

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 4

Members Present: Jay Weitlauf, Jane Giulini, Liz Porter

Also Present: Mike Graner, Ken Knight, Sam Kilpatrick, Nikki Salaun, Jake Tedeschi

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Review December 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Update re: Claude Chester Engineering Work – Sam Kilpatrick reported that the engineering work done by GNCB Engineering has been completed. The beams under the Claude Chester cafeteria were inspected and the beams were rebuilt and reinforced.
3. Comparative Rates for Banner Displays at Local High Schools – Each group which arranges for a sponsor will get all the proceeds from the banner fee.
4. Update re: Athletic Contest Entry Fees – the committee decided that the current entry fee structure should remain in place; no action was recommended.
5. Proposed Enrollment Study by Mike Zuba – Mike Graner briefed the committee on the enrollment study to redesign the neighborhood catchment areas for the three elementary schools that will be closing in the fall of 2020. Mike Zuba of Malone and MacBroom proposed a study and recommended allocating \$15,000 for the work.
6. Update re: FY21 CIP – Mike Graner and Sam Kilpatrick explained that the town manager recommended funding the CIP projects at NEA, the purchase of the dishwashing machines, the cost of moving the portable classrooms, and the video surveillance system. The projects to resurface the football field and make the needed building repairs to SBB were not recommended for funding.
7. Overview of the MYP Multi-year Implementation Budget – Mike Graner shared with the committee the spending plan developed to support the grades 6-10 MYP program at GMS and FHS. The majority of the funding for FY21 will come from the MSAP grant, and the remainder will come from the district's professional development account.
8. Review of the Non-union Pay Rate Schedule for FY21 – Ken Knight and Mike Graner explained the proposed daily pay rate increase for both the summer school director and the ESY director. The proposal will be shared with the full Board at its next meeting.
9. Discussion re: Treehouse Summer Program Rates – Nikki Salaun and Jake Tedeschi reported that the Treehouse summer program needs some modifications. They proposed a staffing and fee structure change – add nine staff members and change the summer fee to the following:

- member – from \$150 to \$175
- resident – \$200
- non-member – from \$165 to \$225

The committee recommended forwarding the change of fee structure proposal to the full Board at its regular meeting on March 23, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.