GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 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, Michael Whitney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Antipas

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Anne Marie Mancini, Laurie LePine, Sam Kilpatrick, Irene Lynch, Shannon Weigle, Ben Moon, Valerie Nelson

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Jay Weitlauf, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DODEA GRANT AWARD

Superintendent Austin stated that the DoDEA 2024 grant was awarded to GPS in the amount of $1,250,000. She stated that this is the eighth DoDEA grant GPS has received, and it is entitled *Lifelong Learners, Global Scholars: Extending the Reach of IB Education to All Groton Students.* Superintendent Austin gave an overview of how we reached this point.

MOTION: Washington, Ackerman: To accept the DoDEA grant award in the amount of $1,250,000 for the next five years.
PASSED - UNANMOUSLY

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: IMPACT AID

MOTION: Thomas, Washington:

I make a motion for the Groton Board of Education to seek formal, written, and cited guidance from all relevant state and federal authorities on the recommended and/or proper procedure for receiving, holding and allocating all categories of impact aid and excess revenue funds including, but not limited to, Special Education Excess Revenue, Department of Defense Supplemental Funds, Department of Defense General Pupil Impact Aid, and Department of Defense Pupil Impact Aid for Children with Disabilities.

The purpose of such information will be to initiate the process of compiling an indexed catalog of titled funds for which the district has been, or is, or could be qualified to receive. Such an indexed catalog will include, but not be limited to, such information as Title of Fund, executive authority (grantor) of the fund, average amount of funding from an annual perspective, approximate date of annual deposits, and any associated capabilities, parameters, directions, limitations, or recommended applications regarding receipt, processing and allocation.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: THE BUS CONTRACT EXTENSION

Superintendent Austin oriented the Board regarding the extension of the bus contract.

MOTION: Washington, Ackerman: To extend the contract between the Groton Board of Education and STA of Connecticut, Inc. from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 with an increase of 3.75% in each year of the extension and to accept the offer of 21 free field trips per year, 3 per school, beginning in the current 2024-2025 contract year and extending each year thereafter until June 30, 2028.
PASSED - UNANMOUSLY

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, White: To adjourn at 7:47 p.m.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY