

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2026 @ 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. Valerie Nelson - DoDEA's Inspire Award Winner for the Northeast Region

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. Update re: Mentor Program ([Attachment #1](#)) [15 minutes]

B. Reports and Information from the Staff

1. Director of Facilities [15 minutes]

- Update re: School Facilities

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS [10 minutes]

- A. Policy
- B. Curriculum
- C. Finance/Facilities
- D. Communications
- E. Other
 - Athletic Fields
 - LEARN

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 December 15, 2025 ([Attachment #2](#))
- 2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of January 12, 2026 ([Attachment #3](#))
- 3. Approval of the special meeting minutes of January 15, 2026 ([Attachment #4](#))
- 4. Approval of the special meeting minutes of January 20, 2026 ([Attachment #5](#))

B. Old Business

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of policy P 6161.13 Library Collection Development and Maintenance Policy as a second reading ([Attachment #6](#)) [5 minutes]

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

- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of policy P 6161.14 Library Display and Program as a second reading ([Attachment #7](#)) [5 minutes]

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

C. New Business

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding rescinding policy P 6163.1 Library Materials Selection ([Attachment #8](#)) [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the rescinding of policy P 6163.1 Library Materials Selection.

- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of School Counselor Appreciation Week.

MOTION: To recognize February 2, 2026 through February 6, 2026 as School Counselor Appreciation Week, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the school counselors.

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
February 2	Curriculum Committee - CANCELLED		
February 2	Special - Budget Work Session	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
February 3	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
February 3	Special Curriculum Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
February 9	COW - CANCELLED		
February 9	Special - Budget Work Session	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
February 10	Policy Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
February 12	Special - Public Hearing re: Budget	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
February 12	Special - Budget Work Session	CO, Room 11	6:30 p.m.
February 18	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
February 19	Special - Budget Review	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
February 23	Regular	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
n/a			

- B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT