

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Special Meeting

April 6, 2015

The special meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on April 6, 2015, in CR 1 of the Town Hall Annex.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Chairperson, at 5:25 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Board Chairperson
Mrs. Rita Volkmann, Vice Chairperson (via phone)
Dr. Andrea Ackerman
Mrs. Patricia Doyle (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Elizabeth Gianacoplos

Ms. Mary Kelly
Mr. Joey Schick

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Don Meltabarger, Business Manager
Mr. Jay Weitlauf
Mrs. Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Jay Weitlauf to the Board of Education

Mr. Weitlauf was invited to introduce himself and explain why he was interested in joining the Board of Education. Mr. Weitlauf stated that he has been on the PTO at NEA and wants to be involved in guiding policy on the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Mrs. Doyle to appoint Jay Weitlauf of P.O. Box 23, West Mystic to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Kirsten Hoyt.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher swore in Jay Weitlauf to complete the term vacated by Dr. Hoyt on the Board of Education.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding funding for a Robotics Field Trip to St. Louis, MO

A request was made by the Aluminum Falcons to attend the Word Competition held in St. Louis, MO dependent on success in qualifying for it.

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Cost – 12 students and coach plus 3 chaperones

\$5,000	to enter
2,300	hotel rooms (4 nights)
<u>4,500</u>	travel expenses
12,300	
<u>- 4,800</u>	from students (each student paying \$400)
\$7,500	

They have raised \$20,000 on their own – spent during season.
Presently, only funds from the Board is a stipend.

Where can money come from?

\$14,000 from a book fund made available from sale of used texts.

A referral was made to the COW by Mrs. Fitzgerald – In the future, equitable distribution of funds for groups that need travel funds.

A referral was made to the COW by Mrs. Watson – Tracking of all after school programs and their needs.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gianacoplos and seconded by Mrs. Doyle to approve up to \$9,000 for Robotics Team to travel to the World Competition in St. Louis, MO.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Mrs. Doyle to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY