

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

June 8, 2015

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on June 8, 2015, in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Board Chairperson, at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Mrs. Rita Volkmann, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman
Mrs. Patricia Doyle (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
Mrs. Elizabeth Gianacoplos
Ms. Mary Kelly
Mr. Jay Weitlauf

ABSENT

Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mr. Joey Schick

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Michael Emery, Director of Teaching and Learning
Mr. Paul Esposito, Principal, Northeast Academy School
Mrs. Christine Dauphinais, AGSA Co-President
Mr. Larry Croxton, GEA President
Ms. Doreen Marvin, Director of Development, LEARN
Mrs. Alisha Stripling, Director of Tree House
Mrs. Karen Bryer, Technology Coordinator
Ms. Lisa Gunderman, West Side Middle School
Mrs. Laura Irace, West Side Middle School
Mr. Terry Henkle, K-12 Science Coordinator
Mr. John Frascarelli, Music Teacher, Fitch High School
Mrs. Micki Clark, Parent, Music Booster Club
Mrs. Karen Lewis, Parent, Music Booster Club
Mrs. Kathryn Rollinson, Athletic Booster Club
Mr. David Russell, Athletic Booster Club

1. Approval of minutes of May 11, 2015

A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015.

YES – Watson, Ackerman, Weitlauf, Doyle, Kelly

ABSTAINED – Gianacoplos, Volkmann

PASSED

2. Update regarding Science CMT Follow-up

Mr. Henkle, K-12 Science Coordinator, gave an overview [ATTACHMENT #1] of the progress as a result of the Science CMT scores at the elementary level. He stated that he will be working with the middle school and high school this summer. He further noted that the pilot program was conducted at CMS, WSM and PV and that in the fall he will be getting the Connecticut Science to come to the district to do PD.

3. Discussion of the Flip Classroom

Ms. Bryer, Technology Coordinator, along with Lisa Gunderman and Laura Irace gave an overview [ATTACHMENT #2] of the Flip Classroom. She noted that videos were part of the Math Curriculum.

4. Presentation on the Tree House

Mrs. Stripling, Director of Tree House, gave an overview [ATTACHMENT #3] of the Tree House Program. She outlined the progression of the program and plans for the future, including a third site for next year at NEA.

5. Update regarding Booster Club operations and finances

Mr. John Frascarelli, Music teacher at Fitch High School, along with Micki Clark and Karen Lewis, gave an overview of the Music Booster Club and its operation:

- They pay taxes;
- They have by-laws;
- They have officers;
- They have monthly meetings;
- They utilize clinicians;
- The purpose of the Boosters is to supplement what the BOE gives to the Music Department;
- They have 1 million dollar insurance coverage;
- They pay festival fees;
- They pay for repairs;
- They provide scholarships.

Mrs. Kathryn Rollinson, Athletic Boosters, gave an overview of the Athletic Boosters Club and its operations:

- The Athletic Boosters are a 501.C.3; they have not paid taxes in the past, however, will be filing taxes due to the changes with the IRS;
- They are not insured;
- All activities are held at FHS;
- They have volunteers who conform with the Volunteer Policy and are fingerprinted;
- Budgeting is handled by the Treasurer of the Booster Club;
- Each club must commit to 18 hours of concession stand duty per Team;

- Concessions for sports are at the high school;
- Each club must attend 7 of the 11 meetings of the Booster Club;
- They provide 8 scholarships;
- They cover the cost of team banquets.

6. Discussion regarding Board Handbook adoption

Dr. Graner asked the Board their feelings on placing the adoption of the Board Handbook on the June 22, 2015 agenda.

It was the consensus of the Board to place the adoption of the Board Handbook on the June 22, 2015 agenda.

7. Magnet School presentation: Doreen Marvin, LEARN

Ms. Doreen Marvin, Director of Development, LEARN, gave an overview [ATTACHMENT #4] of Magnet Schools. She stated that there were over 5,000 across the country; 93 Inter District Magnet Schools across the State.

Mrs. Doyle asked that for the next COW meeting, the Administration have a preliminary plan as to the next step to be taken relative to Magnet Schools in Groton.

8. Review of Referral List

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

Ms. Kelly asked if there were other companies that students could do job shadowing. Mrs. Doyle suggested the Chamber of Commerce as a resource in that regard.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Mrs. Gianacoplos to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY