GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

ROOM 11, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
GROTON LONG POINT ROAD, GROTON

AGENDA

WELCOME

Mission Statement
In partnership with our parents and community, the mission of the Groton Public Schools is to enable all learners to achieve their highest potential by fostering excellence through a challenging program of study and a safe environment. Our schools will promote the pursuit of lifelong learning, responsible citizenship, and informed decision-making in a culturally diverse world.

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. 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 seven 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 Comments from Citizens’ portion of the Board meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the podium and state their names and addresses for the record.

C. RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Acknowledgement of Erika Mayer, recipient of the Governor’s Scholars Award.

D. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – Matthew Buechel, Jaryn Burgis

II. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Issues

IV. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF
B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Update on Redistricting
- Update on Wireless
- Good News!

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item IV.A (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Points of clarification will be allowed.

1. Approval of Minutes
   - Special Meeting, March 7, 2012 (Ad Hoc – Board Handbook)
   - Special Meeting, March 12, 2012 (BOE Professional Development)
   - Regular Meeting, March 12, 2012
   - Special Meeting, March 26, 2012 (Educational Specifications/Baseball Field)

2. Approval of Warrants

3. Approval of Gifts
   - Pfizer United Way Campaign (Glen Fitzmorris) made a donation of $71.30 to the Groton Public Schools.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSES’ DAY

WHEREAS, May 6, 2012 has been designated as School Nurses’ Day, and

WHEREAS, school nurses provide the services mandated by the State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, school nurses provide nursing care to students with asthma, diabetes, life threatening allergies and neurological cardiovascular problems, and
WHEREAS, school nurses give preventative and acute care to students and staff, health education, medication management and supportive counseling daily, and

WHEREAS, school nurses actively collaborate with staff, families and medical providers to building student capacity for self-management, self-advocacy and learning, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges that May 6, 2012 has been designated as School Nurses’ Day, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all school nurses for the unique contributions they make every day toward improving the health and well-being of children in the Groton Public Schools; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Paul J. Kadri, Superintendent of Schools, thank all school nurses for their commitment and dedication to the children of Groton Public Schools.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS’ DAY AND WEEK**

WHEREAS, Wednesday, April 25, 2012 has been designated as Administrative Professionals’ Day and April 22-28, 2012 has been designated as Administrative Professionals’ Week, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all administrative professionals/secretaries who serve the Groton Public Schools; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Paul J. Kadri, Superintendent of Schools, recognizes their many contributions to the children of the district and their important role in assuring the orderly and efficient operation of all district programs.

3. **APPROVAL OF ROBOTICS COACH STIPENDS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously voted to establish Robotics Coach stipends at Fitch High School, and

WHEREAS, a recommendation is being made to establish the following coaching stipend positions: for the 2011-2012 school year, the Head Coach stipend of $4,100/$4,500, and for the 2012-2013 school year, the Head Coach stipend of $4,182/$4,590 and Assistant Coach stipend of $3,075/$3,375; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and with the agreement of the Groton Education Association, the Board of Education approves the stipends as additions to Schedule C.
4. **APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO IDENTIFIED CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education met in an executive session on April 2, 2012 to consider a recommendation by the Superintendent to make modifications to employment contracts for certain Central Office personnel, and

WHEREAS, based on that discussion, certain recommendations are being made which will be detailed at this meeting; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the stated modifications.

VII. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS (Non-Action Items):**

A. **LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON MEETING ITEMS AND ANY OTHER ITEMS IN THEIR JURISDICTION**

VIII. **ADVANCE PLANNING**

A. **FUTURE MEETING DATES AND CALENDAR ITEMS FOR BOARD ATTENTION**

Please see Calendar for May/June 2012 (Attachment #5)

B. **SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**