

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAY 18, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING**

NOTE: This meeting is being held remotely due to the Coronavirus concern. Members of the public may view or listen to the meeting by following the below steps:

- 1) Using Google Chrome browser, go to *www.grotonschools.org*
- 2) Hover your mouse over “About Us” and click on Board of Education
- 3) The link to the meeting will be posted prominently on the Board of Education page

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. BoE Regular Business
 - a. Approval of the C.O.W. meeting minutes of May 11, 2020 (Attachment #1)
3. Discussion of Special Education Curriculum Coordinator (grades 6-12)
4. Review of Technology Reentry Plan
5. Review of the Required FY21 Budget Adjustment
6. Transportation Contract Updates – STA & Curtin
7. Review of the Proposed Schedule C Stipends for Groton Middle School
8. Update re: Food Service Funding
9. Update re: Tree House Summer Program
10. Review of the Referral List (Attachment #2)
11. Suggested Future Topics
12. Adjournment

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAY 11, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, Jane Giuliani, Gretchen Newsome, Liz Porter, Rosemary Robertson, Rita Volkmann, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Graner, Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick, Addie Clark, Xavion Quito

I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairperson Andrea Ackerman called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. BoE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: Porter, Volkmann:

To approve the COW minutes of March 9, March 31, April 13, and 20, 2020.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

III. UPDATE RE: PLANS FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS

Dr. Graner noted that the Governor's Re-Opening Task Force on education held a round table today that was very eye opening. The round table indicated that they have to be flexible re: testing, social distancing, wearing of masks, summer camps; have to do it right so that it does not have to be done again. They discussed a Return to School Roadmap that consists of 7 parts. Dr. Graner discussed the different aspects of the Road Map.

IV. DISCUSSION OF THE FULL YEAR ELECTIVE COURSE ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY/STUDIES

Carmita Hodge stated that she has been in constant contact with Stephen Armstrong, the CSDE Social Studies consultant, asking questions and getting pertinent information for the African American and Latin American History/Studies course. Ms. Hodge noted that SERC has taken charge of the development of the curriculum. Ms. Hodge noted that FHS does not have to implement the course until the 2022 school year. The SERC course has to be implemented without any modifications. The course can be taught by Social Studies or Language Arts teacher and can be counted as a Humanities course.

The Board can vote to approve the African American and Latin American History Studies course in the fall of 2020 for inclusion in the FHS Program of Studies for the 2021-2022 school year.

V. UPDATE RE FITCH HIGH SCHOOL

- a. Proposed Changes to Athletic Eligibility Requirements – Mr. Keleher reviewed the Athletic Eligibility Requirements as developed by a FHS committee charged with reviewing eligibility requirements.
- b. Update re: Proposed Bell Schedule for 2020-21 School Year – Mr. Keleher reviewed the proposed bell schedule for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Keleher explained the process used to eliminate the early release day and stated that the bell schedule will be the same every day.
- c. Update re: Graduation Planning – Mr. Keleher stated that the graduation ceremony will be held on June 19, 2020. It will be held as a drive-in movie event in the EB Parking Lot M; 1 car per family will be allowed.

- d. Grading – Mr. Keleher stated that he feels that the high school is in a good place with distance learning. Teachers are identifying students who are having trouble with distance learning and offering support. Teachers will be using the same grades as before (letter grades).

Mrs. Porter made a referral to the Policy Committee to address what the eligibility standards are for extra- curricular activities.

Mrs. Watson made a referral to the Policy regarding grading for the high school.

VI. UPDATE RE: SUMMER SCHOOL

Dr. Graner stated that the State Board of Education has not issued its guidance regarding summer school. Dr. Graner noted that summer school will be run through APEX.

VII. UPDATE RE: FY 20 ALLIANCE FUNDING

Ms. Austin gave an overview of Alliance funding noting that staffing had to be shifted. Ms. Austin stated that she has received authorization to spend the funds.

VIII. UPDATE RE: DISTANCE LEARNING

- a. Instructional Technology Devices – Dr. Graner noted the need to refresh the reentry plan.

III. SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS

Mrs. Porter made a referral for further discussion of the Special Education Curriculum Coordinator position.

Mrs. Volkmann asked the Superintendent to provide further information on the funds for the Food Services and CARE Act.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Ackerman, Porter:

To adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD OF EDUCATION - REFERRAL TRACKING SHEET
As of May 4, 2020

FCM = Future Committee Meeting

Referral #	Date Initiated	Subject	Referred to	Action	Status Report
		Curriculum/Instruction			
R2015-37	12/10/18	Review the assessment of grammar (AA)	Curriculum	FCM	
R2018-13	12/10/18	More robust Summer School (funding/structure) (AA)	Curriculum	FCM	
R2018-14	12/10/18	Review of spelling and cursive writing	Curriculum	FCM	
		Policy Development			
R2017-6	3/6/17	Review policy P 3520.11 Electronic Information Security	Policy	FCM	ongoing
R2017-7	3/6/17	Review policy P 3543.31 Electronic Communication Use and Retention	Policy	FCM	ongoing
R2018-10	6/4/18	Review policy P 5111.3 Protection of Undocumented Students	Policy	FCM	ongoing
R2018-25	1/7/19	Review policy P 6146.1 Examination Grading	Policy	FCM	ongoing
R2019-16	9/9/19	Determine where the limits are for having advertising done	Policy	FCM	
R2020-1	3/2/20	Review policy P 4118.13 Conflict of Interest	Policy	FCM	2 nd reading 5/26/20
R2020-2	3/2/20	Review regulations R 4118.13 Conflict of Interest	Policy	FCM	2 nd reading 5/26/20
R2020-3	3/2/20	Review policy P 4118.7 Good Samaritan	Policy	FCM	1 st reading 5/26/20
R2020-4	3/2/20	Review policy P 3230.1 Federal Funds	Policy	FCM	1 st reading 5/26/20
R2020-5	3/2/20	Review of regulations R 3230.1 Federal Funds	Policy	FCM	1 st reading 5/26/20
R2020-6	3/2/20	Review policy P 3323 Bidding	Policy	FCM	1 st reading 5/26/20
R2020-7	3/2/20	Review regulations R 3323 Bidding	Policy	FCM	1 st reading 5/26/20
		COW			
R2016-61	5/2/16	Review and discussion of BOE policies, procedures and revisions [bylaws] (KW)	COW	FCM	ongoing
R2016-68	9/12/16	Discussion of what is be done for students in need of an alternate high school; how are we supporting these students (RV)	COW	FCM	ongoing
R2018-17	12/10/18	Investigation of racial bias (Retreat) (KF)	COW	FCM	Retreat
R2018-18	12/10/18	Discussion of student achievement by sub groups (KF)	COW	FCM	ongoing
R2019-13	7/22/19	Discussion re: Regional approach to Transition Academy and Alternative High School	COW	FCM	ongoing
		Facilities			
		Finance			
R2019-17	9/9/19	Determine where the limits are for having advertising done	Finance	FCM	
		Miscellaneous			