

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

(*Attachments are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.)

Committee of the Whole

October 21, 2019

The meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on October 21, 2019 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kim Watson, Chairperson, at 6:32 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Jane Giulini
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson
Mrs. Rita Volkmann
Mr. Jay Weitlauf
Mrs. Lee White

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. Xavion Quinn, Student Representative

1. Approval of the COW meeting minutes of September 9, 2019 and the COW special meeting minutes of October 14, 2019

MOTION: Robertson, White: To approve the COW meeting minutes of September 9, 2019 and the COW special meeting minutes of October 14, 2019
PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. Update re: Project O Bylaw Modification

Dr. Graner noted that he had been visited by Jim McCauley and that the Project O bylaws has had revisions suggested by Attorney Mooney. Dr. Graner explained that he plans to sign the revised bylaws; the consensus of the Board agreed to his signing the document.

3. Update re: October 1st Data

Dr. Graner noted that the October 1st resident enrollment came in at 4,252. He noted that the high school was down to 1,006 and the middle schools were down to 1,014.

4. Update re: Groton Middle School Schedule

Dr. Graner stated that the committee working on the middle school schedule is getting ready to run a mock schedule on Friday, October 25, 2019.

5. Discussion re: Groton Middle School Administrative Organization

Dr. Graner noted that there will be 4 administrators at the middle school: 1 administrator for each grade level and 1 Principal. He also noted that there will be 3 very high needs programs at the middle school level – 2 ABA programs and multi-discipline needs.

6. Presentation by Perkins/Eastman Architects re: new elementary school designs

Mr. Rick Norris stated that they will be going out to bid in early December and that they will begin construction in March 2020. Mr. Norris introduced Mr. Joe Banks, Perkins/Eastman Architects, who gave a PowerPoint presentation of the physical design of each school. Mr. Norris noted that he would be going to the State on November 26 and 27, 2019 for approval to go out to bid.

It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Norris give an update of the new middle school.

He stated that they were on budget; may have the fields ready for use earlier than planned; 200+ trees will be planted; will pave the parking area before the end of November; the roof is going on; and that he has been in close contact with the Superintendent throughout the project.

7. Update re: 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 School Calendars [ATTACHMENT #1]

Dr. Graner reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Calendars.

For the 2020-2021 calendar, it was the consensus of the Board to start school for students on September 8, 2020, to have Columbus Day off, and to have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off.

For the 2021-2022 calendar, it was the consensus of the Board to start school for students on September 7, 2021, to have Columbus Day off, and to have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off.

This item will be on the Board agenda for a vote on October 28, 2019.

8. Suggested Future Topics

NONE

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, White;

To adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

DRAFT 2020-2021 Calendar

Early dismissal

No school

July 2020					0/0
M	T	W	Th	F	
		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	
27	28	29	30	31	

7/2-3 July 4th Holiday
7/6-7/30 Sp. Ed. Summer School

August 2020					0/0
M	T	W	Th	F	
3	4	5	6	7	
10	11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	
31					

8/3-8/13 Sp. Ed. Summer School

September 2020					17/17
M	T	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			

9/2 Convocation/School Meetings
9/7 Labor Day
9/8 First Day of School
9/8-9/9 Kindergarten Screening
9/10 First Day of Kindergarten
/PreK/Preschool

October 2020					21/38
M	T	W	Th	F	
			1	2	
5	/6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	

10/6 TLI-Early Dismissal
10/12 Indigenous People Day

November 2020					16/54
M	T	W	Th	F	
2	3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13	
16	17	18	19	20	
23	24	25	26	27	
30					

11/3 All Day Regional
Professional Development
11/11 Veteran's Day
11/25, 26, 27 Thanksgiving Vacation

December 2020					17/71
M	T	W	Th	F	
	1	2	3	4	
7	/8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	/23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		

12/8 TLI-Early Dismissal
12/23 Early Dismissal (Holiday)
12/24-12/31 Winter Holiday Vacation

January 2021					19/90
M	T	W	Th	F	
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4	5	6	7	8	
11	/12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	

1/1 New Year's Day
1/12 TLI-Early Dismissal
1/18 Martin Luther King Day

February 2021					18/108
M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	
8	/9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	

2/9 TLI-Early Dismissal
2/15, 16 Presidents Day/Winter Break

March 2021					22/130
M	T	W	Th	F	
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8	9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30	31			

3/12 Regional Professional Development

April 2021					16/146
M	T	W	Th	F	
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5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	

4/2 Good Friday
4/12-16 Spring Break

May 2021					20/166
M	T	W	Th	F	
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10	/11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	
31					

5/11 TLI-Early Dismissal
5/31 Memorial Day

June 2021					15/181
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7	8	9	10	11	
14	15	16	17	18	
/21	22	23	24		
28	29	30			

6/21 Last Day of School, Early Dismissal
6/22-25 Snow Make-Up Days
6/25 FHS Graduation

DRAFT 2021-2022 Calendar

Early dismissal

No school

July 2021					0/0
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7/x-x July 4th Holiday
7/x-7/xx Sp. Ed. Summer School

August 2021					0/0
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10/5 TLI-Early Dismissal
10/11 Indigenous People Day

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Professional Development
11/11 Veteran's Day
11/24, 25, 26 Thanksgiving Vacation

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12/7 TLI-Early Dismissal
12/23 Early Dismissal (Holiday)
12/24-12/31 Winter Holiday Vacation

January 2022					20/92
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1/11 TLI-Early Dismissal
1/17 Martin Luther King Day

February 2022					18/110
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2/8 TLI-Early Dismissal
2/21, 22 Presidents Day/Winter Break

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3/11 Regional Professional Development

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M	T	W	Th	F	
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4/11-15 Spring Break

May 2022					21/169
M	T	W	Th	F	
2	3	4	5	6	
9	/10	11	12	13	
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5/10 TLI-Early Dismissal
5/30 Memorial Day

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6/16 Last Day of School, Early Dismissal

Updated 10/22/2019