GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Washington-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman, Sean Corcoran, Mitch Shinbrot, Ian Thomas, Jay Weitlauf, Michael Whitney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adrian Johnson-Vice Chairperson, Jennifer White

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin-Superintendent, Laurie LePine-HR Director, Attorney Ryan Driscoll-Berchem Moses PC

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Washington called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. She stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss pending litigation and the superintendent's evaluation and contract.

II. DISCUSSION RE: PENDING LITIGATION

MOTION: Whitney, Shinbrot; to go into executive session at 6:11 p.m. to discuss the following pending litigation and to invite Susan Austin, Laurie LePine, and Attorney Ryan Driscoll to attend:

a. Kevin Harrilal et al v. Kendra Nelson et al
b. Kevin Harrilal et al v. Board of Education of the Town of Groton

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board returned to public session at 6:50 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION & CONTRACT

MOTION: Corcoran, Whitney; to go into executive session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation and contract and to invite Susan Austin to attend.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board returned to public session at 8:07 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Shinbrot; to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY