

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR 1

AGENDA

Mission Statement

Our mission is teaching and learning

Board Goals

1. Provide Dynamic Rigorous Curriculum
2. Ensure Effective and Engaging Instruction
3. Embrace Excellent Learning Environment

I. CALL TO ORDER

6:00 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

- Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a candidate to fill Board vacancy.

C. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS RE: AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF CONCERN THAT LIE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

This is the portion of the agenda where the Board welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Board members will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and cannot respond during Comments from Citizens' portion of the Board meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the podium and state their names and addresses for the record.

II. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

III. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

IV. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- Superintendent Report
 - Update regarding the revised FY 17 CIP
 - Update regarding the State Technology Grant
 - Report regarding the Military/Supt. Liaison Committee

A. REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF

1. Assistant Superintendent Report
 - Teacher College Reunion update
2. Director of Teaching and Learning Report
 - Update regarding the Next Generation Accountability Index Scores
3. Business Manager Report
 - Object Code Summary (Enclosure)
 - Health Insurance Report (Enclosure)
 - Update regarding the Greenhouse proposal
4. Director of Buildings and Grounds Report
 - Update regarding the installation of a Natural Gas Line at FHS
5. Human Resources Report
 - Update regarding an Insurance Agent
6. Director of Pupil Personnel Services
 - Update regarding the Preschool Program

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Facilities	Town & City Councils/RTM/BOE	Trails Liaison
Policy	GEA/AGSA/BOE Liaison	
Curriculum	School Facilities Task Force	
Negotiations	Groton Scholarship	
LEARN	Magnet School Ad Hoc	
Groton Parent Council	CABE	

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Item V.A. (Consent Agenda) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Points of clarification will be allowed.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - February 22, 2016 (Regular)
2. Approval of Gifts
 - The Shack has made a donation of \$300.00 to the Fitch High School Fencing Team.
 - Target Take Charge of Education has made a donation of \$78.71 to Pleasant Valley School.
 - Target Field Trip Grant has made a donation of \$700.00 to Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School.
 - Pfizer Foundation Match Gifts Program (Robert & Kristin Fairbank) have made a donation of \$500.00 to the Fitch High School Fencing Team.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding approval as a second reading of policy P 5141.7 Concussion. (Enclosure)
2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval as a second reading of policy P 5141.28 Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention. (Enclosure)

C. NEW BUSINESS

BOE REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Administrative Professionals' day and week

WHEREAS, Wednesday April 27, 2016 has been designated as Administrative Professionals' Day and April 24-30, 2016 has been designated as Administrative Professionals' Week, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all administrative professionals/secretaries who serve the Groton Public Schools; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools, recognizes their many contributions to the children of the district and their important role in assuring the orderly and efficient operation of all district programs.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Paraprofessional Appreciation day

WHEREAS, Connecticut is home to thousands of paraprofessionals who provide service to multiple settings within a school, including instructional support, student activities, and numerous tasks that contribute to educational success; and

WHEREAS, the support and services provided by paraprofessionals are integral to student achievement and effective Connecticut schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Department of Education are committed to excellence in education and recognize the important role paraprofessionals play in ensuring educational success; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education the Superintendent of Schools, recognize the many contributions of paraprofessionals and acknowledge April 2, 2016 as Paraprofessional Appreciation Day.

COW:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of an Ad Hoc Communications committee.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the IB Career-related Program.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of IB Middle Year program feasibility study.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Implementation of the NEA Performing Arts Magnet program.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding participation in the New London Adult Education program.

POLICY:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of policy P 5145.12 Search and Seizure as a first reading. (Enclosure)
2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of revision to policy P 5131.7 Dangerous Instruments as a first reading. (Enclosure)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review middle school learning

FINANCE/FACILITIES:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the allocation of anticipated unexpended balance.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed PPT Facilitator.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a .5 preschool teacher.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Educational Specification for the CC asbestos abatement project.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the instruction of the natural gas line to FHS.

VII. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS (Non-Action Items):

A. LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON MEETING ITEMS AND ANY OTHER ITEMS IN THEIR JURISDICTION

VIII. ADVANCE PLANNING

A. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND CALENDAR ITEMS FOR BOARD ATTENTION

Apr. 4, 2016	Policy Committee	THA, CR 2	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 4, 2016	Curriculum Committee	THA, CR 3	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 4, 2016	BOE/Town Council – Budget Review	THA, CR 1	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 6, 2016	Town & City Councils/ RTM/BOE Liaison Com.	C.O., Room 11	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 11, 2016	COW	C.O., Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 12, 2015	Groton Parent Council	S. B. Butler	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 14, 2016	School Facilities Task Force	THA, CR 1	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 18, 2016	Finance/Facilities Com.	C.O., Room 19	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 21, 2016	Groton Scholarship Fund	FHS	5.15 p.m.
Apr. 25, 2016	BOE	THA, CR 1	6:00 p.m.

B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT