GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M. CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

Members Present: Matthew Shulman
Members Remote: Beverly Washington
Also Present: Susan Austin, Clint Kennedy
Also Remote: Matt Brown, Peter Bass

Shulman called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The chairman realized he did not have a quorum and called for a brief recess. The committee returned from recess at 6:12 p.m. with a quorum and the chairman began the meeting.

1. Review of Minutes: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

MOTION: Washington, Shulman; to approve the minutes of June 11, 2024
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. New Business

a. Discussion on P 5131.81 Electronic Communication Devices

The committee discussed the policy. Bass explained that electronic communication devices are prohibited during the school day at the middle school. They need to be off and in their back backs or locker. Brown, said it is expected that students do not use their devices during instructional time but can use it between classes. The high school knows it needs to be better at ensuring students put their phones away.

The committee discussed having focus groups with students, parents and teachers. We need agreement from the school community in any policy that is rolled out. The committee will continue to discuss this policy.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.