

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

**Special Meeting**

**February 5, 2015**

A special meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on February 5, 2015, in Room 11 of the School Administration Building, for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2014-2015 budget.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson of the Board, at 6:35 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson  
Dr. Andrea Ackerman  
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald  
Dr. Kirsten Hoyt  
Mr. Joey Schick

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Rita Volkmann, Vice Chairperson  
Mrs. Patricia Doyle  
Mrs. Elizabeth Gianacoplos  
Ms. Mary Kelly

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Emery, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Mrs. Denise Doolittle, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Mr. Samuel Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Mr. Kevin Lemoi, Director of Technology Services

Mrs. Laurie LePine, Director of Human Resources

The Board discussed the need to cancel and reschedule the February 9, 2015, Public Hearing and Budget Worksession. It was the consensus of the Board to reschedule the Public Hearing and Budget Worksession to February 11, 2015 at the Senior Center and to invite the RTM to attend.

The Board also discussed and decided by consensus to have an additional Budget Worksession on February 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

Dr. Graner gave an overview of a handout of the object code summary of the budget. [ATTACHMENT #1] Dr. Graner noted that he anticipate 15 teachers who will be retiring.

The Board held extensive discussions on:

- Special Education placements
- Equipment repairs/replacements
- Proposed Gifted and Talented initiative

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- The addition of 4.5 FTE (3 Social Workers, 2 Math Coaches, .5 Sp. Ed., 2<sup>nd</sup> grade = enrichment to meet needs of Gifted and Talented; technician)
- Major budget increases and savings

A motion was made by Dr. Hoyt and seconded by Mr. Schick to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**