GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

Members Present: Dean Antipas, Jay Weitlauf (remote), Jennifer White

Also Present: Susan Austin, Rita Parciak, Sam Kilpatrick

Chairperson Antipas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Review July 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes - The committee reviewed the minutes; no corrections were submitted.

2. Director of Finance Report – Rita Parciak reported that the business office is continuing to close out grants and beginning to enter expenditures into EFS, which is due September 2. She is working on filling a vacancy in the business office in the next week or so.
    - Review Out-of-District Tuition Rates – Rita Parciak reviewed the attached tuition rates document and stated that the rates are based on EFS numbers from FY24. Jen White questioned the middle school and special education self-contained rates; Ms. Parciak said she'll re-check those numbers.

3. Director of Buildings & Grounds Report
    - Review Facilities Use Rate Schedule – Sam Kilpatrick reviewed the attached facilities use rate documents. He stated that the new rates were developed by comparing our rates to area school systems' rates. Susan Austin stated that the rates we had in the past were developed in 2015 & revised in 2018 and needed to be adjusted again. When discussing the non-profit and for-profit fees, Jay Weitlauf stated that he would like to see a separate category created for anything that benefits the children/residents of the town who are not charging a fee to use the facilities. The committee discussed defining organizations that are non-profit and for-profit. The $5,000 middle school turf field fee was questioned; Superintendent Austin stated she will look into how this fee was developed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Groton Public Schools
FY26 Proposed tuition rates for non-Groton resident students

	Approved FY2024-2025 Tuition Rates	Proposed FY2025-2026 Tuition Rates
General Education Tuition Rates		
Pre-K	$ 6,871	$ 16,727
Elementary School	$ 13,742	$ 16,727
Middle School	$ 13,946	$ 19,470
High School	$ 15,382	$ 17,736
ADDITIONAL COSTS		
Special Education Program Costs		
Self-contained (Academy/NBA Program/Transition Academy)	$ 33,664	$ 11,190
ABA Program	$ 34,515	$ 28,709
Multiple Disabilities Program	$ 31,730	$ 28,709
Resource Room	$ 12,418	$ 11,111
General Education Program Costs		
International Baccalaueate (IB) Diploma Program	$ 2,861	$ 2,733
AP Classes	Cost of test	Cost of test
Additional Services		
OT/PT	$149/hour (group rate for 2 or more - $74.50/hour)	$157/hour (group rate for 2 or more - $78.50/hour)
Speech	$149/hour (group rate for 2 or more - $74.50/hour)	$157/hour (group rate for 2 or more - $78.50/hour)
Counseling/Social Skills	$149/hour (group rate for 2 or more - $74.50/hour)	$157/hour (group rate for 2 or more - $78.50/hour)
BCBA	$160/hour	$168/hour
Evaluations-OT	$728/hour	$750/hour
Evaluations-PT	$448/hour	$462/hour
Evaluations-SLP	$896/hour	$923/hour
Evaluations-Psych	$1,036/hour	$1068/hour
Evaluations-Educational	$784/hour	$808/hour
Evaluations-ASD	$1,008/hour	$1,039/hou
Evaluations-FBA	$1,596/hour	$1,644/hour
Evaluations-Developmental	$784/hour	$808/hour
RBTs	$27.52/hour	$28.20/hour
Paraprofessionals	$19.97/hour	$20.83/hour

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Groton Public Schools
Building and Grounds Rental Rate Schedule

	Proposed Rate
Custodial (per custodian)	$75/hr
Technician Staff	$75/$100hr (weekend/holiday) 2 hr min.
Police Officer (4-hour minimum)	$75/hr
Security Staff	$75/hr
Kitchen Staff	$50/$75weekend/holiday

Fee Schedule

Location	**Proposed day rate**
High School Auditorium	$1,000
High School Cafeteria	$1,000
High School Lobby (Main Street)	$400
High School Gym (Large)	$1,000
High School Gym (Small)	$300
High School Football Field/Track	$1,000
High School Football Field/Track Press Box	$500
High School Baseball Field	$1,000
High School Baseball Field Press Box	$500
High School Tennis Courts	$1,000
High School Parking Lot	$400
High School Classroom	$100
Middle School Cafeteria	$1,000
Middle School Gym	$1,000
Middle School Turf Field	$5,000/up to 8 hours
	$500/hr after 8 hours
Middle School Dance Studio	$500
Blackbox Studio	$500
Fitness Center	$500
Elementary School Cafeteria	$1,000
Elementary School Gym	$1,000
Elementary Athletic Fields (softball, baseball)	$1,000
Kitchen	$500
Other Athletic Fields	$1,000
Other Parking Lots	$400

Fee schedule approved by Groton Public School on: October 5, 2015
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Groton Public Schools
Building and Grounds Rental Rate Schedule
2025-2026 School year

~~When buildings are to be utilized on Saturday, Sunday or holidays, or any other time custodial personnel are not scheduled*, the following fees will be charged:~~

	~~Non-Profit~~	~~For Profit~~	Proposed Proposed
Custodial (per custodian) ~~and Utility Fees:~~	~~$45/hr~~	~~$45/hr~~	$75/hr
~~If more than one custodian is required,~~			
~~the fee for each additional custodian will be:~~	~~$35/hr~~	~~$35/hr~~	
Technician Staff	~~$45/hr~~	~~$45/hr~~	$75/$100hr (weekend/holiday) 2 hr min.
Police Officer (4-hour minimum)			$75/hr
Security Staff	~~$20/hr~~	~~$20/hr~~	$75/hr
Kitchen Staff	~~$20/hr~~	~~$20/hr~~	$50/$75weekend/holiday

~~Heating utility surcharges for the period November 1 - April 30~~			
~~High School~~	~~First hour~~	~~$80/hr~~	~~$80/hr~~
	~~each hour thereafter~~	~~$20/hr~~	~~$20/hr~~
~~Middle School~~	~~First hour~~	~~$45/hr~~	~~$45/hr~~
	~~each hour thereafter~~	~~$10/hr~~	~~$10/hr~~
~~Elementary School~~	~~First hour~~	~~$40/hr~~	~~$40/hr~~
	~~each hour thereafter~~	~~$5/hr~~	~~$5/hr~~

~~High School Auditorium~~		
~~Air conditioning:~~		
~~First hour~~	~~$63/hr~~	~~$63/hr~~
~~each hour thereafter~~	~~$9/hr~~	~~$9/hr~~
~~High School Field Lights~~	~~$12/hr~~	~~$12/hr~~

~~For Profit~~ **Fee Schedule**

Location	Per day rate	Proposed day rate
High School Auditorium	~~$800~~	$1,000
High School Cafeteria	~~$400~~	$1,000
High School Lobby (Main Street)	$400	$400
High School Gym (Large)	~~$600~~	$1,000
High School Gym (Small)	$300	$300
High School Football Field/Track	~~$800~~	$1,000
High School Football Field/Track Press Box		$500
High School Baseball Field	$1,000	$1,000
High School Baseball Field Press Box		$500
High School Tennis Courts	~~$200~~	$1,000
High School Parking Lot	$400	$400
High School Classroom	$100	$100
Middle School Cafeteria	~~$200~~	$1,000
Middle School Gym	~~$200~~	$1,000
Middle School Turf Field		$5,000
Middle School Dance Studio		$500
Blackbox Studio		$500
Fitness Center		$500
Elementary School Cafeteria	~~$100~~	$1,000
Elementary School Gym	~~$100~~	$1,000
Elementary Athletic Fields (softball, baseball)		$1,000
Kitchen	~~$300~~	$500
Other Athletic Fields	~~$200~~	$1,000
Other Parking Lots	~~$200~~	$400

~~*If custodians are present in the specific location that a non-profit organization requests to use, and no additional cost will be incurred, the fee can be waived by the Superintendent or their designee.~~

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