GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adrian Johnson-Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman (remote), Sean Corcoran (arrived at 6:14 p.m.), Mitch Shinbrot, Ian Thomas (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), Jay Weitlauf (remote), Jennifer White (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), Mike Whitney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beverly Washington - Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin-Superintendent, Anne Marie Mancini-Assistant Superintendent, Rita Parciak-Finance Director, Denise Doolittle-Pupil Personnel Director, Sam Kilpatrick-Facilities Director, Shannon Weigle-Grants Coordinator, Laurie LePine-Human Resources Director (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

I. Call to Order - Vice Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Discussion and possible action re: FY27 Office of Early Childhood (OEC) Smart Start funds for Mary Morrisson Early Childhood Center

a) Operational Funds for 10 classrooms in the amount of $975,000
b) Capital Improvement Funds for two classrooms in the amount of $150,000

MOTION: Whitney, Shinbrot; to approve the OEC grant for Operational Funds in the amount of $975,000 and the OEC grant for Capital Improvement Funds in the amount of $150,000. PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

III. Discussion and possible action re: FY27 Budget

Yes vote = in favor of reduction; No vote = not in favor of reduction

- 2311 Food assistance - YES: Whitney, Shinbrot, White, Corcoran, NO: Weitlauf, Thomas, Johnson, ABSTENTION: Ackerman; Passed 4-3-1
- 1260 other student activities - YES: Thomas, white, Whitney, Shinbrot, NO: Ackerman, Weitlauf, Corcoran, Johnson; Failed 4-4
- 1119 building sub ((lines 6 and 8 done together) - YES: Weitlauf, Whitney, Shinbrot, NO: White, Thomas, Corcoran, Ackerman, Johnson; Failed 3-5
- 1220 MRMS ELA Tutor: Reduce full position - YES: Weitlauf, Whitney, Shinbrot, NO: White, Thomas, Ackerman, Corcoran, Johnson; Failed 5-3
- 1220 MRMS ELA Tutor, reduce 1/2 position - YES: Thomas, Whitney, White, Johnson, Shinbrot, Weitlauf, Ackerman, NO: Corcoran; Passed 7-1
- 1210 TMRS Math Tutor, reduce by 1/2 position - YES: Ackerman, Whitney, Weitlauf, Thomas, Johnson, Corcoran. NO: Shinbrot, White; Passed 6-2
- 1220 CKMS Math Tutor, Reduce by 1/2 position - YES: Thomas, Whitney, Corcoran, Weitlauf, Ackerman, Johnson, NO: Shinbrot, White; Passed 6-2
- 1220 CB Math Tutor, Reduce by 1/2 position - YES: Thomas, Whitney, Corcoran, Ackerman, Weitlauf, NO: Shinbrot, White; Passed 6-2
- 2540 clerical IT, Reduce .5 FTE - YES: Thomas, Whitney, Corcoran, Shinbrot, Johnson, NO: Ackerman, Weitlauf; Passed 6-2

III. Discussion and possible action re: FY27 Budget (cont'd)

- 1119 Certified Teacher, Reduce 1 FTE (retirement); Passed Unanimous 8-0
- 2311 Contingency, Eliminate full $235,000 Amount - YES: Whitney, White, Thomas, Corcoran, Ackerman, Weitlauf, NO: Shinbrot, Johnson; Passed 6-2
- 1101-1119, supplies, reduce $58,000; Passed Unanimous 8-0
- 15XX GMS Sports, $5,000 reduction, YES: Ackerman, Weitlauf, Shinbrot, Whitney, NO: Corcoran, Johnson; Passed 6-2
- 15XX FHS Sports, $10,000 Reduction, YES: Thomas, White, Whitney, Johnson, Ackerman, Weitlauf, Shinbrot, NO: Corcoran; Passed 7-1
- 24XX Conference Travel $10,800 reduction; Passed Unanimous 8-0

MOTION: Whitney, Thomas; to reduce the health insurance contribution by $316,825 (Function 2399).
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

- 1109/1104 & 2210 General classroom supplies & Instructional improvement, reduce $300,000; Failed 0-8

Vote to approve the BOE spreadsheet of reductions as appeared on the screen in the June 10 2026 meeting at 8:58 p.m. YES: White, Thomas, Whitney, Ackerman, Weitlauf, Corcoran, Johnson, NO: 0, ABSTENTION: Shinbrot; Passed 7-0-1

IV. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, Shinbrot: The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY