

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
5:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 4

Members Present: Jay Weitlauf, Katrina Fitzgerald

Members Absent: Jane Giulini

Also Present: Mike Graner, Sam Kilpatrick, Ken Knight

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

1. Review July 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes – the minutes were approved as presented.
2. CIP Projects for FY21 – Sam Kilpatrick explained that he received the engineering report from Fuss & O’Neill regarding the air quality concerns at NEA. Both Sam and Mike Graner thought that the engineering report should be a major component of the FY21 CIP. The report included the following recommendations:
 - Replace the HVAC units with modern equipment that will dehumidify the air in addition to the heating and cooling. The report indicated there are ten units on the roof, and the total cost of replacing all ten units would be \$820,000. As a possible alternative, the engineers also suggested that the air could be heated prior to it being cooled; this would remove moisture from the air prior to it being air conditioned.
 - Storm water issue – the property has some wet spots that occur year round. The engineers recommended re-grading the site and installing curtain drains. The estimated cost for the curtain drains is \$65,000.
 - Both the athletic field and the playground area also experience saturation problems due to moisture. The report recommended a resurfacing of both fields at a cost of \$160,000.
 - The engineers inspected the slab upon which NEA was constructed and found it to be structurally sound and has a proper vapor barrier; no remediation of the slab was recommended.

In addition to the proposed projects at NEA, Sam and Mike also recommended the items from prior CIP requests be included:

- SBB roof (approximately \$450,000)
 - SBB asbestos abatement (approximately \$275,000)
 - Resurfacing of the high school football field (approximately \$110,000)
3. Advertising Guidelines & Fee Structure for Sports Banners – Ken Knight shared with the committee a proposal for an advertising and promotions program regulation that he received from Marc Romano, the high school athletic director. The committee suggested reviewing the posting of banners in the gymnasium with the full Board; the guidelines for the posters on the football and baseball fields were accepted.

4. Budget Function Transfers – Ken Knight explained to the committee that the high school is requesting to transfer funds among budget functions in regards to the FY20 budget. The attached budget sheet notifies the Board of the budget transfers.
5. Update re: Site for Robotics Program & Storage Facility after June 30, 2020 – Mike Graner explained that he and John Burt have an agreement that Pleasant Valley School will be turned over immediately to the town; however, they agree that the Robotics program will use the Pleasant Valley facility during the 2019-20 school year, and the district will continue to use the storage facility until July of 2020.
6. Update re: 2019-20 School Year Tuition Rates – Ken Knight distributed the attached proposed tuition rates for out-of-district students. The rates include a 1.24% increase over last year's rates. In addition, Ken included tuition for the ABA programs and the multi-disabilities program at the elementary and secondary levels.
7. Review of DoD Supplemental Impact Aid Account – Ken Knight distributed the attached accounting sheet to the committee detailing the supplemental impact aid grant that was received in June of \$369,015.26. With the previously authorized expenditures deducted from the account, the current balance is \$918,405.60.
8. Update re: NEA Air Quality Study – refer to item #3.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Groton Public Schools
 FHS site budget
 FY2020

Function	Function Name	FY20 Approved Site Budget	FY20 Proposed Site Budget	Variance
1102	Art	10,000	9,000	(1,000)
1104	Language Arts	8,000	6,500	(1,500)
1105	World Languages	26,905	10,350	(16,555)
1106	Consumer Science	14,500	12,750	(1,750)
1107	Technology Education	7,600	8,000	400
1108	Mathematics	24,865	6,000	(18,865)
1109	Music	23,350	17,000	(6,350)
1110	Physical Education	11,600	8,600	(3,000)
1111	Science	11,900	9,000	(2,900)
1112	Social Studies	5,950	2,200	(3,750)
1114	Health Education	7,500	7,500	-
1117	IB - DP	53,000	81,895	28,895
1119	Unclassified	28,750	38,825	10,075
1121	Business Education	2,980	3,030	50
1124	Health Occupations	2,000	2,100	100
1550	School Newspapers	500	500	-
1551	Amphora	4,000	4,000	-
1555	Other Activities	-	-	-
		243,400	227,250	(16,150)
2120	Guidance Services	3,600	15,500	11,900
2220	Educational Media	2,000	2,000	-
2410	School Administration	25,950	30,200	4,250
	Total	274,950	274,950	-

1100 & 1500	Regular Instruction	243,400	227,250	(16,150)
2100	Support Services for Pupils	3,600	15,500	11,900
2200	Support Services for Instructional Staff	2,000	2,000	-
2300 & 2400	General Support Services	25,950	30,200	4,250
	Total	274,950	274,950	-

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FY20 Proposed tuition rates for Out of District students

Proposed
FY2020

Pre-K	\$ 7,400
Elementary School	\$ 14,800
Middle School	\$ 16,788
High School	\$ 16,712
IB Diploma Program	\$ 19,857

Special Education Program Costs

Pre-School	\$ 10,306
Regular Education, K-12	\$ 15,312
Academy Program - Elem & Secondary	\$ 30,700
ABA Program - Elem & Secondary	\$ 29,028
Multi Disabilities - Elem & Secondary	\$ 26,767
NBA	\$ 29,112
Transition Academy	\$ 28,051

Additional Services

OT/PT	Add \$ 3,060
Speech	Add \$ 3,060
Counseling/Social Skills	Add \$ 3,060
Resource Room	Add \$ 5,100

Groton Public Schools
DOD Supplemental Impact Aid
As of 08/19/2019

Balance, 6/30/2019		1,020,484.84
FY19 DOD Supplemental Impact Aid Grant awarded		369,015.26
Updated Balance		1,404,309.60
BoE Authorized expenditures:		
FY20 Chromebook purchase	<u>285,904.00</u>	<u>(285,904.00)</u>
Total Available Balance, 08/19/2019		1,118,405.60

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FY20 budgeted tech equipment, BOE authorized from DoD		<u>(200,000.00)</u>
Anticipated Balance at 6/30/2020		918,405.60