

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Special Meeting

January 7, 2019

A special meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on January 7, 2019 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Board Chairperson, at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Mrs. Rosemary Robertson

Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson

Mrs. Jane Giuliani

Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald

Mrs. Gretchen Newsome (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Mrs. Rita Volkmann

Mr. Jay Weitlauf

Mrs. Lee White

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Daniel Gaiewski, Student Representative

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the final plans, project manual, and cost estimates for the new consolidated middle school.

Jack Butkus and Rick Norris gave an overview of the proposed cost estimates. Dr. Graner explained that the final plans were presented by the project architects at the meeting in December 2018.

MOTION: Weitlauf, Volkmann: To approve the final plans and project manual and cost estimates for the Groton consolidated middle school for submission to the Office of School Construction Grants & Review.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

2. Budget Worksession

Dr. Graner gave an overview of the proposed budget pages.

There was discussion of an appropriate date for a joint meeting with the Town Council and for holding the Public Hearing on the budget.

Dr. Graner provided an orientation to the budget book and briefly reviewed the various object codes and function codes. The Board agreed to use each of the scheduled budget workshops to focus on a particular section of the budget.

- There will be an addition to page 1-4.
- The BOE Grants Revenue page will be expanded (page 1-5).
- The BOE Preferred Maximum Class Size Guidelines will be added to section 3.
- Mr. Knight will provide an explanation for the differences on page 4-1.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, Newsome: To adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY