton Board of Education
Finance/Facilities Committee Special Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2016
6:00 p.m.
School Administration Building, Room 11

Members Present: Gary Baker (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Katrina Fitzgerald, Jay Weitlauf

Also Present: Mike Graner, Susan Austin, Don Meltabarger, Lee White, Andrea Ackerman, Kevin Trejo

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. Review of the minutes of March 21, 2016

MOTION – Weitlauf, Fitzgerald: to approved the minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

2. Business Manager Report – Mr. Meltabarger shared the current year budget status with the committee. (See attachment) As of May 16, 2016, the budget has an unexpended balance of \$675,551. Since the Board voted to transfer \$600,000 of the unexpended balance to the Town, the actual balance is \$75,551.

3. Director of Buildings and Grounds Report – Dr. Graner read the Buildings and Grounds report as written by Mr. Kilpatrick:

- Water testing in schools continues with cooperation of Groton Utilities. Will release results as they are reported.
- Claude Chester Abatement Project: Received authorization from the State to put bid advertisement in The Day and will have site meeting with prospective bidders this Friday.
- Final Reimbursement has been received by the Town for CMS portable (\$13,017.00) and FHS roof (\$278,127.00).

4. Discussion and possible action regarding revision of the FY 17 Budget – Dr. Graner reported that the FY 17 budget, as approved by the RTM, must be reduced by \$262,000. Dr. Graner informed the committee that he plans to recommend the elimination of the positions of Director of Teaching and Learning and the Technology Coordinator that will result in a savings to the salary account of approximately \$234,000 plus an additional \$40,000 to the benefits account for a total of approximately \$274,000.

5. Update regarding the purchase of AEDs for the Athletic Department

MOTION – Fitzgerald, Baker: to recommend to the Board the purchase of 3 portable AEDs devices. Motion passed 3-0.

6. Update regarding the FY 16 Grants - Ms. Austin reported on the following:

- IDEA special education grant funds several paraprofessional positions.
- Title I, II, III:
 - Title I provides funding for remedial services at CC, CK, and WSM. The funds also support PD for Teachers College Writers workshops at Title I schools.
 - DOD Supplemental Impact Aid funds are used to purchase Chromebooks at FHS, as well as the replacement of Promethean Boards.
 - DoDEA Writers Workshop Grant provides funds for PD at CB, MM, PV and WSM.
 - Magnet School Assistance Program – The district is applying for a Federal grant to support Magnet Programs at CMS and WSM.
 - DoDEA Technology Grant – The district has applied for a 5-year grant, totaling \$1.25 million dollars, to upgrade district equipment and support instructional technology PD.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.