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GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 August 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Attachment #1)
3. Review of Proposed FY21 Budget Development Timeline
4. Review of Proposed FY21 CIP Requests
5. Review of Advertising Guidelines & Fee Structure for Sports Banners
6. Discussion of the District Telecom Network
7. Update re: RTM Jurisdiction Over Educational Grants
8. Adjournment

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MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
5:00 P.M.
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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.