

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JULY 13, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING**

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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 June 15, 2020 (Attachment #1)
3. Update re: CSDE School Reopening Plan
 - a. Overview of the CSDE Document Adapt, Advance, and Achieve
 - b. Requirements vs. Guidance
 - c. Elements of the Fall Reopening Plan
 - d. Staffing Implications
 - e. Financial Requirements
 - f. Transportation Issues
 - g. July 24 Plan Submission
4. Discussion of Proposed Staffing Positions
 - a. APEX/Transition Academy Teacher
 - b. Student Data Manager
5. Review of Referral List (Attachment #2)
6. Suggested Future Topics
7. Adjournment

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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, Laurie LePine, Addie Clark, Xavion Quito

I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairperson Andrea Ackerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. BOE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: White, Porter: To approve the COW meeting minutes of June 8, 2020.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

III. PRESENTATION RE: SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION BY THE CT GREEN BANK

- Rick Norris gave an overview of installation process. Mr. Norris introduced Emily Basham and Mackey Dykes from CT Green Bank program; they gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed installation of solar panels at Cutler and the Groton Middle School.
- They highlighted:
 - Solar Municipal Assistance Program
 - Use of the solar panels is to make clean energy
 - Board would have to sign a Power Purchase agreement regarding the funding
 - Allen Sabins, CSW, addressed the Technical side of the process
 - CT Green Banks has worked with other Towns in the State
 - CT Green Banks and its private partner would provide financing to cover 100% of the costs of the project
 - Car ports with solar panels are proposed at both schools
 - Tax benefits would help reduce the Board's cost of the fixed electricity costs over 20 years
 - CT Green Banks is responsible for maintenance of the solar panels
 - Next steps and timeline: determine the cost savings and update the Board of Education
- Mackey Dykes noted that construction would start in 2021.

IV. DRAFT OF PROPOSED 2021-22 NEIGHBORHOOD AREA FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR CUTLER AND WEST SIDE SITES

- Mike Zuba and Pat Gallagher, from Milone and MacBroom, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Groton 2020 Elementary Plan to re-establish neighborhood catchment zone for the three elementary schools to be closed in 2021.

Mr. Weitlauf and Mrs. Volkmann requested other options for consideration.

Dr. Ackerman noted her concern with the division of Ring Drive.

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V. UPDATE RE: RETURN TO SCHOOL ROAD MAP COMMITTEE

- Report from Facilities – Mr. Kilpatrick stated that the committee has met twice and is a 15 member committee. Last week the committee discussed what they have heard regarding coming back to school. Their next meeting is this Wednesday, June 17, 2020.
- Report from Operations – Laurie LePine stated that the committee has met and laid out the foundation; they went through an assessment of lessons learned, things that were complimentary. Their next meeting is June 24, 2020.
- Report from Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Elizabeth Porter stated that they had their first meeting and is a 65 member committee. They committee is committed to have diversity, equity and inclusion for all students and black lives matter. Mrs. Porter noted that first they have to identify and define the 3 terms. She stated that “intersectionality” is a new term and they want to reduce racial isolation. Their next meeting is Thursday, June 18, 2020. Mrs. Porter also noted that CABE is available for resources.

VI. UPDATE RE: TREE HOUSE ENROLLMENT AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

- Dr. Graner stated that he was informed by Jake Tedeschi that Tree House did not get the enrollment anticipated. There will be \$15,300 deficit.

VII. REVIEW OF THE REFERRAL LIST

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

Mr. Weitlauf requested additional elementary neighborhood plans for consideration at a COW meeting.

VIII. SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS

Mrs. Volkmann, Mrs. Porter, and Dr. Ackerman requested to join the Naming Committee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Ackerman, Porter: To adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD OF EDUCATION - REFERRAL TRACKING SHEET

As of July 13, 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	
R2020-3	3/2/20	Review policy P 4118.7 Good Samaritan	Policy	FCM	2 nd reading 6/22/20
R2020-4	3/2/20	Review policy P 3230.1 Federal Funds	Policy	FCM	2 nd reading 6/22/20
R2020-5	3/2/20	Review of regulations R 3230.1 Federal Funds	Policy	FCM	2 nd reading 6/22/20
R2020-6	3/2/20	Review policy P 3323 Bidding	Policy	FCM	2 nd reading 6/22/20
R2020-7	3/2/20	Review regulations R 3323 Bidding	Policy	FCM	2 nd reading 6/22/20
R2020-9	5/20/20	Review policy P 1230 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs	Policy	FCM	1 st reading 6/22/20
		COW			
R2018-17	12/10/18	Investigation of racial bias (Retreat) (K-F)	COW	FCM	Retreat
R2018-18	12/10/18	Discussion of student achievement by sub groups (K-F)	COW	FCM	ongoing
R2020-8	5/18/20	Discussion of a regional approach to Transition Academy and the need for an alternative high school and how to support each	COW	FCM	ongoing
R2020-10	6/8/20	Review of Report Cards	COW	FCM	
R2020-11	6/8/20	Review of the fields in the district	COW	FCM	
R2020-12	6/8/20	Assessment of what went well and what went wrong with distance learning	COW	FCM	
R2020-13	6/15/20	Review of additional elementary neighborhood plans	COW	FCM	
		Facilities			
		Finance			
		Miscellaneous			