

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 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

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

B. Reports and Information from the Staff

1. Director of Finance [15 minutes]
 - General Fund Financial Report ([Attachment #1](#))
 - Budget Transfer ([Attachment #2](#))
 - Healthcare Report ([Attachment #3](#))
2. 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
 - AGSA/GEA/BOE Liaison
 - 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 special meeting minutes of January 28, 2026 ([Attachment #4](#))
2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 2, 2026 ([Attachment #5](#))
3. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 9, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. ([Attachment #6](#))
4. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 9, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. ([Attachment #7](#))
5. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 12, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. ([Attachment #8](#))
6. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 12, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. ([Attachment #9](#))
7. Acceptance of Gifts
 - Daniel Packer Inn Restaurant & Pub donated \$150 in the form of gift cards to the Mentor Program

B. Old Business

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding FY26 budget transfers between functions in the amount of \$1,071,975 [4 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the FY26 budget transfers between functions in the amount of \$1,071,975.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Fitch High School's Music Department's field trip request to Orlando, Florida scheduled for April 8, 2027 through April 11, 2027 ([Attachment #10](#)) [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve Fitch High School's music department's field trip request to Orlando, Florida scheduled for April 8, 2027 through April 11, 2027.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 5113.13 Work-Study Student Employment/Credit for Work Experience ([Attachment #11](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 5113.13 Work-Study Student Employment/Credit for Work Experience as a first reading.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 3323 Purchasing Guidelines ([Attachment #12](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 3323 Purchasing Guidelines as a first reading.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the preferred maximum class size guidelines ([Attachment #13](#)) [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the preferred maximum class size guidelines.

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
March 2	Curriculum Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
March 3	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
March 9	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
March 10	Policy Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
March 16	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
March 23	Regular	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
March 26	Communications Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
March 25	Town Council Public Hearing re: FY27 Budget	Thrive55+	6:00 p.m.
March 31	Town Council re: BOE FY27 Budget	Town Hall Annex, CR 1	6:00 p.m.

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT