

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 4

Members Present: Jay Weitlauf, Katrina Fitzgerald, Jane Giulini

Also Present: Michael Graner, Ken Knight, Sam Kilpatrick, Susan Austin

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. Review January 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Review Policy P 3542.43 Food Service Charging – Mike Graner gave an update regarding the possibility of Groton participating in a community eligibility program, which would provide free lunches for all the children in selected schools. Claude Chester has the largest percentage of free/reduced lunch children (74%); the other elementary schools have approximately 50% percent of free/reduced eligibility. If the district began a pilot program at Claude Chester for this year, the expected cost for the remainder of the school year will be \$12,547; if we provided the free/reduced lunch for next school year at Claude Chester, the annual cost would be approximately \$40,000-\$45,000. The committee requested that Ernie Koschmieder provide an update at the next Board meeting regarding the guidelines for the community eligibility program.
3. Update re: Repair/Replacement of District Technology – Mike Graner explained that the high school had recently replaced 14 projection devices; however, other repairs/replacements are needed throughout the district. Dennis Colclough will make a complete technology equipment update to the Board at the March 18 C.O.W.
4. Groton 2020 Update – Sam Kilpatrick said that the middle school project continues to move forward, and the administration will be meeting with architects regarding the new elementary schools.
5. NEA Engineering Update – Sam Kilpatrick said he is waiting for the report.
6. Orientation to FY20 Budget Book – Ken Knight distributed the FY20 budget books and provided an orientation to each of the five sections of the book. He indicated that budget books will be distributed to the municipal officials on Wednesday, March 13.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.