

Town & City Councils/RTM/Board of Education Liaison Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.  
School Administration Building, Room 11

**Members Present:** Harry Watson, Karen Morton, Greg Grim, Deborah Peruzzotti, Kevin Trejo, Rosemary Robertson, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White, Katrina Fitzgerald

**Members Absent:** Keith Hedrick, Lori Watrous, Conrad Heede, Andrew Ilvento, Jackie Massett, Mark Oefinger

**Also Present:** Mike Graner, Sam Kilpatrick

Harry Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of September 7, 2016** – Were approved by unanimous consensus.
2. **Budget** – Dr. Graner stated that Principals are to get their budget to him by Thanksgiving. The recent court ruling could cost Groton a substantial amount of money. There was agreement for the Board of Education and the Town Council to meet early to discuss the budget.
3. **School Facilities Update** – Dr. Graner stated that there have been recent letters to the editor in The Day about the proposed referendum. Claude Chester racial make-up is 71.5% minority and the district average is 45.6%; therefore, it is imbalanced (>25% above average). There has been an oral agreement regarding acceptance of a land swap from the State should the referendum be successful.
4. **Joint Efficiency Committee (BoE/Town Council)** – The committee is meeting tonight after this meeting.
5. **Magnet School Discussion** – Groton's expanded programs have resulted in a couple dozen less students attending regional magnet schools.
6. **Mentor Program** – Harry Watson brought up the program and shared that there is training coming up. The program is no longer as big as it used to be. The merit of mentoring was discussed. On a related topic, the Treehouse Program (After School Program, formerly KSACK Program) is doing well at NEA, CK, and CB.
7. **Future Discussion Topics** – Lee White asked if the FMS sign could be taken down or changed because is it confusing now that the school no longer exists. Katrina Fitzgerald asked for an update on engineering for the MM parking lot. She remembered that Public Works was going to do this. Other possible topics, Technology – where is the Town at, ethics and its effect on the Board of Education, and an update on Charter Revision.
8. **Next Meeting Location** – November 2, 2016, 5:30 p.m., School Administration Building, Room 11.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. by unanimous consensus.