GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

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

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Anne Marie Mancini, Clint Kennedy, Ray Engle (remote), Denise Doolittle

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mrs. Beverly Washington, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

Superintendent Austin gave an overview of the following from the 2025-2026 proposed budget:

- Program Highlights
- FY25 & F26 Financial Obligations
- District Enrollment Trends
- Superintendent's FY26 Proposed Budget
- F26 Revenue to Support Education

Citizens' Comments:

1. Portia Bordelon, 24 Jefferson Drive, shared her concerns:
    a. She noted the shortest amount of time for the Board's deliberations
    b. How the budget was rolled out
    c. Nurses
    d. Closing the Achievement Gap
    e. IB Programs
    f. Remedial Support
    g. Full-time Career Counselor
    h. Funding of sports
    i. Paraprofessionals minimum wage

2. Johanna Erazo, 21 West Elderkin Avenue, stated that she has 3 children with special needs and the need for ESL help.

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Whitney: To adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.
PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY