

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TOWN & CITY COUNCILS/RTM/BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
June 2, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING

Central Office – Susan Austin  
BOE – Andrea Ackerman, Lee White  
Town Council – Patrice Granatosky  
City Council – absent  
RTM –Kathy Chase, Syma Ebbin

1. Call to Order – 5:34 p.m.
2. Review of May 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve – Kathy Chase, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee White. The minutes were approved as presented.
3. Board of Education Report
  - Board Notes and Weekly Updates – would like to send them out to the Town Council and RTM
  - Had a meeting with Dr. Kathy Bosno regarding embedded coaching for math for the teachers using relevant ways to do math. The DoD money will be used to pay for this
  - An elementary STEM camp will be held and will be attended by 25 teachers and 350 students in the summer
  - There will be a literacy camp to close the achievement and COVID gaps
  - Transportation audit – will be looking for efficiencies and cost savings
  - The school calendar has been approved for the upcoming year
  - Blues and Beyond in the MYP Middle School had an integrated English Language Arts, Social Studies and Music experience in African American music
  - Approximately \$6.5 million has been received through COVID relief. \$1.5 million to be used in closing the achievement gap
4. Town Council Report
  - The budget is complete. The mil rate has been set. The mil rate is 25.98. \$2.851 million of the unassigned fund balance will be used to partially meet expenditure appropriations to keep the increase where it was set
  - The Neighborhood Assistance Act proposal for Sacred Heart School, Riverfront Childrens Center, Fairview and Avery Copp Museum was approved
  - A public hearing was set for July 6, 2021 for the resurfacing of Sandy Hollow Road
5. City Council Report
  - No report
6. RTM Report
  - RTM Committee meetings were held to review sections of the FYE2022 budget. The RTM finished budget deliberations on May 24<sup>th</sup> and sent it back to the Town Council for approval
  - The RTM authorized the sale of the former Groton Heights School
  - The RTM Finance Committee met to review and approve: Mystic Coastal Access Wayfinding Signage, Pleasant Valley School Property Sale, Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction, Approval of fourth quarter transfers
7. New Business

- A question was asked regarding safety concerns on a portion of the Route 12 corridor
- Submarines will be coming soon with an increase in students and there is a housing shortage in Groton for the newcomers
- The Seeley School is in process now

8. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.