GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adrian Johnson-Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman, Matthew Shulman, Ian Thomas, Jay Weitlauf (arrived at 5:20 p.m.), Jennifer White, Michael Whitney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beverly Washington-Chairperson, Dean Antipas

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Anne Marie Mancini, Sam Kilpatrick, Clint Kennedy, L.J. Fusaro, David Burton, John Burt

I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION RE: SAFETY & SECURITY

MOTION: Thomas, Shulman - To go into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. to discuss matters concerning security strategy and/or the deployment of security personnel or devices affecting public security and to invite the following people:

John Burt, Town Manager
L.J. Fusaro, Chief of Police for the Town of Groton
David Burton, Chief of Police for the City of Groton
Susan Austin, Superintendent of Schools
Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Clint Kennedy, Director of Technology Services
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Education returned to public session at 6:29 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Johnson thanked everyone for taking time out of their schedule to attend the meeting.

Superintendent Austin stated that she appreciated the thoughtfulness that went into the conversation about safety and security. She said that while she can't get into all the specific details, there are many safety and security measures in place in Groton Public Schools. We've always had a great partnership with the town manager and the city and town police departments, and we'll continue to make strides and next steps to make the schools even safer.

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Whitney - To adjourn at 6:31 p.m.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY