GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adrian Johnson-Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman, Dean Antipas, Ian Thomas, Jay Weitlauf, Jennifer White, Michael Whitney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beverly Washington-Chairperson, Matthew Shulman

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin

I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. BUDGET WORK SESSION – The Board continued its review of the attached budget tracker sheet and made the following adjustments via informal vote:

- Line 30 - 85k reduction between lines 430-626 of function code 1700, function code 2312 and function code 2314-Yes (7): Dean, Jay, Ian, Andrea, Mike, Jen, Adrian; No (0); Abstain (0)
- Line 39 - 50k reduction in function 1101, line 130 (temp regular teacher aides)-Yes (6): Ian, Andrea, Dean, Jay, Mike, Adrian; No (1): Jen; Abstain (0)
- Line 40 - Final Vote of 50k reduction-Yes (4): Andrea, Ian, Mike, Adrian; No (2): Dean, Jen; Abstain (0)
- Line 41 - Reduction of $0-Yes (4): Mike, Ian, Jay, Adrian; No (3): Dean, Jen, Andrea; Abstain (0)
- Line 42 - 60k reduction-Yes (7): Ian, Jen, Jay, Andrea, Dean, Jen, Jay; No (0); Abstain (0)
- Line 43 - Remove 63k for PA system (due to it being covered in a CIP request)-Yes (7): Dean, Jay, Ian, Andrea, Mike, Jen, Adrian; No (0); Abstain (0)

III. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE FY26 BUDGET

MOTION: Thomas, Whitney; To approve the FY26 budget in the amount of $94,361,560.00, which is a 7.28% increase over the FY25 budget.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Weitlauf; To adjourn at 8:48 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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25 budget	Current FY26 Projected Budget	dollar change	Date	Description	Budget Change	net change $	% change				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**				$ **93,677,420.44**	$ **5,718,936.57**	6.50%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 70,000.00	2/3/2025	Add nurse middle school BoE suggest (2130)	$ **93,747,420.44**	$ **5,788,936.57**	6.58%		yes		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/10/2025	Increase Para Wages	$ **93,747,420.44**	$ **5,788,936.57**	6.58%		yes		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 160,000.00	2/10/2025	5 tutors	$ **93,907,420.44**	$ **5,948,936.57**	6.76%		yes		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/10/2025	elementary teachers	$ **93,907,420.44**	$ **5,948,936.57**	6.76%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/10/2025	subs	$ **93,907,420.44**	$ **5,948,936.57**	6.76%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 64,000.00	2/10/2025	SPED teacher function 1230	$ **93,971,420.44**	$ **6,012,936.57**	6.84%		yes		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 247,724.00	2/10/2025	negotiations / future increase contingency in	$ **94,219,144.44**	$ **6,260,660.57**	7.12%		yes	350000 total	
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (51,100.00)	2/12/2025	Reduce IT equipment	$ **94,168,044.44**	$ **6,209,560.57**	7.06%		yes		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 200,000.00	2/12/2025	Health Benefits Estimate Function 1700 obj 201	$ **94,368,044.44**	$ **6,409,560.57**	7.29%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 240,000.00	2/12/2025	Workman's Compensation Estimate	$ **94,608,044.44**	$ **6,649,560.57**	7.56%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 55,000.00	2/12/2025	Fuel Adjustment Estimate 633	$ **94,663,044.44**	$ **6,704,560.57**	7.62%		yes		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 200,000.00	2/19/2025	Electricity Adjustment Estimate 631	$ **94,863,044.44**	$ **6,904,560.57**	7.85%		yes		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (137,484.00)	2/12/2025	FTE Adjustment Reallignment	$ **94,725,560.44**	$ **6,767,076.57**	7.69%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/12/2025	remove rep non inst Truck equip 731	$ **94,725,560.44**	$ **6,767,076.57**	7.69%		keep truck		$ (75,329.00)
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/12/2025	Sub teachers 1101 across the board obj 120 move to 1700	$ **94,725,560.44**	$ **6,767,076.57**	7.69%		Proposed		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (100,000.00)	2/12/2025	601 gen classroom supplies	$ **94,625,560.44**	$ **6,667,076.57**	7.58%		Proposed		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/12/2025	619 supplies 1101 custodial supplies	$ **94,625,560.44**	$ **6,667,076.57**	7.58%		Proposed		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/12/2025	25110 510 reduce bus route	$ **94,625,560.44**	$ **6,667,076.57**	7.58%		Reviewed complete		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	Business teacher Fitch	$ **94,625,560.44**	$ **6,667,076.57**	7.58%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ 64,000.00	2/21/2025	NE Academy Social Worker 2110	$ **94,689,560.44**	$ **6,731,076.57**	7.65%			**Create narrative for Green tab**	
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**		2/21/2025	.4 career counselor (not ready for full time, but will take on additional duties per schedule c)	$ **94,689,560.44**	$ **6,731,076.57**	7.65%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	.5 ASL Teacher Function 1105	$ **94,689,560.44**	$ **6,731,076.57**	7.65%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	2120 pg 5.79 obj 104 review	$ **94,689,560.44**	$ **6,731,076.57**	7.65%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (15,000.00)	2/21/2025	Function 2210 obj 101	$ **94,674,560.44**	$ **6,716,076.57**	7.64%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (5,000.00)	2/21/2025	Function 2210 obj 584	$ **94,669,560.44**	$ **6,711,076.57**	7.63%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**		2/21/2025	2312 obj 331 reduction of 10,000 added to line 30	$ **94,669,560.44**	$ **6,711,076.57**	7.63%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (85,000.00)	2/21/2025	1171861 lines 430 - 626 function 1700, 2312 , 2314	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	Reduce 2312 / 2314 / **1700** Lines 430-626	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	IB & AP testing 1117 obj 607	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	ROTC 1091 Obj 619	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	1107 software 612 & 730	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	1108 math field trip	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	1119 SSI, Medicare, State Unemployment Tax (move to 1700)	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	1260 trim down 56000	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%	7 to 0 to 0			
				Obj 126 function 1500 (FAQ 89)SB 358510							
				127 $102797 Bal NOTE Obj 126 should be $413890 is over budgeted and Obj 127 has no budget							
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	should be 100K	$ **94,584,560.44**	$ **6,626,076.57**	7.53%		41583 should be "0"		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (50,000.00)	2/21/2025	1101 pg 5-7 Obj 130 aids	$ **94,534,560.44**	$ **6,576,076.57**	7.48%	5 to 1 to 0	Added 02.21.25		
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (50,000.00)	2/21/2025	1101 (move to 1700 ?); obj 120 subs	$ **94,484,560.44**	$ **6,526,076.57**	7.42%	4 to 2 to 0			
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ -	2/21/2025	1101 obj 101 - funding for 2 postions	$ **94,484,560.44**	$ **6,526,076.57**	7.42%	4 to 3 to 0			
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (60,000.00)	2/21/2025	1500 obj 126 & 127	$ **94,424,560.44**	$ **6,466,076.57**	7.35%	7 to 0 to 0			
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**	$ (63,000.00)	2/21/2025	remove PA system upgrade from BOE operational budget	$ **94,361,560.44**	$ **6,403,076.57**	7.28%	7 to 0 to 0			
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**		2/21/2025		$ **94,361,560.44**	$ **6,403,076.57**	7.28%				
$ 87,958,483.87	$ **93,677,420.44**		2/21/2025		$ **94,361,560.44**	$ **6,403,076.57**	7.28%				
				FINAL BOE APPROVED 2026 BOE BUDGET	**$94,361,560**	**$6,403,076**	7.28%	7 to 0 to 0			