

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosemary Robertson,

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Graner, Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick, Ken Knight, Dennis Colclough, Denise Doolittle, Addie Clark, Xavion Quito

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Kim Watson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. BOE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: White, Newsome: To approve the COW meeting minutes of May 11, 2020.
YES – Watson, Ackerman, Giuliani, Newsome, Porter, Weitlauf, White
ABSTAINED – Volkmann
PASSED

III. DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM COORDINATOR (GRADES 6-12)

- Ted Keleher explained how the position would allow administrators to get back into the classroom. Peter Bass stated that he has strong support for this position for consistency. In the new Middle School it is critical that the Principal and Assistant Principal are visible.

Rita Volkmann and Elizabeth Porter asked to see the flow chart of the special education department.

The Central Office Administrators were asked to rethink the title and job description of the Special Education Curriculum Coordinator position.

IV. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE C STIPENDS FOR THE GROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Dr. Graner reviewed the changes to the proposed Schedule C stipends for the Groton Middle School.

The Central Office was asked to further revise the proposed Schedule C stipends for the Groton Middle School.

The consensus of the Board was to support the proposed Schedule C stipends for the Groton Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board will vote on the proposed Schedule C stipends for the Groton Middle School at its May 26, 2020 regular meeting.

V. REVIEW OF TECHNOLOGY REENTRY PLAN

- Dr. Graner reviewed the Technology reentry plan indicating the needs and funding needed.

VI. REVIEW OF THE REQUIRED FY 21 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

- Ken Knight reviewed the budget adjustments for the FY 21 budget.

VII. UPDATE RE: FOOD SERVICE FUNDING

- Dr. Graner gave an overview of the Food Service funding.

VIII. UPDATE RE: TREE HOUSE SUMMER PROGRAM

- Dr. Graner stated the Tree House Summer Program is governed by the Office of Early Childhood. Dr. Graner stated the Tree House Summer Program would run from June 22, 2020 through August 14, 2020; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dr. Graner outlined the different cost for attendance in the Tree House Summer Program. The sites for the Tree House Summer Program would be at CK and NEA. Dr. Graner explained that due to the new requirements staff for the program would have to be doubled. This will cause a deficit of \$12,000 to the Enterprise fund. Added to that would be the salaries of the Director and Assistant Director approved by the Board for a total deficit of \$34,000.

IX. REVIEW OF THE REFERRAL LIST

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

R2016-68 Discussion of what is to be done for students in need of an alternate high school; how are we supporting these students and R2019-13 Discussion re: Regional approach to Transition Academy and Alternate High School will be combined into one referral. (R2020-8 Discussion of a Regional approach to Transition Academy and the need for an Alternate High School and how to support each.)

REMOVED - R2019-17 Determine where the limits are for having advertising done and the removal of R2016-61 Review and discussion of BOE policies, procedures and revisions.

Susan Austin will confer with Dennis Colclough regarding those policies dealing with technology.

X. SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS

Kim Watson stated that clarification will be provided regarding the Humanities Coordinator at next weeks' meeting.

Gretchen Newsome asked for an update on the testing of students at the beginning of the school year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Ackerman, Volkmann: To adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY