

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Weitlauf

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

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

II. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. Ken Knight, Business Manager, reviewed the following pages of the proposed 2021-2022 budget:

1102 Art 6-12  
1104 Language Arts 6-12  
1105 World Language 6-12  
1106 Culinary Arts 6-12  
1107 Technology Education 6-12  
1108 Mathematics 6-12  
1109 Music 6-12  
1110 Physical Education 6-12  
1111 Science 6-12  
1112 Social Studies 6-12  
1113 IB Middle Years Program 6-10  
1114 Health Education 6-12  
1115 Magnet School Support K-5  
1117 International Baccalaureate DP 11-12  
1118 IB Career Related Program 9-12  
1119 Unclassified 6-12  
1121 Business Education 6-12  
1124 Health Occupation 6-12  
1205 Preschool Age 3-5  
1210 SPED Summer School PreK-12  
1220 Other Special Instruction K-12  
1230 Special Education K-12  
1250 Blind K-12  
1280 Hearing Impaired K-12  
1310 High School Completion  
1320 Adult Education  
2101 Support Services – SPED CO  
2110 Social Work Services K-12  
2120 Guidance 6-12  
2130 Health Services K-12  
2140 Psychological Services K-12  
2150 Speech and Hearing Services PreK-12

Mrs. Doolittle, Mrs. Macklin, and Mrs. Luciani reviewed the special education pages of the budget.

Board Discussion:

Mrs. Volkmann requested discussion at a COW meeting of substitutes for next year e.g. per building. Mrs. Watson suggested that the Finance/Facilities Committee review this item first.

Mrs. Volkmann requested the class sizes for all core subjects.

Mrs. Volkmann requested data on field trips for Music, Science, Language Arts, and any other area where it may appear.

Mrs. Volkmann requested data on how the Board would absorb positions paid out of the MSAP grant when MSAP goes away.

Mrs. Volkmann requested data on travel that is noted in function 1118.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Volkmann: To adjourn at 8:37 p.m.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY