

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 3, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11

NOTE: This meeting is being held in-person. For those attending via Zoom, please click on the meeting under District Calendar for the Zoom link.

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 April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Attachment #1)
3. Review Out of District Student Tuition Rates
4. Review End of Year Unexpended Funds
5. Health Insurance Reserve Update
6. Discussion re: Field Use/Over Usage
7. Discussion re: the Status of MRMS and TRMS
8. Solar Panel Purchase Agreement Update
9. Discussion re: Bus Contract Timeline
10. Discussion re: Combined GMS & FHS Buses
11. Adjournment

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APRIL 5, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
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Members Present: Jay Weitlauf, Dean Antipas, Beverly Washington (remote)

Also Present: Susan Austin, Ken Knight, Rick Norris, Sam Kilpatrick (remote),
Katrina Fitzgerald (remote), Matt Shulman (remote)

Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Review March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes - The minutes were accepted as presented.
2. Review End of Year Unexpended Funds - Mr. Knight reviewed the attached object code report from the last regular board meeting that showed a projected unexpended balance of \$131,546. There are no plans on how to handle the unexpended balance at this time, as there are still three months left in the year. The tentative plan would be to utilize unexpended funds towards the health insurance or OPEB reserve. Mr. Knight explained that last year at this time, we were projecting an approximate \$280,000 in unexpended balance, so it was a different scenario. Also discussed was the attached Alliance District funding budget. Mr. Knight explained that the funds for FY22 were just received, and, therefore, was mostly unexpended.
3. Solar Panel Project (Next Steps) - Superintendent Austin reviewed some of the history of the solar panel project. Mr. Norris reviewed a potential timeline for finalizing the contract and construction, which may be in August 2022. Mr. Kilpatrick explained the proposal for a ballast system; there would be no drilling into beams, which would be less noisy and could potentially be done during school hours. The preference, though, is for it to be done while school is out. Chairman Weitlauf suggested a motion be added to either a special meeting or the next regular board meeting to authorize the superintendent to sign the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).
4. Open Items from 3/29/2022 Town Council Meeting - Mr. Knight reviewed a summary of the open items from the March 29, 2022 Town Council meeting (see attached). Superintendent Austin recommended putting the summary in Board Notes and to also provide the summary to the Town Council and RTM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.