

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 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

A. Board Member Appreciation Month

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. Early Childhood Center at Mary Morrisson
2. AI Advisory Committee Update

B. Reports and Information from the Staff

1. Director of Finance
  - General Fund Financial Report ([Attachment #1](#))
  - FY25 True Up Budget Transfers ([Attachment #2](#))
  - Healthcare Report ([Attachment #3](#))
  - Non-Lapsing Funds ([Attachment #4](#))
2. Director of Facilities
  - Update re: School Facilities
  - Update re: Solar Panels @ FHS

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Policy
- B. Curriculum
- C. Finance/Facilities
- D. Communications
- E. Other
  - LEARN
  - Athletic Fields
  - 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 special meeting minutes of February 18, 2026 ([Attachment #5](#))
2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 19, 2026 ([Attachment #6](#))
3. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2026 ([Attachment #7](#))
4. Acceptance of Gifts
  - Quinnipiac University donated an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to Mystic River Magnet School in memory of Kerry Nystrom

B. Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 5113.13 Work-Study Student Employment/Credit for Work Experience ([Attachment #8](#)) [10 minutes]

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

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 3323 Purchasing Guidelines ([Attachment #9](#)) [10 minutes]

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

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 5118 Non-resident Attendance ([Attachment #10](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 5118 Non-resident Attendance as a first reading.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 3160 Line-Item Transfers ([Attachment #11](#)) [10 minutes]

MOTION: To approve policy P 3160 Line-Item Transfers as a first reading.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding participation in the Healthy Food Option of HFC. [5 minutes]

MOTION: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Groton Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding food and beverage exemptions [5 minutes]

MOTION: The Groton Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend;
- 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and
- 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an Early Childhood Center at Mary Morrisson [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve an Early Childhood Center at Mary Morrisson.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of funding from the Workforce Development Project supported by Electric Boat and the Navy's Maritime Industrial Base for the Machine Shop at Fitch High School [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve funding from the Workforce Development Project supported by Electric Boat and the Navy's Maritime Industrial Base for the Machine Shop at Fitch High School in the amount of \$248,499.35.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the appropriation of non-lapsing funds in the amount of \$663,517.87 [2 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the appropriation of non-lapsing funds in the amount of \$663,517.87.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the IB Personal and Professional Skills (SY 2026-2027) curriculum ([Attachment #12](#)) [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the IB Personal and Professional Skills (SY 2026-2027) curriculum.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of June 18, 2026 as the graduation date for the 2025-2026 school year and June 22, 2026 as the graduation rain date for the 2025-2026 school year [5 minutes]

MOTION: To approve June 18, 2026 as the graduation date for the 2025-2026 school year and June 22, 2026 as the graduation rain date for the 2025-2026 school year.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of Paraprofessional Appreciation Day [2 minutes]

MOTION: To recognize April 3, 2026 as Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the paraprofessionals.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of Administrative Professionals Day [2 minutes]

MOTION: To recognize April 22, 2026 as Administrative Professionals Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the administrative professionals.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding the elimination of class rank at Fitch High School [2 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the elimination of class rank at Fitch High School.

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
April 6	Curriculum Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
April 7	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
April 20	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
April 21	Policy Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
April 27	Regular	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
n/a			

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT