GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR 1/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

A. Paraeducator of the Year

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. Update re: Grants (Attachment #1a & Attachment #1b)

B. Reports and Information from the Staff
   1. Director of Finance
      - Narrative (Attachment #2)
      - Object Code Summary FY24 (Attachment #3) & FY25 (Attachment #4)
      - Health Insurance (Attachment #5)
      - Utilities Report (Attachment #6)

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. Ad Hoc Field Naming
F. 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 August 26, 2024 (Attachment #7)
2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of September 3, 2024 (Attachment #8)
3. Approval of the special meeting minutes of September 9, 2024 (Attachment #9)
4. Approval of the special meeting minutes of September 11, 2024 (Attachment #10)
5. Acceptance of Gifts
- Liberty Bank has donated school supplies to be used by the Groton Public Schools

B. Old Business

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the naming of the Baseball Field at Fitch High School for *Edward (Ed) Harvey*

MOTION: To approve the naming of the Baseball Field at Fitch High School for *Edward (Ed) Harvey*.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the naming of the large gymnasium at Fitch High School for *Michael (Mike) Ellis, Sr.*

MOTION: To approve the naming of the large gymnasium at Fitch High School for *Michael (Mike) Ellis, Sr.*

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of October 2, 2024 as National Custodian Day

   MOTION: To recognize October 2, 2024 as National Custodian Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the custodial staff.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding rescinding the June 6, 2024 request of additional funding for fiscal year 24

   MOTION: To rescind the June 6, 2024 request of additional funding for fiscal year 24.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding earmarking $653,000 from the healthcare reserve to OPEB which would leave $2,000,000 in the healthcare reserve

   MOTION: To earmark $653,000 from the healthcare reserve to OPEB which would leave $2,000,000 in the healthcare reserve.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the set up and creation of an account for non-lapsing transactions

   MOTION: To set up and create an account for non-lapsing transactions.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding utilizing the FY24 encumbered healthcare payment of $372,098 and transfer to a non-lapsing account

   MOTION: To utilize the FY24 encumbered healthcare payment of $372,098 and transfer to a non-lapsing account.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding transferring the projected surplus of $55,042 to the non-lapsing account

   MOTION: To transfer the projected surplus of $55,042 to the non-lapsing account.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding earmarking the amount of $427,140 from the non-lapsing account to support the FY25 Board of Education budget

   MOTION**:** To earmark the amount of $427,140 from the non-lapsing account to support the FY25 Board of Education budget.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding earmarking $494,883.47 from DOD impact aid to support the FY25 Board of Education budget

    MOTION: To earmark $494,883.47 from DOD impact aid to support the FY25 Board of Education budget.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

11. Discussion and possible action regarding requesting that the Town Council consider adding to the scope of the operational review

MOTION: To request that the Town Council consider adding one or more of the following items to the scope of the operational review:

1. That permanent staffing needs of the Business Office be reviewed and recommendations offered.
2. That funding for any temporary staffing needs to support the review are provided.
3. That the review begin after January 1, 2025 to allow the new Business Manager and her staff time to acclimate to the office.

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
Oct. 1	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	Policy Committee	CO, Room 11	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Curriculum Committee	CO, Room 11	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Communications Committee	Town Hall Annex, CR 2	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Regular	Town Hall Annex, CR 1	6:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

Oct. 3	PSBC	Town Hall Annex, CR 2	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	PSBC	Town Hall Annex, CR 2	6:00 p.m.

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT