GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 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. Purple Up Day/Month of the Military Child - Governor Lamont's Official Proclamation
B. Schools of Distinction - Thames River Magnet School & Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School
C. Principal Retirement - Christine Dauphinais

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. Grants - DoWEA Construction (Attachment #1)
B. Reports and Information from the Staff
   1. Director of Finance
      - Year-to-date Financials Report (Attachment #2)
      - Budget Transfers (Attachment #3)
      - Healthcare Report (Attachment #4)
   2. Director of Facilities
      - Update re: School Facilities

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy
B. Curriculum
C. Finance/Facilities
D. Communications
E. Other
- AGSA/GEA/BOE
- LEARN
- Athletic Fields
- Trails
- Library

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 March 23, 2026 (Attachment #5)
2. Approval of the special meeting minutes of March 30, 2026 (Attachment #6)
3. Acceptance of Gifts
   - Groton Utilities donated $800 to the Mentor Program
   - Read to Grow donated 100 copies of the book *Cows Can't Blow Bubbles* to the school district

B. Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 3160 Line-Item Transfers (Attachment #7) [3 minutes]

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

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding FY26 budget transfers between functions in the amount of $2,349,825 [2 minutes]

   MOTION: To approve the FY26 budget transfers between functions in the amount of $2,349,825.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the Illustrative Math pilot program in grades K-8 (Attachment #8) [4 minutes]

   MOTION: To approve the Illustrative Math pilot program in grades K-8.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

C. New Business (Cont'd)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Fitch High School's World Language Department's field trip request to Italy, France, and Spain scheduled for June 30, 2028 through July 10, 2028 (Attachment #9) [8 minutes]

   MOTION: To approve Fitch High School's World Language Department's field trip request to Italy, France, and Spain scheduled for June 30, 2028 through July 10, 2028.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Fitch High School's Travel Club's field trip request to Greece scheduled for August 9, 2028 through August 18, 2028 (Attachment #10) [8 minutes]

   MOTION: To approve Fitch High School's Travel Club's field trip request to Greece scheduled for August 9, 2028 through August 18, 2028.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 0521 Nondiscrimination (Attachment #11) [10 minutes]

   MOTION: To approve policy P 0521 Nondiscrimination as a first reading.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 5118 Non-resident Attendance (Attachment #12) [10 minutes]

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

7. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the plan for a machine shop at Fitch High School [15 minutes]

   MOTION: To approve the plan for a machine shop at Fitch High School.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of National Teacher Day [2 minutes]

   MOTION: To recognize May 5, 2026 as National Teacher Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the teachers.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of National School Nurse Day [2 minutes]

   MOTION: To recognize May 6, 2026 as National School Nurse Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the nurses.

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
May 4	Curriculum Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
May 5	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
May 11	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
May 12	Policy Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
May 18	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
May 26	Regular	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
May 7	RTM Education (BOE Budget Review)	Thrive55+, Classroom 2	6:00 p.m.
May 19	RTM (Vote on Town Budget)	Thrive55+, Main Room	7:00 p.m.

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT