

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

Members Present: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, Jane Giuliani, Gretchen Newsome, Liz Porter, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White

Members Absent: Rosemary Robertson, Rita Volkmann

Also Present: Michael Graner, Susan Austin, Michelle Laubin (Attorney w/Berchem Moses)

Chairperson Kim Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MOTION: Shepardson Watson, White; to go into executive session at 6:03 p.m. and to invite Michael Graner, Susan Austin, and Attorney Michelle Laubin to (1) discuss and possibly act on a threatened litigation involving the Federal Office of Civil Rights and the Magnet School Assistance Program Grant; and (2) discuss information involving attorney/client communication.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Shepardson Watson, Weitlauf; to return to regular session at 7:16 p.m.

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MOTION: Shepardson Watson, Giuliani; to approve the pursuit of the appeals process in the event that the U.S. Department of Education denies the release of the Magnet School Assistance Program Grant funding and to authorize counsel to explore other potential litigation options.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Shepardson Watson, Ackerman; to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Porter, Weitlauf; to return to regular session at 8:00 p.m.

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MOTION: Ackerman, Porter; to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

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