

*** REVISED ***

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. REMOTE MEETING

NOTE: This meeting is being held remotely due to the Coronavirus concern. Members of the public may view or listen to the meeting by following the below steps:

- 1) Using Google Chrome browser, go to www.grotonschools.org
- 2) Hover your mouse over "About Us" and click on Board of Education
- 3) The link to the meeting will be posted prominently on the Board of Education page

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. Review September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment #1)
3. Update re: FY22 Budget
4. Update re: Transportation Contracts (STA and Curtin)
5. CIP - FY22
 - Installation of Lights on Groton Middle School Sports Fields
 - Silver Petrucelli Recommendation re: CC, SBB, & MM
 - Northeast Academy IAG - Next Phase
6. Discussion of the Three Elementary Schools Scheduled to be Closed in June 2021 (CC, SBB, MM)
7. Discussion re: Solar Panels
8. Alliance Grant Building Funds (\$477,000)
9. Update re: Relocation of Middle School Memorials
10. Relocation of Middle School Portables
11. Update re: Groton Middle School Gym Floor
12. Adjournment

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING**

Members Present: Jay Weitlauf, Liz Porter, Jane Giulini

Also Present: Mike Graner, Sam Kilpatrick, Ken Knight, Susan Austin

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. Review August 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. C.I.P. Development – Sam Kilpatrick explained that the FY22 C.I.P. proposal is being developed and will be presented at the October Finance/Facilities Committee meeting. The Board of Education can then vote on the C.I.P. proposal at its October meeting. The proposal will then be submitted to the town.
3. Budget Timeline – Ken Knight shared the attached proposed timeline for the FY22 budget development.
4. COVID-related Funding – Ken Knight shared the attached spreadsheet which details the proposed allocation for the Corona Relief Fund. Mike Graner explained that the bulk of the academic support funding will pay for substitute teachers as well as one full time middle school study skills teacher and a half time PE teacher. The additional middle school staff members are needed to support the current middle school schedule. Funds have also been allocated for a full time social worker. The remaining part of the Corona Relief Fund grant will be used to purchase cleaning supplies, PPE, and other health/safety equipment. Ken also shared the budget for the CARES Act grant; this is a federal education grant that will be used to support a variety of COVID-related needs including food service staff, additional custodians, and equipment to support distance learning
5. Update re: Building Preparations for COVID to Include HVAC – Sam Kilpatrick explained that the district's maintenance staff worked with Fuss & O'Neill engineers this summer to recommission the HVAC systems in each building. The work entailed increasing the circulation rate of fresh air in all buildings. Sam noted that the circulation process now starts two hours before school and continues throughout the day until one hour after school.
6. Update re: How the Latest USDA Guidelines Affect the Food Service Budget – Groton Public Schools has applied to the USDA to participate in the free meals program. The program will have no impact on the food service department budget. Sam also noted that the food service staff will provide meals five days per week to all students.
7. Projections for Treehouse Finances – Mike Graner explained that the Tree House program will continue to provide before and after school care for children attending in-person classes as well as all day care for students enrolled in the Tree House program on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. In addition, the program is pursuing the possibility of offering a five day per week program at the Groton Community Center.
8. Update re: Solar Panels at the Middle School – Sam Kilpatrick explained that the Town Council is currently considering the installation of solar panels on the new middle school. The town and Board of Education would be required to enter a power sharing agreement if the panels are approved.

9. Update re: Relocation of Middle School Memorials – Sam Kilpatrick explained that he has already returned several of the memorials that were at Cutler Middle and West Side Middle Schools to family members. A few memorials have been stored in the Central Office, and Sam is working with the families to determine the best location for them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.