

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019  
5:00 P.M.  
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 4

Mission Statement

Our mission is teaching and learning.

Board Goals

1. Provide Dynamic Rigorous Curriculum
2. Ensure Effective and Engaging Instruction
3. Embrace Excellent Learning Environment

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review June 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Attachment #1)
3. Update on FY18 CIP re: Water Study Project
4. Review of Town Charter Provision re: RTM Approval of BoE Grants
5. Proposed MOU's re: Unified Sports Stipend and ELL Coordinator Stipend
6. Update re: FY19 Year-end Close Out
7. Update re: FY20 Budget of Dept. of Defense Supplemental Impact Aid Account
8. Update on NEA Air Quality Issue
9. Building and Grounds Department Summer Update
10. Adjournment

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MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
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**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.