

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

Members Present: Dean Antipas, Jennifer White, Beverly Washington (arrived remotely @ 6:45 p.m.)

Also Present: Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick, David Fleig (remote)

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

1. Review January 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes - Prior meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.
2. Review CIP – Sam Kilpatrick reviewed the CIP summary sheet. He stated that Fuss & O’Neill, an environmental engineering firm, was hired to do a comprehensive study at Northeast Academy and Catherine Kolnaski regarding the excessive humidity at those schools. Fuss & O’Neill provided both short- and long-term solutions. The long-term solution is for us to change the air handling units on the buildings; two units per school per year for five years. The short-term solution is to institute active dehumidification. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that the active dehumidification has mitigated the problem; however, it is just a temporary solution.
3. Director of Finance Report – Per our request, we have asked for more detailed invoices from STA. Susan Austin stated that per Senator Somers, Special Education Excess Costs reimbursement should go to the BOE and not to the town. She will follow up with John Burt.
4. Director of Buildings & Grounds Report – Sam Kilpatrick stated that the property damage to truck plow is estimated to be approximately \$30,000. The solar projects at GMS and MRMS are now ready to “flip the switch”. There will be a battery-operated beacon installed on the middle pole for the GMS field light project. Mr. Kilpatrick met with an architect for a roof and potential solar project at Charles Barnum. The architect will be making a presentation to the Finance/Facilities Committee, BOE, Town Council, and RTM by the end of March in the hopes to go out to bid in April.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.