GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 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
   1. Summer Programs
B. Reports and Information from the Staff
   1. Director of Finance
      - Year-to-Date Financials Report (Attachments #1, #2, #3)
      - Budget Transfers (Attachment #4)
   2. Director of Facilities
      - Update re: School Facilities

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy
B. Curriculum
C. Finance/Facilities
D. Communications
E. Other
- LEARN
- Athletic Fields
- Trails
- Library
- Military Superintendents Liaison

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 April 22, 2026 (Attachment #5)
2. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of April 27, 2026 (Attachment #6)
3. Approval of the special meeting minutes of May 11, 2026 (Attachment #7)
4. Approval of the special meeting minutes of May 20, 2026 (Attachment #8)
5. Acceptance of Gifts
   - Linda Johansen donated $2,000 to go to the district's unpaid meal debt
   - The following donations were made to the Mentor Program for its 2026 Mentor/Family Dinner:
     - JR Seafood donated a $25 gift certificate
     - Mystic Pizza donated a $25 gift certificate
     - Angie's Pizza donated a $50 gift certificate
     - Burnett's Country Gardens donated a $25 gift certificate
     - Dairy Queen donated 70 free cones
     - Yetter Road Christmas Tree Farm donated a $100 gift certificate
     - Tree Trails Adventures donated two free admissions passes

B. Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 0521 Nondiscrimination (Attachment #9) [3 minutes]

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

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 5118 Non-resident Attendance (Attachment #10) [3 minutes]

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

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Fitch High School's Music Department's field trip request to Orlando, Florida rescheduled for April 22, 2027 through April 25, 2027 (Attachment #11) [5 minutes]

   MOTION: To approve Fitch High School's music department's field trip request to Orlando, Florida rescheduled for April 22, 2027 through April 25, 2027.

2. Discussion & possible action re: the approval of a resolution to enter into a solar panel power purchase agreement at Robert E. Fitch High School (Attachment #12) [15 minutes]

   WHEREAS the Board intends to enter into an Offtake Agreement (as defined below) with CEFIA Solar Services, Inc., or any other subsidiary of the Connecticut Green Bank (collectively, the "Seller"), pursuant to which Seller will install renewable energy systems at the following property or properties which properties are owned or are under the care and control of the Board:

   1. Robert E. Fitch Senior High School: 101 Groton Long Point Rd, Groton, CT 06340

   WHEREAS Seller will sell the electricity generated by such systems to the Board over twenty (20) years, as more particularly described in that certain Power Purchase and License Agreement] by and between Seller and the Board (the "Offtake Agreement"), the substantive form of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, subject to final modification and negotiation.

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Board be and hereby is authorized and empowered, acting through the Superintendent, in accordance with the requirements of any applicable charter, bylaws, ordinance, or code, to take on any obligations contained in the Offtake Agreement;

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of the Board, acting alone, be and hereby is authorized and empowered and directed to do all things that may be necessary or appropriate to obtain and consummate the transaction contemplated above, including execute the Offtake Agreement(s), and all such other agreements, instruments, documents associated with the Offtake Agreement(s), as Seller shall reasonably require, with all such additional terms and conditions as such Board shall determine to be necessary, useful or required in furtherance of or in order to give effect to the purpose or intent of the resolutions set forth herein; and

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any acts of the Superintendent of the Board, acting alone, on behalf of the Board taken prior to the date hereof which would have been authorized by the foregoing resolutions, be, and they hereby are, individually and collectively ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS (cont'd)

C. New Business (cont'd)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding FY26 budget transfers between functions in the amount of $4,011,184 [2 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the FY26 budget transfers between functions in the amount of $4,011,184.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Juneteenth observation for 12-month employees [3 minutes]

MOTION: To approve the observation of Juneteenth on June 19, 2026 for 12-month employees.

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
June 1	Curriculum Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
June 2	Finance/Facilities Committee	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
June 8	COW	GMS Café	6:00 p.m.
June 9	Policy Committee	Remote	6:00 p.m.
June 15	COW	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
June 16	Special – Superintendent's Eval.	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.
June 29	Special	CO, Room 11	6:00 p.m.

X. ADVANCE PLANNING (Cont'd)

A. Future Meeting Dates and Calendar Items for Board Attention (Cont'd)

Meetings w/Town Bodies:

n/a			

B. Suggested Agenda Items

XI. ADJOURNMENT