

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR 2

**Members Present:** Dean Antipas, Beverly Washington (remote), Jennifer White

**Also Present:** Susan Austin, David Fleig, Sam Kilpatrick

Chairman Antipas called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. Review December 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Prior meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.
2. Discussion re: Historical Revenue to Support Education – David Fleig reviewed the attached document which illustrates the excess revenue collected by the Town over the budgeted amount.
3. Discussion re: FY24 Estimated Forecast – David Fleig shared the FY24 estimated budget forecast with the committee. He stated that the unexpected property costs are estimated to be \$208,000.
4. Health Reserve Update – David Fleig reviewed the attached health insurance reserve document, which showed a balance on June 30, 2023 of \$6,507,228.71.
5. Director of Finance Report – David Fleig discussed the unanticipated property costs totaling \$208,150.91. These costs include:
  - Mystic River
    - Water – Bottle Filler Insurance Claim
    - Water – Nurse/Admin Area
    - Transformer Replacement
    - Chain Link Fencing
  - FHS
    - Water Insurance Claim
    - Water Issue
    - HVAC Lines
    - Water Heater
    - Field House Lift
  - GMS
    - Generator (and cost of short-term rental)
6. Director of Buildings & Grounds Report – Mr. Kilpatrick reported on the following:
  - Before the holiday, the high school had minor flooding in six classrooms from a very heavy rainstorm. The classrooms were dried out so that they were ready for classes. He is waiting for Eversource to do their final inspections.
  - The solar panels at GMS and Mystic River are complete.
  - The field lights at GMS are up.
  - The maintenance crew has been busy doing snow removal, shoveling; a lot of salt has been used.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.