

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
 MAY 15, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
 GROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, William Horgan, Liz Porter, Matthew Shulman, Beverly Washington (remote), Jay Weitlauf

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Antipas, Rita Volkmann

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Phil Piazza, Sam Kilpatrick

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. BOE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: Porter, Shulman: To approve the COW minutes of May 8, 2023.
YES – Shepardson Watson, Ackerman, Horgan, Shulman, Washington, Weitlauf
ABSTAINED – Porter
PASSED

III. STUDENT RECOGNITIONS – Each Principal shared each recipient’s accomplishments for their award.

- Poet Laureate – Mr. Keleher commended Kayla Febus who read her poem entitled, *Tragedy of Maturity and Romance*.
- CABE Student Leadership Awards – Mr. Keleher commended Isaiah Anderson and Kitara Pottebaum.
- Connecticut Student Writers Contest – Mr. Bass commended Carly Edmonson, Kayla Gibson, Rochelle Cuevas, and Brendan Sanborn.
- Eugene O’Neill Theater Center’s 2023 Young Playwrights Festival – Mr. Bass commended Khloe Baldoz, Alexander Knets, and Maliyah Kievits-Centeno.
- CABE Student Leadership Awards – Mr. Bass commended Winter Davis and Michael El Khoury.
- Connecticut Student Writers Contest – Mrs. Giordano commended Anshika Nigam.

Mr. Keleher recognized Larry Grundy from the Falcon Music Department and noted that he would be retiring and greatly missed.

STAFF AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITIONS

SCHOOL	FRIEND OF EDUCATION	SUPPORT PERSONNEL	SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
CO	n/a	Diane Portelance	n/a
CK	Rachel Goodman	Ginger Waldron	None
CB	Tanisha Varner	Lesia Jenkins	Phil Poirier
MRMS	Allison Zyrllis	Jennifer Mitsko	Molly Dunn
NEA	Amanda Sisley	Bill Harris	Lynore Plouffe
TRMS	Patrick Florio	Meaghan Newlon	Amber Bosche
GMS	Melinda Georges	Jason Appleby	Melanie Thompson
FHS	Larry Grundy	Josh Spatafore	Marc Frucht

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

Catherine Kolnaski – Erin Comins

Charles Barnum – Andrew Whritenour

Mystic River Magnet – Joseph Sullivan

Northeast Academy – Karen Cartier

Thames River Magnet – Jane Potts

Fitch High – Terance Henkle

Groton Middle School – Molly Condron who is also the Groton Teacher of the Year

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Porter:

To adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY