GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

Members Present: Dean Antipas, Jay Weitlauf, Jennifer White

Also Present: Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick, Ray Engle (remote), Beverly Washington

Chairman Antipas called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Review February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes - The meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2. Director of Finance Report - Mr. Engle discussed the FY25 expenditures with the committee, which is over $11 million and said that we're in good shape right now. He stated that one of the issues he's dealing with is the fluctuation in electric rates. The committee encouraged Mr. Engle to lock in the better pricing for electric rates. Mr. Weitlauf shared his concern with the expenditure deficit in special education.

3. Director of Buildings & Grounds Report - Mr. Kilpatrick stated that he and Mr. Engle are working on submitting the ED049 for the CB Roof Replacement Project. He will also be submitting the ED021, which reports transportation to out of district magnet schools to the state. The estimated reimbursement in the fall was $116,220; however, due to a decrease in students riding the buses to the magnet schools, the estimated spring reimbursement appears to be $75,990. He received an email from the town manager's office today stating that Inspector Dan Adcock from the Department of Consumer Protection was here to inspect our EV charging stations. As we do not charge fees for charging, Mr. Adcock did not do an inspection. Mr. Adcock stated that there is recent legislation that requires us to charge a fee for those stations, and we need to register the stations with the Department of Consumer Protection. The committee discussed the option of turning the charging stations off at night and recommends that the full Board considers this option. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that he added a second security layer at NEA for staff to allow guests in the buildings. The same will be done at CK on Friday. Mr. Kilpatrick also reported that no trespassing signs will be installed on CK's property.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.