

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

**Special Meeting**

**February 18, 2015**

A special meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on February 18, 2015, in Room 11 of the School Administration Building, for the purpose of conducting a budget Worksession on the proposed 2015-2016 budget.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Vice Chairperson of the Board, at 6:10 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson  
Dr. Andrea Ackerman  
Mrs. Patricia Doyle (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)  
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald  
Mrs. Elizabeth Gianacoplos  
Ms. Mary Kelly

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Rita Volkmann, Vice Chairperson  
Dr. Kirsten Hoyt  
Mr. Joey Schick

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Emery, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Mr. Samuel Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Mr. Kevin Lemoi, Director of Technology Services  
Mr. Don Meltabarger, Business Manager

Ms. Austin, in looking for savings related to enrollment, explained the unique situations at each school at the elementary level.

The Board reviewed the Site Budget [**ATTACHMENT #1**] and the updated Superintendent's proposed budget [**ATTACHMENT #2**].

Mr. Meltabarger and Dr. Graner noted where they made adjustments in the proposed budget.

Dr. Graner stated that there would be no layoffs.

Mr. Meltabarger reviewed the proposed FY16 Budget Savings & Reductions [**ATTACHMENT #3**].

Mrs. Gianacoplos had asked for the contract increases.

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Dr. Graner shared the contract increases:

	14-15	15-16
GEA	1% plus steps	1% plus steps
AGSA	2.5%	2.5%
Custodians	2%	2.25%
Secretaries	2.5%	2.5% (contract had expired by 1 year; playing catch up)
Paras	1%	1% (contract had expired by 2 years; playing catch up)

Mrs. Fitzgerald had asked for that part of the budget that was fixed.

Ms. Austin reviewed the slide entitled, "Contractual vs Discretionary."

Mr. Meltabarger reviewed the information requested at the last budget Worksession.

The Board strategized the overall presentation of the proposed 2015-2016 budget.

The Board requested additional information for the next Board meeting:

Class sizes at FHS  
Further reductions if any

A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**