GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Washington – Chairperson, Adrian Johnson – Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman (remote and left at 8:15 p.m.), 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)

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mrs. Beverly Washington - Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Superintendent Austin noted that she had met with Laurie LePine and Denise Doolittle on potential items on the tracking sheet to reduce the proposed FY26 budget that was discussed at the February 19, 2025 meeting.

- Add $70,000 for nurses
- Contingency is needed still in the amount of $247,724
- 5 Tutors in the amount of $160,000 (can it be applied to the DoDEA grant)
- $80,000 for Special Education teacher
- Sub teachers across the board, move to function 17000
- Business teacher
- NEA Social Worker in the amount of $64,000
- .4 Career Counselor in the amount of $25,600
- .5 ASL Teacher in the amount of $32,000
- Reduce 2312, object code 331 in the amount of $10,000
- Reduce 2312/2314/1700 (lines 105 to 134 by 3%)
- Reduce 2312/2314/1700 (lines 430 – 626)
- IB testing, 1117, object code 607
- 1107 Software, 612 & 730
- 1108 Math Field Trip

Board member discussion:

- Adrian Johnson proposed a reduction of $117,861 which is a compilation of what would have been the FY24 function 2312. The amount would be reduced from lines 430 to 626, function 1700, and the entire function of 2312 and entire function of 2314.
- Adrian Johnson stated that line 89 on the FAQ, function 1500, line 126 should read $358,510

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Johnson, Shulman: To adjourn at 9:40 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY