

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Washington – Chairperson, Adrian Johnson – Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman (remote), Sean Corcoran, Mitch Shinbrot, Ian Thomas, Jay Weitlauf (remote), Jennifer White (remote), Michael Whitney

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Anne Marie Mancini, Denise Doolittle (remote), Laurie LePine (remote), Rita Parciak, Sam Kilpatrick

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

II. Budget Tracker Sheet

It was noted that there are 12 retirements to date.

Mrs. Parciak gave an overview of the following sections on the Budget Tracker Sheet:

- 1101 Certified Teachers
 - 1101 Substitute Teachers
 - 1104 Classroom Supplies
 - 1111 Instructional Services
 - 1112 Certified Teachers
 - 1119 State Unemployment Tax
 - 1230 Teacher in Residence
 - 1310 Adult Education
 - Districtwide Field Trips
 - 2314 Computer Software
 - 2314 Clerical Administration
 - 2399 Workmen’s Compensation
 - 2399 Town
 - 2410 ADDITIONL INSTRUCTIONAL Equipment
 - 2510 Heat and Plumbing Supplies
 - 2540 IT Equipment
 - 4111 Middle School General Education Tuition
 - 4121 SE Tuition – Board Placement
 - 4121 Vocational Skills Tuition
- = 6.39%
- 1104 General Classroom Supplies
 - 1107 Other Dues
 - 1111 State
 - 2399 Graduate Credit Course

Adrian Johnson (Mitch Shinbrot was in agreement) to reduce function 2540 by \$45,000.

Adrian Johnson suggested the reduction of function 2120 AP, line 607 = \$24,094 and function 1107 IB, line 607 = \$10,000.

Adrian Johnson suggested the Board add \$10,000 for a Food Assistance Program.

Adrian Johnson suggested the Board add funds for MS Sports Teams. He asked what it would cost.

Building administrator requested additions:

- FHS/GMS Military Science Teacher: Yes – 4 (Corcoran, White, Ackerman, Whitney); No – 5 (Johnson, Washington, Weitlauf, Shinbrot)
- Full time Secretary at FHS: No – 8 (Whitney, Corcoran, Washington, Shinbrot, Johnson, White, Weitlauf, Ackerman)
- Mrs. Washington noted the \$235,000 for contingency
- GMS 1 Sp Ed Teacher in the amount of \$6500 Yes – 2 (Johnson, Corcoran), No – 6 (Shinbrot, Whitney, Weitlauf, White, Ackerman, Washington)
- 2 Safety Officers Yes – 0; No – 6 (Shinbrot, Johnson, Whitney, Ackerman, Weitlauf, White)
- MRMS 1 Building Substitute in the amount of \$30,000; YES -8 (Washington, Ackerman, Whitney Johnson, Shinbrot, White, Weitlauf)
- MRMS ELA Tutor; Yes – 5 (Corcoran, Whitney, Johnson, Weitlauf, Ackerman; No – 2 (Shinbrot, Washington); ABS – 1 White
- TRMS 1 Building Substitute Yes – 6 (Whitney, Corcoran, Johnson, White, Weitlauf, Ackerman, Washington) No -1 (Shinbrot)
- TRMS Math Interventionist (Tutor) Yes – 8 (Ackerman, White (Tutor), Whitney, Corcoran, Johnson (Tutor), Shinbrot (Tutor), Weitlauf (Tutor), Washington (Tutor); No – 0
- CK Math Interventionist or Tutor, SEL Yes – Whitney (tutor), Ackerman (tutor), Weitlauf (Tutor), White (Tutor), Johnson (Tutor/Interventionist), Washington (Tutor), Corcoran (Interventionist/SLE/Tutor)
- NEA/CB Social Worker, half time, in the amount of \$40,000 each Yes – 7 (White, Whitney, Corcoran, Johnson, Weitlauf, Ackerman, Washington) No – 1 (Shinbrot)
- CB Math Tutor; Yes – 7 (Whitney, Corcoran, Johnson, White, Weitlauf, Ackerman, Washington; No – 1 (Shinbrot)

= 6.97%

- With the addition of Staff in the amount of \$377,050 and \$235,000 for Contingency
- = 7.059%

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Corcoran: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY