

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

Mission Statement: Our mission is teaching and learning.

Board Goals: (1) Focus on improving student learning outcomes, (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, and (5) Community engagement.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

A. Martin Luther King Scholarship Recipients - Jillian Arcilla, Jeremiah Baig, Lauren Bullock, Nicholas Donaldson

B. CABE Master Board of Education Member - Andrea Ackerman

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. Legislative Update ([Attachment #1](#)) [15 minutes]

B. Reports and Information from the Staff

1. Director of Finance [15 minutes]

- General Fund Financial Report ([Attachment #2](#))
- Healthcare Report

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 August 25, 2025 ([Attachment #3](#))
2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of August 27, 2025 ([Attachment #4](#))
3. Approval of the special meeting minutes of September 4, 2025 ([Attachment #5](#))

B. Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 6131.3273/5GR01.AI Generative Artificial Intelligence ([Attachment #6](#)) [5 minutes]

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

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan ([Attachment #7](#)) [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan

2. To approve Fitch High School's travel club's field trip request to Japan scheduled for July 8, 2027 through July 16, 2027 ([Attachment #8](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the Fitch High School's travel club's field trip request to Japan scheduled for July 8, 2027 through July 16, 2027.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Nature Everywhere Communities (NEC) Catalytic Grant [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the Nature Everywhere Communities (NEC) Catalytic Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

4. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the preferred maximum class size guidelines ([Attachment #9](#)) [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the preferred maximum class size guidelines.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding moving the available general fund balance in the amount of \$786,549.54 to the non-lapsing account to support the FY26 Board of Education budget [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve moving the available general fund balance in the amount of \$786,549.54 to the non-lapsing account to support the FY26 Board of Education budget.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of policy P 5113 Attendance as a first reading ([Attachment #10](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 5113 Attendance as a first reading.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of policy P 6161.12 Library Material Review and Reconsideration as a first reading ([Attachment #11](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 6161.12 Library Material Review and Reconsideration as a first reading.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of policy P 6161.13 Library Collection Development and Maintenance as a first reading ([Attachment #12](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 6161.13 Library Collection Development and Maintenance as a first reading.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of policy P 6161.14 Library Display and Program Policy as a first reading ([Attachment #13](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 6161.14 Library Display and Program Policy as a first reading.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of October 2, 2025 as National Custodian Day [2 minutes]

MOTION: To recognize October 2, 2025 as National Custodian Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the custodial staff.

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
Oct. 6	Curriculum Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	TCC/RTM/BOE Liaison Committee	TBD	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Negotiations Committee (GEA Mediation - if needed)	CO, Room 11	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Policy Committee CANCELLED		
Oct. 20	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	Regular	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

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

- B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT