

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, Dean Antipas, Jane Giulini, Liz Porter, Rosemary Robertson, Rita Volkmann, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Denise Doolittle, Sam Kilpatrick, Ken Knight, Laurie LePine

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Kim Watson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. BOE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: Robertson, White: To approve the COW special meeting minutes of December 7, 2020.  
PASSED -UNANIMOUSLY

III. DISCUSSION RE: ONE CARD – ONE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE Attachment #1)

Amy McKenna, Fitch High School, and Jessa Franco, Groton Public Library, gave an overview of the 3 phase plan for the One Card – One Community initiative regarding easy access to books from public libraries. This item was referred to the January 25, 2021 Board agenda for a vote.

III. BUDGET WORKSHOP

- Orientation – Ken Knight reviewed the format of the budget book as well as:
  - Reconciliation page
  - Object Code worksheet that includes comments for each item
  - 1101 Elementary PreK – 5

There were a few recommendations from board members requesting details regarding the GPS grants, as funding sources for specific initiatives under each grant. The proposal of footnotes be included in the function code section. As a follow-up, the budget review section (yellow tab) and the estimated enrollment section (white tab) will be completed and sent to the board.


IV. SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS

Mrs. Watson noted that there will be a Public Hearing on the budget on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 with a budget work session to follow. She also noted that there will be a joint meeting with the Town Council, RTM, and the Board on the budget on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Dr. Ackerman noted the Martin Luther King Ecumenical Service on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. This service will be held on Zoom. Dr. Ackerman stated that there are 5 recipients of the Martin Luther King Scholarship from Fitch High School. They are Tristin Cleetus, Zoe Costello, Deja Driscoll-Smith, Fatimah Mansour, and Zavion Quito.


V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Watson: To adjourn at 8:10 p.m.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



# ONE CARD, ONE COMMUNITY

A partnership between Groton Public Schools and Groton Libraries



## Goals

- Increase partnership and collaboration between Groton Public Schools and all three Groton libraries
- Increase student access to public library materials and digital resources
- Allow students to use their ID numbers as public library cards

## Phases

**Phase 1: Digital Materials**

- Public Library Connect Program through OverDrive/Sora
- Invest in titles and formats that will support GPS curriculum.

**Phase 2: Library Cards**

- Establish system to give every student a public library card
- Pilot the program at Fitch
- Expand program to Middle and Elementary schools

**Phase 3: Limitless**

- Students can request materials from all public libraries in Groton
- Items delivered to the schools
- Expanded partnerships on collection development and major events, such as summer reading

## Information Needed for Library Access

**To Get a Library Card:**

- First/Last Name
- Student ID Number
- Address
- Phone
- Email

\* Information valid for 1 year (Sept-Sept)