

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR 1**

Mission Statement: Our mission is teaching and learning.

Board Goals: In a richness of cultures and with a respect for all, (1) Provide Dynamic Rigorous Curriculum, (2) Ensure Effective and Engaging Instruction, and (3) Embrace Excellent Learning Environment.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

III. 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 the Comments of Citizens' portion of the Board meeting. Citizens should state their names and addresses for the record.

IV. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

VI. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent Report

1. Budget Planning for FY25 ([Attachment #1](#))
2. Update re: Special Education
 - Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Overview ([Attachment #2](#))
 - Kindergarten Eligibility ([Attachment #3](#))

B. Reports and Information from the Staff

1. Director of Finance
 - Object Code Summary FY24 ([Attachment #4](#))
 - Health Insurance Report ([Attachment #5](#))
 - Utilities Report ([Attachment #6](#))
2. Director of Buildings and Grounds
 - Update re: School Facilities

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Policy B. Curriculum C. Finance/Facilities D. Communications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negotiations - LEARN - TCC/RTM/BOE Liaison - AGSA/GEA/BOE Liaison - Groton Scholarship - Athletic Fields - Trails - Library - State Council on Educational Opportunities for Military Children (meets twice a year) |
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VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consent Agenda – all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Points of clarification will be allowed.
 - 1. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of November 27, 2023 ([Attachment #7](#))
 - 2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of December 5, 2023 ([Attachment #8](#))
 - 3. Acceptance of Gifts
 - Alexa Britton has donated a \$25 gift certificate to Paul's Pasta to be used by the Mentor Program.
 - Dave Bourges has donated \$345 to be used by the Mentor Program.
 - Barry Ryan has donated a \$25 gift certificate to Ryan's Pub to be used by the Mentor Program.
 - Catherine Kolnaski PTO has donated \$345 to be used by the Mentor Program.
- B. Old Business
- C. New Business
 - 1. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 5117 - Elementary (K-5) School Placement ([Attachment #9](#))

MOTION: To approve policy P 5117 - Elementary (K-5) School Placement as a first reading.
 - 2. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of January 18, 2024 as National Maintenance Day

MOTION: To recognize January 18, 2024 as National Maintenance Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the maintenance staff.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (cont'd)

C. New Business (cont'd)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the ratification of the SEIU, Local 2001, CSEA Groton Paraprofessionals Chapter contract for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. (It is anticipated that this item will be held in executive session.)

MOTION: To ratify the SEIU, Local 2001, CSEA Groton Paraprofessionals Chapter contract for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027.

IX. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS (Non-Action Items)

- A. Letters, communications, and comments by Board members on meeting items and any other items in their jurisdiction.

X. ADVANCE PLANNING

A. Future Meeting Dates and Calendar Items for Board Attention

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Jan. 2	Finance/Facilities Committee CANCELLED		
Jan. 8	COW CANCELLED		
Jan. 8	Special - Presentation of FY25 Budget to BOE	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	Policy Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	Curriculum Committee CANCELLED		
Jan. 16	COW CANCELLED		
Jan. 16	Special - Budget Work Session	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Communications Committee	Town Hall Annex, CR 2	4:45 p.m.
Jan. 22	Regular	Town Hall Annex, CR 1	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Special - Public Hearing on the Budget	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Special - Budget Work Session	TBD	7:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

Jan. 4	TCC/RTM/BOE Liaison Committee	Remote	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	PSBC	THA, CR 2	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	PSBC	THA, CR 2	6:00 p.m.

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT