GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOWN & CITY COUNCILS/RTM/ BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

Central Office - Mike Graner, Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick
BOE - Kim Shepardson Watson, Lee White, Rosemary Robertson, Andrea Ackerman, Gretchen Newsome
Town Council - Patrice Granatowsky
City Council - Reginald Stanford
RTM - Kathy Chase, Michael Whitney

1. Call to Order – Kim Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Review July 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes – the minutes were reviewed

3. Board of Education Report
   - Dr. Graner oriented the committee to the GPS reopening plan.
   - Sam Kilpatrick gave an overview of the facilities and operations plan. He also explained the reopening plan regarding transportation.
   - Dr. Graner shared the projected expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. He estimated a shortfall of approximately $1.8 million.
   - Kim Watson gave an update regarding the reestablishment of neighborhood catchment areas for the three elementary schools slated for closure in September 2021.

4. Town Council Report
   - Patrice Granatowsky reported that the Town Council meeting scheduled for August 4 was cancelled due to the storm.
   - There is support for Mystic merchants to provide masks for customers who do not have one

5. City Council Report – No report was given.

6. RTM Report
   - Kathy Chase reported that the RTM would like to have ex officio student representation on the committee. They prefer a high school student who resides in Groton, but it doesn't necessarily need to be a Fitch High School student.

7. New Business – There was no new business.

8. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.