

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beverly Washington-Chairperson, Adrian Johnson-Vice Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman, Sean Corcoran, Mitch Shinbrot, Ian Thomas (remote), Jay Weitlauf, Jennifer White, Mike Whitney

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin-Superintendent, Floyd Dugas-Board Attorney (remote)

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Washington called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the superintendent’s evaluation, contract, and compensation.

II. DISCUSSION RE: THE SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

MOTION: Ackerman, Shinbrot; to go into executive session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss the superintendent’s evaluation and to invite Susan Austin and Floyd Dugas to attend.

AYES (8): Ackerman, Corcoran, Johnson, Shinbrot, Washington, Weitlauf, White, Whitney

NAYS (1): Thomas

ABSTENTIONS (0)

ABSENT (0)

MOTION PASSED

The Board returned to public session at 7:47 p.m.

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: THE SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT & COMPENSATION

MOTION: Shinbrot, Ackerman; to go into executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss the superintendent’s contract and compensation and to invite Susan Austin and Floyd Dugas to attend.

Mr. Thomas requested to be included in executive session remotely. Chairperson Washington denied his request.

AYES (8): Ackerman, Corcoran, Johnson, Shinbrot, Washington, Weitlauf, White, Whitney

NAYS (1): Thomas

ABSTENTIONS (0)

ABSENT (0)

MOTION PASSED

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT & COMPENSATION (cont'd)

The Board returned to public session at 10:06 p.m.

MOTION: Washington, Shinbrot; to approve increasing the superintendent's base salary to \$223,000 for the 2026-2027 school year and increasing the superintendent's monthly stipend for travel expenses to \$400 retroactive to July 1, 2026.

AYES (8): Ackerman, Corcoran, Johnson, Shinbrot, Washington, Weitlauf, White, Whitney

NAYS (1): Thomas

ABSTENTIONS (0)

ABSENT (0)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Washington, Shinbrot; to extend the superintendent's contract to June 30, 2028.

AYES (5): Ackerman, Shinbrot, Washington, Weitlauf, Whitney

NAYS (4): Corcoran, Johnson, Thomas, White

ABSTENTIONS (0)

ABSENT (0)

MOTION PASSED

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Shinbrot; to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

AYES (8): Ackerman, Corcoran, Johnson, Shinbrot, Washington, Weitlauf, White, Whitney

NAYS (1): Thomas

ABSTENTIONS (0)

ABSENT (0)

MOTION PASSED