

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2024
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Weitlauf-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman (remote), Dean Antipas, Adrian Johnson, Matthew Shulman, Ian Thomas, Jennifer White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beverly Washington-Vice Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Phil Piazza, Laurie LePine, Sam Kilpatrick, Clint Kennedy

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- II. DISCUSSION RE: THE FY25 BUDGET – The Board reviewed potential cuts to the budget, should they need to cut \$2.8 million in order to get to the Town Council’s \$8.6 million request with the additional cost of nursing services at \$1.3 million.

Superintendent Austin gave an overview of the proposed cuts to the FY25 budget.

The Board did an in-depth review of the proposed cuts to the FY25 budget and the effect it will have on the district.

Ian Thomas suggested that the Board get the offer made by the Town Manager in writing regarding the Nursing services to the district.

Matt Shulman suggested that the Superintendent and/or the Chairperson write a letter confirming the statement made by the Town Manager regarding the Nursing Services to the district.

Jennifer White shared several suggestions for cuts to the FY25 budget, e.g. \$500,000 for PK and TK, cut the Athletic Trainer, cut Culinary in the Career Pathways, the proposed cut for telephones (custodians and Maintenance).

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Antipas: To adjourn at 8:31 p.m.
PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY