

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOWN & CITY COUNCILS/RTM/BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

Central Office – Susan Austin, Philip Piazza
BOE – Andrea Ackerman, Lee White, Jane Giulini,
Town Council – Juliette Parker
City Council – absent
RTM –Kathy Chase

1. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.
2. Review of March 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve – Juliette Parker, 2nd Lee White. The minutes were approved as presented.
3. Board of Education Report
 - Introduction of new Assistant Superintendent Phil Piazza
 - Step closer to becoming an International Baccalaureate district at the top of the hill at the Fitch High and Groton Middle School
 - A lot of people “visiting” (NEASC) each of the schools to help the high school look at their school plan and it helps to look at the district plan
 - SBAC testing and NGSS testing going on
 - There was a ribbon cutting at a greenhouse at Fitch High School purchased through a grant and Groton Utilities
 - Next year for the full year with federal support all children will be fed
 - Vaccination clinic at Fitch for 16 – 18-year-olds. Grasso has been contacted to reach out to their kids
 - NYP program dovetails with the DEI initiative in Groton
 - Curriculum meeting recently with Board and some International Baccalaureate diploma programs and some AP classes will marry with UCONN credit so kids will get a certificate and be able to take the credits with them. This will save money for families.
 - Careers program involves the manufacturing pipeline. Congressman Courtney asked the district what they will submit, and Groton is one of ten districts in SE CT that will have our manufacturing pipelines supported by the federal government
4. Town Council Report
 - Finished budget deliberation on April 27th and passed it on to the RTM
 - Public Hearing for the Neighborhood Assistance Act
 - Had three proclamations for Arbor Day, National Public Works Week, and National Economic Development Week
 - The TC approved Fair Housing Policy, Long Island Sound Futures Fund Grant, Pleasant Valley School Property Sale (referred to RTM), FYE 2021 CIP Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction (referred to RTM), Tax Abatement for Seniors, Disabled & Veterans, Approval of 4th Quarter Transfers for FYE 2021 (referred to RTM) and FYE 2021 4th Quarter Transfers (referred to RTM)
5. City Council Report
 - No report
6. RTM Report

- Groton Heights property discussion which was sent to the finance committee for review
- RTM budget deliberations started on April 29th

7. New Business – no new business was discussed

8. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.