GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Antipas, Michael Whitney

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Ray Engle

I. Call to Order - Mr. Jay Weitlauf, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Review of July 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ackerman, Johnson: To approve the minutes of July 8, 2024 meeting.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Update re: Assistant Superintendent and Business Manager Positions - Superintendent Austin noted that the second round of interviews for the Assistant Superintendent's position will be held on Friday and Mrs. Washington will be participating. There will be a third round with the Board Chair, Laurie LePine, and the superintendent. They are also involved in the first round of interviews for the Business Manager's position and Jen White will be participating. Hopefully, the second round of interviews will take place next week. The goal is to bring the successful candidates to the board within the next week or so.

IV. Update re: Finances - Mr. Engle noted documents sent to the Board and stated that the audit is moving along. Mr. Engle noted that he has sent everything requested to the auditors.

Mr. Thomas briefly reviewed a proposed budget timeline procedure created by the Ad Hoc Budget Procedure Committee. He asked that an update on the committee's work be put on a future COW agenda.

V. Discussion re: an Operational Review - Mr. Engle noted that the audit was clean for both the Board and the Town and noted recommendations by auditors.

Matthew Shulman left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VI. Update re: Facilities - Superintendent Austin noted that Electric Boat is interested in supporting our school district, as they are a partner with GPS, and recommended helping out with scoreboards for the GMS softball field and turf, which has an approximate donation cost of $40,000 to $44,000.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, Washington: To adjourn at 7:20 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY