GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JUNE 9, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
GROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, CAFETERIA/HYBRID

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Washington – Chairperson, Dean Antipas, Matthew Shulman, Ian Thomas (remote), Jay Weitlauf (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adrian Johnson – Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman (remote), Jennifer White, Michael Whitney

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mrs. Beverly Washington – Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

II. Superintendent Austin stated that the building Principals would be presenting the awards for their building:

CK	Jill Martin	Friends of Education
	Ebbie Abbott	Support Personnel
	Laura Hughes	Substitute Teacher
	Sophie Liggett	Outstanding Paraeducator
	Maggie Lyons	Outstanding Educator
CB	Wayne Burns	Friends of Education
	Danielle Banko	Support Personnel
	MacKenzie Bentley	Substitute Teacher
	Tasha Roberts	Outstanding Paraeducator
	Laura Varga Knowlton	Outstanding Educator
MRMS	Melissa Kafka	Friends of Education
	Nicole Eichelberg	Support Personnel
	Vivienne McKillop	Substitute Teacher
	Heather Davis	Outstanding Paraeducator
	Laura Racicot	Outstanding Educator
TRMS	Aarya Patil	CT Student Writers Contest
	Jessica Staigers Simpson	Friends of Education
	Denise James	Support Personnel
	Manisha Manohar	Substitute Teacher
	Chastity Beatty	Outstanding Paraeducator
	Jill DiNardi	Outstanding Educator
GMS	Elsa Ross	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Elara Corriveau	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Rebecca Tsai	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Shalin Johnson	CABE Student Leadership
	Nicolas Yevoli	CABE Student Leadership
	Leah Sammons	Friends of Education
	Lloyd Gibson	Support Personnel
	Colin Fahey	Substitute Teacher
	Jennifer Corbeil	Outstanding Paraeducator
	Ashley Curtis	Outstanding Educator

FHS	Helen Miller	Poet Laureate
	Tia George	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Kathryn Virtue	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Megan Lacy	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Lucia Hayes Federici	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Shardae Striggles	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Lydia Tift	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Emily Tran	2025 Young Playwrights Festival
	Isabella Braucci	CABE Student Leadership
	Melanie Fleming	CABE Student Leadership
	Claudia Henkle	Friends of Education
	Sandra Walton	Support Personnel
	Nicole Jackl	Substitute Teacher
	Dale Tedesco	Outstanding Paraeducator
	Jason Wolfradt	Outstanding Educator
NEA	Robin Arnold	Friends of Educator
	Gerardo Torres	Support Personnel
	Lynore Plouffe	Substitute Teacher
	Kimberly Fahey	Outstanding Paraeducator AND Groton's Paraeducator of the Year
	Anna Maria Streips	Outstanding Educator AND Groton's Teacher of the Year

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Washington concluded the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY