

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 4

**Members Present:** Jay Weitlauf, Katrina Fitzgerald

**Members Absent:** Jane Giulini

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

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Review May 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Security Grant (School Violence Prevention Grant Request) – The budget and narrative for the grant was presented to the Finance/Facilities Committee. The total amount requested in the grant is \$106,768; the district matching amount is \$35,589. If the grant is awarded, the district match could come from the Department of Defense Supplemental Impact Aid account.
3. CEP – The Community Eligibility Provision program (CEP) would provide free breakfast and lunch at eligible schools. Once eligible, schools keep the CEP status for four years. The Finance/Facilities Committee agreed to apply for CEP status for three Title I schools and monitor other schools.
4. End-of-Year Balances – The current balance is \$79,281. Ken Knight indicated that amount would be used to pay for contractually mandated teacher severance payments for this year.
5. FY20 Central Office Salary Increases – The Finance/Facilities Committee approved a 2% increase that was budgeted for FY20.
6. Facilities Update
  - Discussion re: Baseball Fields – Field use at Cutler Middle School will be disrupted during the summer of 2019. During the summer of 2020, no field will be available at Cutler.
  - Update on Summer Projects
    - the bid was submitted for the wooden beam water proofing project at NEA & CK
    - the carpet will be removed at NEA and tile will be installed in the classroom to limit humidity
    - there will be a large HVAC project at CK to replace a heat core
    - the blacktop at CC will be replaced and a fuel tank will be removed
    - the air conditioning units at Cutler will be installed on the side of the building facing the construction site
    - new air conditioning units at FHS will be installed in the older section of the building
    - the tennis courts at FHS will be refurbished in the fall
    - the water heater at FHS will be replaced
    - tile will be removed in the classroom where the alternative education program operates at Central Office
    - the oil tank at CB needs to be repaired
    - repair of the chimney at CB is planned
    - water diversion project at SBB is planned for the playground area
    - the fuel tank at WSMS will be removed

7. More Than Words Stipend Proposal – Mike Graner proposed that the Fitch High School teacher who serves as the More Than Words club advisor on a weekly basis be provided a modest stipend in accordance with schedule C of the GEA contract. If the Board approves, Dr. Graner will contact the GEA leadership to determine the stipend amount.
8. Food Service Program Meal Pricing – Ernie Koschmieder proposed an increase of \$.20 per lunch. The USDA recommendation is for \$3 per lunch. The Finance/Facilities Committee recommended forwarding the \$.20 increase to the Board for approval.
9. Senior Citizen Entry Fee Waiver Proposal – The Finance/Facilities Committee recommended discussing the entry fee waiver proposal at the next C.O.W. meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.