

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 @ 7:00 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 (remote)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mrs. Beverly Washington - Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

II. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Superintendent Austin reviewed the old tracker sheet and the new tracker sheet.

- Aides and Tutors 1270
- \$64,000 S.E. Teacher (TR & MR)
- Negotiation contingency \$247,000
- IT Budget removed \$51,100
- Health benefits
- \$55,000 Fuel
- \$200,000 Electricity
- 2112 Classroom supplies
- \$64,000 Social Worker (SB & NEA)
- Career Counselor (Present teacher is not ready for full-time; could use sub pay until she is ready for full-time)
- (\$15,000) Function 2215, object code 101
- (\$10,000) Function 2313, object code 331 – reduce
- (\$60,000) Function 1500, object code 126
- (\$150,000) Function 1101, page 57, object code 130 – Aides
- (\$128,000) Function 1101, object code 101 – 2 FTE due to enrollment (retirements)

III. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE FY26 BUDGET – No action was taken.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Shulman: To adjourn at 9:48 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY