

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11 / HYBRID

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

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Attorney Floyd Dugas

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Weitlauf called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION RE: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ATTORNEY’S UPDATED LEGAL OPINION ON IMPACT AID

MOTION: Shulman, Antipas; to go into executive session at 6:07 p.m. to discuss the updated legal opinion provided by the Board of Education’s attorney on Impact Aid and to invite Attorney Floyd Dugas and Superintendent Susan Austin to attend.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Education returned to public session at 6:56 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

III. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION RE: LEVEL II PARAEDUCATOR GRIEVANCES

Chairman Weitlauf recessed the meeting at 6:57 p.m. for the Board to deliberate on the grievance.

Ian Thomas left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 8:18 p.m.

MOTION: Washington, Whitney; after due consideration, we find the language is unclear as to the relevant date for purposes of calculating the two weeks’ notice on this section 19.3a. We do, however, believe the administration should have provided the notices sooner; therefore, we sustain the grievance. However, since all employees were paid through the last day of school, there was no financial loss. We encourage the parties to meet and clarify the language for any future situation which may arise.

AYES (5): Johnson, Shulman, Washington, Weitlauf, Whitney

NAYS (3): Antipas, Ackerman, White

ABSTENTIONS (0)

ABSENT (1): Thomas

MOTION PASSED

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Shulman; to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY