

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 26, 2021 @ 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:

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Mission Statement: Our mission is teaching and learning.

Board Goals: In richness of cultures and with a respect for all, (1) Provide Dynamic Rigorous Curriculum, (2) Ensure Effective and Engaging Instruction, and (3) Embrace Excellent Learning Environment

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Attachment #1)
3. Review Policy/Regulation #1330 Use of School Facilities Rate Schedule (Attachment #2)
4. Review End of Year Unexpended Funds (Attachment #3)
5. Review Tuition for Out-of-Town Students (Attachment #4)
6. Discuss HVAC Upgrades
7. Grants Sustainability
8. Adjournment

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

Members Present: Jay Weitlauf, Dean Antipas, Liz Porter

Also Present: Susan Austin, Ken Knight, Sam Kilpatrick, Rick Norris

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Review November 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Review Policy/Regulation #1330 Use of Facilities – The committee reviewed the rate schedule and it was determined that it needed to be updated to reflect the current changes to the facilities. A new rate schedule will be developed to reflect the necessary changes. We can still charge for the use of utilities but not for the use of the middle school field itself.
3. Review of Fee Proposal for Fitch High School Field House Design Study – Sam Kilpatrick will provide the quote to the town’s Athletic Fields Task Force.
4. Review DoD Supplemental Impact Aid – Ken Knight reviewed the attached DoD Supplemental Impact Aid document dated February 11, 2021.
5. Discussion of Priority CIPs – The committee reviewed the following CIPs:
 - FHS football field recrowning (see attached)
 - Charles Barnum roof replacement – it was determined that this item could be put off for one year (see attached)
 - Northeast Academy air handlers and site drainage – it was determined that this work should be done (see attached)
 - Groton Middle School athletic complex (see attached)
 - S. B. Butler oil tank – the oil tank has to be removed. Sam Kilpatrick will get a quote for John Burt.
6. Review OPEB Projections – This item was tabled because the report from Milliman, the pension specialists, was not yet available.
7. Review Latest Insurance Reserve Data – Ken Knight shared the latest insurance reserve data with the committee (see attached).
8. Discussion re: 2020-21 Budget and Projections – Ken Knight stated that \$260,000 unexpended amount is projected.
9. Discussion re: GMS Construction Funding – Rick Norris discussed using the remaining funds from the GMS construction project for lights, scoreboards, and bleachers on the middle school field. Jay Weitlauf asked if the funds could be used to cover overages at the two new elementary schools, which Rick replied that this is a possibility. Susan Austin asked about the use of solar panels as well. Rick stated this is still a possibility for Groton Middle School and Mystic River Magnet School through the Greenbank program. He will continue to investigate the Greenbank program to be expanded to Thames River Magnet School.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Groton Public Schools
Building and Grounds Rental Rate Schedule

When buildings are to be utilized on Saturday, Sunday or holidays, or any time custodial personnel are not scheduled*, the following fees will be charged:

Required Personnel (applicable to both non-profit and for-profit):	Fitch High School	Groton Middle School	Elementary Schools
Custodial Staff			
One Custodian	\$45/hour	\$45/hour	\$45/hour
Each additional Custodian	\$35/hour	\$35/hour	\$35/hour
Technician Staff	\$45/hour	\$45/hour	\$45/hour
Security Staff	\$25/hour	\$25/hour	\$25/hour
Kitchen Staff	\$20/hour	\$20/hour	\$20/hour
Supervisory Staff	\$35/hour	\$35/hour	\$35/hour

Utility Charges (applicable to both non-profit and for-profit):	Fitch High School	Groton Middle School	Elementary Schools
Heating (Nov 1 - Apr 30)			
First Hour	\$80/hour	\$45/hour	\$40/hour
Each Hour thereafter	\$20/hour	\$10/hour	\$5/hour
Air Conditioning			
First Hour	\$63/hour	\$63/hour	\$63/hour
Each Hour thereafter	\$9/hour	\$9/hour	\$9/hour
Electricity for Field Use	\$12/hour	\$12/hour	N/A

Rental Charges (for-profit only):	Fitch High School	Groton Middle School	Elementary Schools
Auditorium/Black Box Theatre	\$800/day	\$400/day	N/A
Cafeteria	\$400/day	\$200/day	\$100/day
Lobby	\$400/day	N/A	N/A
Gym (Large)	\$600/day	N/A	N/A
Gym (Small)	\$300/day	\$200/day	\$100/day
Football Field/ Track	\$800/day	N/A	N/A
Baseball/Softball Field	\$1,000/day	\$0/day	N/A
Tennis Courts	\$200/day	N/A	N/A
Other Athletic Fields	\$200/day	\$0/day	\$200/day
Parking Lot	\$400/day	\$200/day	\$200/day
Classroom	\$100/day	\$100/day	\$100/day
Kitchen	\$300/day	\$300/day	\$300/day

* If custodians are present in the specific location that a non-profit organization requests to use, and no additional cost will be incurred, the fee can be waived by the Superintendent or their designee.

Groton Public Schools
FY2021 End of year funds

Magnet Costs

CB magnet	Life is Good	9,083
SBB magnet	Life is Good	24,362
CC magnet	Proj O/NESS	30,000 est

High School

FHS	Add'l Graduation	Ted/Erin
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Central Office

Locking file cabinets	15,000	Discuss with SK
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Operations

Outdoor equipment storage (GMS)	7,000
Floor scrubber	12,000

HR

OPEB	150,000
Excess vacation payout	<u>64,661</u>

312,106

Groton Public Schools
Alliance District funding
FY 2021

Personnel

Data Support	60,000
EL Teacher	49,089
Grant Management	11,000

Benefits

Health Insurance	8,268
Payroll Tax	6,143

Supplies

Software	105,500
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Property

IT Equipment	<u>60,000</u> Chromebooks
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