

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR1/HYBRID**

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 make their presentations from the podium and 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. Discussion re: FY25 Budget

B. Reports and Information from the Staff

1. Director of Finance

- Object Code Summary FY24 ([Attachment #1](#))

- Health Insurance Report ([Attachment #2](#))

- Utilities Report ([Attachment #3](#))

2. Director of Buildings and Grounds

- Update re: School Facilities

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| A. Policy | E. Other |
| B. Curriculum | - Negotiations |
| C. Finance/Facilities | - LEARN |
| D. Communications | - Town & City Council/RTM/BOE Liaison |
| | - AGSA/GEA/BOE Liaison |
| | - Groton Scholarship |
| | - Athletic Fields |
| | - Trails |
| | - Library |
| | - Permanent School Building Committee |
| | - State Council on Educational Opportunities for Military Children
(meets twice a year) |

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 January 22, 2024 ([Attachment #4](#))
 2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of January 29, 2024 ([Attachment #5](#))
 3. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 1, 2024 ([Attachment #6](#))
 4. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 5, 2024 ([Attachment #7](#))
 5. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 7, 2024 ([Attachment #8](#))
 6. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 12, 2024 ([Attachment #9](#))
 7. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 15, 2024 ([Attachment #10](#))
 8. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 21, 2024 ([Attachment #11](#))
 9. Acceptance of Gifts
 - Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods has donated, through its TangerKids Grants program, \$1,187.68 to Thames River Magnet School to be used to fund decodable books for the science of reading.
 - Tanger Outlets at Foxwoods has donated, through its TangerKids Grants program, \$1,000 to Thames River Magnet School to be used to fund No Book Too Big or Too Small.
- B. Old Business
1. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 3250 Material Fees ([Attachment #12](#))

MOTION: To approve policy P 3250 Material Fees as a second reading.
 2. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 5141.5 Suicide Prevention/Intervention ([Attachment #13](#))

MOTION: To approve policy P 5141.5 Suicide Prevention/Intervention as a second reading.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (cont'd)

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding bylaw 9324 Meeting Conduct and Parliamentary Procedures as a first reading ([Attachment #14](#))

MOTION: To approve bylaw 9324 Meeting Conduct and Parliamentary Procedures as a first reading.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding policy P 3240 Tuition Fees as a first reading ([Attachment #15](#))

MOTION: To approve policy P 3240 Tuition Fees as a first reading.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding policy P 5112 Ages of Attendance as a first reading ([Attachment #16](#))

MOTION: To approve policy P 5112 Ages of Attendance as a first reading.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the authorization of Groton Public Schools to file the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan with the Connecticut State Department of Education ([Attachment #17](#))

MOTION: To approve the authorization of Groton Public Schools to file the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan with the Connecticut State Department of Education.

5. Discussion & possible action regarding the approval of the FY25 budget

MOTION: To approve the FY25 budget in the amount of \$ _____, which is a _____% increase over the FY24 budget.

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
March 5	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
March 7	Special Curriculum Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
March 11	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
March 12	Policy Committee	CO, Room 5	6:00 p.m.
March 18	Curriculum Committee - CANCELLED		
March 18	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
March 20	Special Curriculum Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
March 25	Communications Committee	THA, CR 2	5:00 p.m.
March 25	Regular	THA, CR 1	6:00 p.m.

X. ADVANCE PLANNING (Cont'd)

A. Future Meeting Dates and Calendar Items for Board Attention (Cont'd)

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

March 7	PSBC	THA, CR 2	6:00 p.m.
March 21	PSBC	THA, CR 2	6:00 p.m.
March 27	Town Council's Public Hearing re: FYE 2025 Proposed Budget	Thrive55+	6:00 p.m.
March 28	Town Council's Review of BOE Budget & BOE FYE 2025 CIPs	THA, CR 1	6:00 p.m.

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT