

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Weitlauf - Chairperson, Beverly Washington – Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman, Adrian Johnson, Robert Meade, Matthew Shulman, Ian Thomas, Jennifer White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Antipas

ALSO PRESENT: Clint Kennedy

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Jay Weitlauf, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. BUDGET WORK SESSION - Mr. Weitlauf noted that removing Adult Education from the budget would be a hardship to the people who need the service. He learned from John Burt that last year the Town received \$124,000 for Adult Education. Mr. Weitlauf stated that the Connecticut state website showed a pending grant of \$207,000, which will be coming back to the town to pay for expenses incurred by the BOE for Adult Education either this year or next year.

MOTION: Shulman, Weitlauf - To reconsider the original motion regarding Adult Education.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Thomas, Johnson - To add \$252,335 back to the budget for Adult Education.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board held extensive discussion regarding cutting staff and administrative costs.

Mr. Weitlauf stated that the Town Manager has tentatively moved the Board to April 15, 2024 on the Town Council's Budget Review calendar for review of the Board's budget. He asked the Board to reflect on the information they have received thus far in order to vote on the budget on Monday, February 26.

- III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Meade - To adjourn at 8:35 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY