

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

January 12, 2015

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on January 12, 2015, in the cafeteria of Charles Barnum School.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman
Mrs. Patricia Doyle
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Elizabeth Gianacoplos
Dr. Kirsten E. Hoyt
Ms. Mary Kelly
Mr. Joey Schick

Mrs. Rita Volkmann, Vice Chairperson

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Michael Lovetere
Mr. Donald Meltabarger, Business Manager

Dr. Graner introduced Donald Meltabarger, the new Business Manager.

Mr. Meltabarger gave an overview of his professional career before coming to Groton. He also outlined some proposed initiatives that could produce a savings or revenue for Groton.

1. Approval of minutes of November 10, 2014

A motion was made by Dr. Hoyt and seconded by Mr. Schick to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. Review of the Referral List

The Board reviewed the Referral List. Items removed:

R2014-16 Discussion of Special Education programs, i.e., vocational program
R2014-22 Review of the WESTED report

3. Update on State Board of Education Presentation [ATTACHMENT #1]

Dr. Graner reviewed the presentation presented to the State Board of Education regarding racial imbalance. Dr. Graner stated that the State approved Groton's plan to address racial imbalance.

4. Update on Special Education Vocational [ATTACHMENT #2]

Ms. Austin presented material prepared by Mrs. Doolittle regarding the secondary transition planning process, Connecticut CORE Transition Skills as well as frequently asked questions.

5. Presentation of Magnet School Enrollment Tuition Cost [ATTACHMENT #3]

Dr. Graner presented data on Magnet School Participation Costs for 2014-2015.

Mr. Lovetere gave an overview of Magnet Schools, its enrollments, its attraction, and perceptions. Mr. Lovetere stated that we need to promote our schools to try to keep the students in Groton.

6. Discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation [ATTACHMENTS #4 & 5]

Dr. Graner shared the Superintendent Evaluation document and the CAFE Superintendent Evaluation document. The Board discussed the timeline for conducting the Superintendent's evaluation. Suggested meeting dates will be generated to hold a Special Meeting for the Board to correlate the responses to the Superintendent's evaluation. This meeting will be held in Executive Session.

7. Review of the Draft 2015-2016 School Calendar

Dr. Graner presented the draft 2015-2016 School Calendar and noted that in his discussion with the Union, they shared a concern with the start of school for staff (August 24th). The Union would like the start for staff moved to August 31st with students beginning on September 3rd.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Hoyt and seconded by Mrs. Gianacoplos to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY