GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Weitlauf – Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman, Dean Antipas, Adrian Johnson, Matthew Shulman, Ian Thomas, Jennifer White, Michael Whitney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beverly Washington – Vice Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Anne Marie Mancini, Lauren Casini, Nick Caruso (CABE Staff Member)

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Jay Weitlauf, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTION OF ANNE MARIE MANCINI, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Austin introduced Anne Marie Mancini, the new Assistant Superintendent, noting that she has already met with the principals on their evaluation plans and has received feedback from the state, as well as met with the GPS Collaborative. She was a Deputy Superintendent at East Hartford Public Schools.

III. REVIEW OF AUGUST 19, 2024, MEETING MINUTE

MOTION: Ackerman, Antipas: To approve the minutes of August 19, 2024 meeting.
PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

IV. DISCUSSION RE: HOW THE BOARD REVIEWS DATA AND SETS BOARD GOALS

Mr. Nick Caruso from CABE gave an overview on how the Board reviews data and sets Board Goals. The Board had in-depth discussion of the data presented by Mr. Caruso.

Matthew Shulman had a question regarding the summative assessment. Lauren Casini clarified how the data is broken out and that each individual school receives the information. She said it would be helpful to know what information would be useful to the board. Mr. Thomas responded that he would like to see data regarding survey responses (i.e., student, staff, climate, etc.) presented in a format that is easily digestible. Superintendent Austin asked Board members to look at the data and come up with questions that will allow the Board to take a deep dive into the data.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REFLECTION ON GOALS BASED ON DATA

Superintendent Austin passed out data to the Board as part of her reflection on the goals.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Johnson: To adjourn at 7:33 p.m.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY