

* PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE OF VENUE *

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

~~TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR 1/HYBRID~~ CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/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's Report

1. Opening of Schools
2. Operational Review
3. Potential Shortfall FY25

B. Reports and Information from the Staff

1. Director of Finance
 - Narrative ([Attachment #1](#))
 - Object Code Summary FY24 ([Attachment #2](#))
 - Health Insurance
 - Utilities Report

VI. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (cont'd)

- B. Reports and Information from the Staff (cont'd)
 - 2. Director of Buildings and Grounds
 - Update re: School Facilities

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Policy
- B. Curriculum
- C. Finance/Facilities
- D. Ad Hoc Budget Procedure
- E. Other
 - LEARN
 - Athletic Fields
 - Trails
 - Library

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 July 22, 2024 ([Attachment #3](#))
 - 2. Acceptance of Gifts
 - Costco Wholesale has donated student backpacks with school supplies (zippered pencil pouches, pocket style folders, 12” rulers, and erasers) as well as a \$500 gift certificate to be used by the Groton Public Schools
- B. Old Business
- C. New Business
 - 1. Discussion and possible action regarding the withdrawal of the Board of Education’s request at its special meeting of June 6, 2024 for a supplemental appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

MOTION: To approve the withdrawal of the Board of Education’s request at its special meeting of June 6, 2024 for a supplemental appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.
 - 2. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of National IT Professionals Day

MOTION: To recognize September 17, 2024 as National IT Professionals Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the IT staff.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of out-of-district tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year ([Attachment #4](#))

MOTION: To approve the out-of-district tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year.

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
Sept. 3	Finance/Facilities Committee - CANCELLED		
Sept. 3	Special	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 10	Policy Committee	CO, Room 11	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Special	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Curriculum Committee	CO, Room 11	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Communications Committee	Town Hall Annex, CR 2	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Regular	Town Hall Annex, CR 1	6:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

Sept. 5	PSBC	Town Hall Annex, CR 2	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	PSBC	Town Hall Annex, CR 2	6:00 p.m.

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT