

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 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. Departing Board Member

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. Opening of Schools [10 minutes]

B. Reports and Information from the Staff

1. Director of Finance [15 minutes]

• General Fund Expenditure Summary ([Attachment #1](#))

• Healthcare Report ([Attachment #2](#))

2. Director of Buildings and Grounds [5 minutes]

• Update re: School Facilities

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS [8 minutes]

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

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 28, 2025 ([Attachment #3](#))
2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of August 4, 2025 ([Attachment #4](#))
3. Approval of the special meeting minutes of August 6, 2025 ([Attachment #5](#))
4. Approval of the special meeting minutes of August 18, 2025 ([Attachment #6](#))

B. Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 5131.911 Connecticut School Climate ([Attachment #7](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 5131.911 Connecticut School Climate as a second reading.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 6163.33 Therapy Dogs ([Attachment #8](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 6163.33 Therapy Dogs as a second reading.

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 6131.3273/5GR01.AI Generative Artificial Intelligence ([Attachment #9](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 6131.3273/5GR01.AI Generative Artificial Intelligence as a first reading.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of National IT Professionals Day [2 minutes]

MOTION: To recognize September 16, 2025 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 2025-2026 school year ([Attachment #10](#)) [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the out-of-district tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the preferred maximum class size guidelines ([Attachment #11](#)) [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the preferred maximum class size guidelines.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of the Board of Education's goals for 2025-2026 [5 minutes]

MOTION: To adopt the following goals of the Board of Education for 2025-2026:

1. Focus on improving student learning outcomes
  - A. Create a dashboard to review live data
2. Continue to align our expenditures with district priorities
3. Review building capacity based on expected demographic trends
4. Improve the flow of the Board's business
5. Community engagement
  - A. Board members attending events and being more visible in the community

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the ratification of the Groton Schools Custodian, Maintenance, and Secretaries Association contract for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029 - It is anticipated that this item will be held in executive session

MOTION: To ratify the Groton Schools Custodian, Maintenance, and Secretaries Association contract for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

IX. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS (Non-Action Items) [10 minutes]

- 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. 2	Finance/Facilities Committee	FHS Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 3	Negotiations Committee (GEA)	CO, Room 5	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Curriculum Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	Special	CO, Room 11	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Policy Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 10	Negotiations Committee (GEA)	CO, Room 5	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Negotiations Committee (GEA)	CO, Room 5	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Regular	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Negotiations Committee (GEA)	CO, Room 5	4:30 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Sept. 4	PSBC	Town Hall Annex, CR 2	6:00 p.m.

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT