

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 19

Members Present: Chairman Kim Shepardson Watson, Vice Chairman Andrea Ackerman, Katrina Fitzgerald, Jane Giuliani, Gretchen Newsome, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White

Members Absent: Rita Volkmann, Rosemary Robertson

Also Present: Michael Graner, Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick, Daniel Gaiewski

Chairman Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Dr. Graner gave an overview of the enrollment numbers for the 2 new sites and the schools proposed to be closed. He further explained the different scenarios to generate the needed enrollment for the 2 new sites. [ATTACHMENT #1] He also reviewed the time table of events regarding the project.

Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that she would like the least amount of redistricting done and the inclusion of PreK in the enrollment numbers.

Dr. Graner shared a map of the neighborhood catchment areas for the different schools and noted possible areas to feed into the new sites. [ATTACHMENT #2] Dr. Graner asked the Board how many elementary schools they would want to have.

The Board noted information they would need to close an additional school:

- Upgrades needed at each school
- Facilities analysis of each school
- PreK program cost
- Personnel cost
- Having PreK in both buildings

Board members were encouraged to e-mail the Superintendent any additional information that they would like to receive in order to make the decision to close an additional school.

Following the discussion the Board agreed a vote could be taken at the June Regular Board meeting to determine if another elementary school would be closed in addition to SBB and CC.

MOTION: Fitzgerald, Ackerman: To adjourn at 7:35 p.m.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachment #1

April 29, 2019
Special C.O.W. Meeting

Elementary School Enrollment Requirements:

Cutler Site	604
West Side Site	<u>604</u>
	1,208

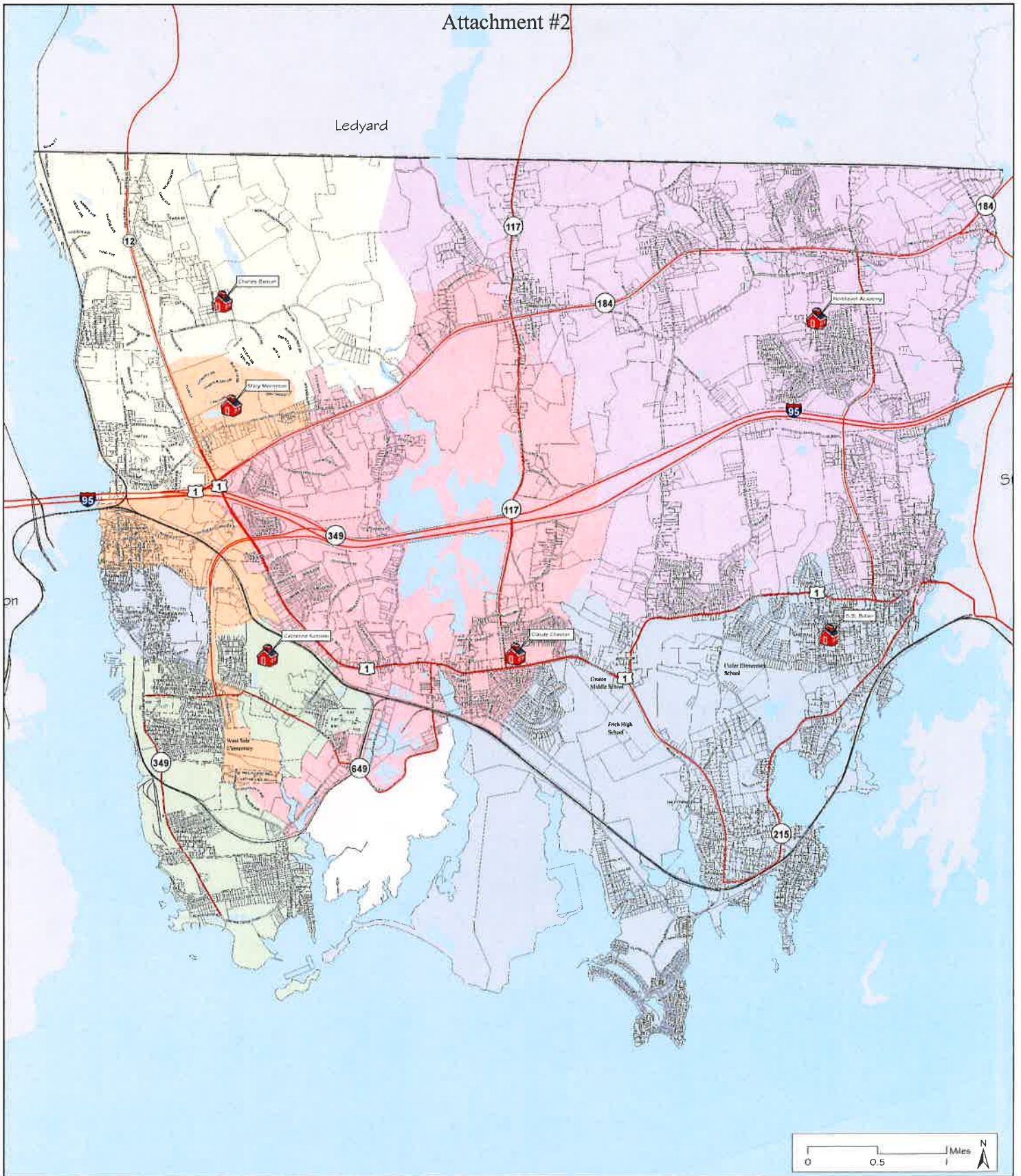
S. B. Butler	320
Claude Chester	<u>347</u>
	667

When SBB & CC close, 667 students will go to the new schools.

	1,208
	<u>667</u>
Additional Student Needs for New Schools	541

Time Table	
Spring 2019	Design work by architects
Summer 2019	Begin site work at CMS & WSMS
Fall 2019	Identify neighborhood catchment areas for new schools
June 2020	Begin school construction
September 2021	Open new schools

Ledyard



Groton Public Schools
PV Consolidation

Elementary School
Boundaries

Prepared June 28, 2017

Elementary School Boundaries

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| 424 | Catherine Kolnask | 395 | Mary Morrison |
| 359 | Charles Barnum | 405 | North East Academy |
| 347 | Claude Chester | 320 | S.B. Butler |

Source:
 * Precinct, School District Boundaries, Street Centerlines
 Town of Groton Geographic Information Systems Dept.
 * Base Map Data: Connecticut Department of Environmental
 Protection Map & Geographic Information Center (2014)
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 purpose.