GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013

CR 1 AT THE TOWN HALL ANNEX, 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. RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

C. 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 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.

D. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

II. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
III. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

• Theory of Action

A. REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF

1. Update On School Facilities – Security Projects
2. Update On Redistricting
3. Update On Hiring
4. Update On Budget
5. Update On Curriculum – Performance Indicators
6. Update On Special Education
7. Good News!

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Quality Council  Curriculum  School Facilities Task Force
Finance  Groton Parent Council
Negotiations  Town Council/RTM/BOE
LEARN  GEA/AGSA/BOE Liaison
Policy  CABE

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item V.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
   • June 10, 2013 – Regular Meeting – Corrected Minutes
   • July 8, 2013 – Regular Meeting
   • July 22, 2013 – Special Meeting
   • July 30, 2013 – Special Meeting

2. Approval of Warrants

3. Approval of Gifts
   • Pfizer United Way Campaign (R. Peter Fairbank) has made a donation of $303.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. UPDATE ON SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH
C. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **APPROVAL OF AP PSYCHOLOGY CURRICULUM**

WHEREAS, the district High School Social Studies Curriculum Committee developed the *Advanced Placement Psychology Curriculum*, and

WHEREAS, the district High School Social Studies Curriculum Committee presented the *Advanced Placement Psychology Curriculum* to the Board of Education Curriculum Committee on July 22, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the *Advanced Placement Psychology Curriculum* will be implemented during the 2013-2014 school year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Board of Education Curriculum Committee and the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the *Advanced Placement Psychology Curriculum*.

2. **APPROVAL OF AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM**

WHEREAS, the district High School Science Curriculum Committee developed the *Advanced Placement Environmental Science Curriculum*, and

WHEREAS, the district High School Science Curriculum Committee presented the *Advanced Placement Environmental Science Curriculum* to the Board of Education Curriculum Committee on July 22, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the *Advanced Placement Environmental Science Curriculum* will be implemented during the 2013-2014 school year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Board of Education Curriculum Committee and the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the *Advanced Placement Environmental Science Curriculum*.

3. **APPROVAL OF ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held several extensive discussions regarding the merits of having one or two middle schools, and

WHEREAS, the consensus of the Board of Education’s discussion at the July 22, 2013 COW meeting was to have one middle school; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the basis of the discussion by the Board of Education on July 22, 2013, the Board of Education approves having one middle school.

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

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

A. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND CALENDAR ITEMS FOR BOARD ATTENTION

Please see Calendar for August/September 2013.

B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT