

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, Jane Giulini, 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,

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

II. BOE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: Porter, White: To approve the COW meeting minutes of June 15, 2020.  
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

III. UPDATE RE: CSDE SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

- Overview of the CSDE Document Adapt, Advance, and Achieve – Dr. Graner stated that the Commissioner and the Governor have required districts to develop 3 models to come back to school:
  - Full capacity
  - Hybrid Plan – 50% occupancy
  - Remote learning model.

Dr. Graner noted this plan needs to be developed by July 24, 2020. Dr. Graner noted that he is sending out a survey to all parents asking 2 questions. Dr. Graner also noted that he is sending out a survey to teachers regarding whether they will be returning in-person or on some form of leave.

- Financial Requirements – Dr. Graner and Mr. Knight explained the financial requirements being used.
- Transportation Issues – Dr. Graner noted that the plan submission date is July 24, 2020. Dr. Graner stated that the State doesn't approve the plan, they just want to know what districts are doing.

IV. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED STAFFING POSITIONS

- APEX/Transition Academy Teacher – Denise Doolittle gave an overview of the Transition Academy Program to date and outlined the proposal for the new position noting that the expansion of the program would include homebound students. A portion of the day will be allocated to managing the APEX Academy Program and the remaining portion will be dedicated to supervision of the Transition Academy students at their job sites. Dr. Graner and Mr. Knight reviewed the cost and funding for this position.
- Student Data Manager – Susan Austin stated that there is a need for this position in the Central Office and she outlined what this person would handle. Dennis Colclough gave further explanation of the need for this position; he noted the increased demand for data by the State Dept of Education. Dr. Graner and Mr. Knight shared the cost and funding for this position.

V. REVIEW OF THE REFERRAL LIST

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

Mrs. Porter stated that she attended the PSBC meeting and that they had approved putting the lines on the new field for Hockey.

VI. SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS

MOTION: Newsome, Watson: To add to the agenda the moving of all memorials from the Middle schools and discuss their relocation at the Groton Middle School.  
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

A referral was made to the Finance/Facilities Committee to determine the best place for the memorials to be placed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, White: To adjourn at 7:30 p.m.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY