

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Washington-Chairperson, Adrian Johnson-Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman, Dean Antipas, Ian Thomas, Jay Weitlauf, Jennifer White, Mike Whitney

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Washington called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS

MOTION: Ackerman, Whitney; to go into executive session at 5:35 p.m. to conduct board member interviews and to invite Michael Freeman to attend.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Education returned to public session at 5:52 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

MOTION: Johnson, Antipas; to go into executive session at 5:54 p.m. to conduct board member interviews and to invite Sean Corcoran to attend.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Education returned to public session at 6:08 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

MOTION: Thomas, Whitney; to go into executive session at 6:49 p.m. to conduct board member interviews and to invite Melissa Wilson to attend.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Education returned to public session at 6:58 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

MOTION: Whitney, Weitlauf; to go into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to conduct board member interviews and to invite Zachary Niforos to attend.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Education returned to public session at 7:45 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF A CANDIDATE TO FILL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

MOTION: Johnson, White; to go into executive session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss the board member interviews.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board of Education returned to public session at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION: Ackerman, Thomas; to nominate Sean Corcoran to fill the Board of Education vacancy until the next election.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. 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

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

AYES (6): Ackerman, Antipas, Washington, Weitlauf, White, Whitney

NAYS (0)

ABSTENTIONS (2): Johnson, Thomas

MOTION PASSED

V. CONTINUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

MOTION: Whitney, Ackerman; to go into executive session at 8:46 p.m. to continue the superintendent's evaluation.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board returned to public session at 10:00 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Whitney; to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY