GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013

MAIN ROOM, GROTON SENIOR CENTER

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

- Acting Superintendent Report
- Hiking Field Trip
- Ad Hoc Vision Committee

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
6. Update On Special Education
7. Good News!

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance
Groton Parent Council

Negotiations
Town Council/RTM/BOE

LEARN
GEA/AGSA/BOE Liaison

Policy
CABE

Curriculum
School Facilities Task Force

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
   - September 9, 2013 (Regular)
   - October 7, 2013 (Special)

2. Approval of Warrants

3. Approval of Gifts
   - Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program (Russell & Susan Poe) have made a donation of $100.00 and $200.00 (David Readett) to the Cutler Middle School Cross Country Program.
   - Target Take Charge of Education Program has made a donation of $76.94 to S. B. Butler School.
   - Pfizer United Way Campaign has made a donation of $151.50 (R. Peter Fairbank) and $57.86 (Carlin Okerberg) to the Fitch High School Robotics Club.
B. OLD BUSINESS

1. UPDATE ON SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. FIRST READING – P 6141.321 TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE USE FOR STUDENTS POLICY

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee extensively reviewed policy P 6141.321 Technology Appropriate Use for Students, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee voted at its meeting on October 7, 2013, to forward policy P 6141.321 Technology Appropriate Use for Students to the full Board for a first reading; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Policy Committee and the Acting Superintendent of School recommends that the Board of Education approve, as a first reading, policy P 6141.321 Technology Appropriate Use for Students.

2. FIRST READING – P 4118.4 TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE USE FOR CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee extensively reviewed policy P 4118.4 Technology Appropriate Use for Certified and Non-Certified Staff, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee voted at its meeting on October 7, 2013, to forward policy P 4118.4 Technology Appropriate Use for Certified and Non-Certified Staff to the full Board for a first reading; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Policy Committee and the Acting Superintendent of School recommends that the Board of Education approve, as a first reading, policy P 4118.4 Technology Appropriate Use for Certified and Non-Certified Staff.
3. **FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT: MARY MORRISON ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

   WHEREAS, the project to remove and replace non-friable asbestos containing floor tile and wall mounted acoustic material throughout Mary Morrisson Elementary School is complete and has been accepted by the Director of Building and Grounds, and

   WHEREAS, in order to qualify for a State Department of Education grant to partially offset design and construction costs, the Board of Education must consider a resolution accepting the project as complete, and

   WHEREAS, this project was budgeted in the fiscal year 2012 Town of Groton Capital Improvement Budget for $265,000 and an additional appropriation in the amount of $110,000 was approved by the RTM on October 10, 2012, and

   WHEREAS, the State reimbursement rate for this project is 57.50% for most project costs, and the final amount of reimbursement will be determined by audit after the project is accepted by the Board of Education; therefore, be it

   RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts as complete, the project to remediate asbestos at Mary Morrisson Elementary School, State Project #059-0182 CV.

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 October/November 2013.

   B. **SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**