GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
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

A. Board Member Appreciation Month

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: the Athletic Fields Project
B. Reports and Information from the Staff
   1. Interim Director of Finance
      - Narrative (Attachment #1)
      - Utilities Report (Attachment #2)
   2. Director of Buildings and Grounds
      - Update re: School Facilities

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy
B. Curriculum
C. Finance/Facilities
D. 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 special meeting minutes of February 19, 2025 (Attachment #3)
2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 20, 2025 (Attachment #4)
3. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2025 (Attachment #5)
4. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 24, 2025 (Attachment #6)
5. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 25, 2025 (Attachment #7)
6. Approval of the special meeting minutes of March 6, 2025 (Attachment #8)
7. Acceptance of Gifts
   - Deloitte Consulting Product Services LLC has donated twelve Smart Rover Kits, which consists largely of the Elenco Snap Circuits®, to be used at Groton Middle School
   - Electric Boat has donated $45,000 for new scoreboards at the Groton Middle School turf and softball fields
   - Fitch Athletic Booster Club has donated $4,458.70 for new scoreboards at the Groton Middle School turf and softball fields

B. Old Business

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the implementation of the Healthy Food Option.

MOTION: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Groton Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

2. Discussion and possible action regarding food and beverage exemptions.

MOTION: The Groton Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met:

1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend;
2) the sale is at the location of the event; and
3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of June 12, 2025 as the graduation date for the 2024-2025 school year and June 13, 2025 as the graduation rain date for the 2024-2025 school year

MOTION: To approve June 12, 2025 as the graduation date for the 2024-2025 school year and June 13, 2025 as the graduation rain date for the 2024-2025 school year.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 3160 Transfer of Funds between Budget Functions (Attachment #9)

MOTION: To approve policy P 3160 Transfer of Funds between Budget Functions as a first reading.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding support of the proposed athletic fields project at Fitch High School and Sutton Park as presented by Chad Frost of Kent & Frost Landscape Architecture

MOTION: To support the proposed athletic fields project at Fitch High School and Sutton Park as presented by Chad Frost of Kent & Frost Landscape Architecture.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

MOTION: To recognize April 2, 2025 as Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the paraprofessionals.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

7. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of Administrative Professionals Day

MOTION: To recognize April 23, 2025 as Administrative Professionals Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the administrative professionals.

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
April 1	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
April 7	Curriculum Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
April 8	Policy Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
April 21	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
April 28	Regular	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
April 30	Special - Board Retreat	Submarine Force Museum	5:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

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

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT