

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 23, 2015

TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR 1

AGENDA

WELCOME

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

- National Mentoring Month Presentation – Sharon Schick

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.

D. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

II. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

III. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- Superintendent Report
  - Science Article Presentation by Allisson Cochrane
  - Update regarding the Common Core Standards
  - Update regarding the 2015-2016 budget
  - Discussion regarding proposed Early Release Days
  - Recognition of the BEYA STEM Award to Erica Watson

A. REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF

1. Business Manager Report
  - a. FY15
  - b. 2015-2016 Budget Update
2. Director of Buildings and Grounds Report

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

V. 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 11, 2015 (Budget Public Hearing) (Enclosure)
  - February 11, 2015 (Budget Worksession) (Enclosure)
  - February 18, 2015 (Budget Worksession) (Enclosure)
  - February 23, 2015 (Enclosure) (Enclosure)
  - March 9, 2015 (Special Meeting) (Enclosure)
2. Approval of Warrants
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3. Approval of Gifts
  - Target Take Charge of Education has made a donation of \$38.24 to Pleasant Valley School

- Pfizer Foundation United Way Campaign (Everett Wilhelm) has made a donation of \$357.72 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
- Mable Hauck has made a donation of \$100.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FIRST READING OF REVISION TO POLICY P 5113 ATTENDANCE (Enclosure)**
2. **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of School, Dr. Michael Graner, to sign the Connecticut Department of Education addendum to the agreement for Child Nutrition Programs Healthy Food Certification Statement.

3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FOR AN EARLY RELEASE DAY ON GOOD FRIDAY**
4. **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY AND WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday, April 22, 2015 has been designated as Administrative Professionals' Day and April 19-25, 2015 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.

5. **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF PARAPROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Monday, April 6, 2015 has been designated as Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all paraprofessionals 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.

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

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

VII. ADVANCE PLANNING

A. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND CALENDAR ITEMS FOR BOARD ATTENTION

March 30, 2015	Town Council Public Hrg. on the Budget	Groton Sr. Ctr.	7:00 p.m.
April 1, 2015	Town & City Councils/ RTM/BOE Liaison	Cutler Middle	5:30 p.m.
April 6, 2015	Town Council Budget Session	Town Hall Annex	6:00 p.m.
April 8, 2015	AGSA/GEA/BOE Liasion Committee	C.O., Room 19	4:30 p.m.
April 9, 2015	School Facilities Task Force	Town Hall Annex	6:30 p.m.
April 14, 2015	Groton Parent Council	TBD	5:30 p.m.
April 16, 2015	Groton Scholarship	Fitch High	5:15 p.m.
April 20, 2015	Finance/Facilities Committee	C.O., Room 19	6:00 p.m.
April 27, 2015	BOE	Town Hall Annex	6:00 p.m.

B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT