GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

CLASSROOM 1 & 2, 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
Welcome Dr. Graner
Recognition of outgoing Board Members: Washington, Peruzzotti, and Zezulka

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
- Presentation on Robotics Competition at FHS

A. REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF

1. Update On School Facilities – Security Projects
2. Update On Hiring
3. Update On Budget
4. Update On Curriculum
5. Update On Special Education
6. Update On Technology
7. Update on Volunteer Hours

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Groton Parent Council
Negotiations: Town & City Councils/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
   - October 15, 2013 (Regular)
   - October 30, 2013 (Special)

2. Approval of Warrants

3. Approval of Gifts
   - Pfizer United Way Campaign (R. Peter Fairbank) has made a donation of $151.50 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
   - Give with Target Campaign has made a donation of $29.00 to the S. B. Butler School.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. NEW BUSINESS
1. SECOND 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 second reading, policy P 6141.321 Technology Appropriate Use for Students.

2. SECOND 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 second reading, policy P 4118.4 Technology Appropriate Use for Certified and Non-Certified Staff.


WHEREAS, the Board of Education establishes a meeting schedule for every second Monday of each month during the school year, and

WHEREAS, if holidays occur on Mondays, the Board meets on Tuesday, and

WHEREAS, approval of this schedule is necessary by January of each year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the schedule of Board of Education meetings for the 2013-2014 school year as presented.
4. APPROVAL OF THE REVISED EVALUATION PLAN

WHEREAS, a presentation was given on the revised teacher evaluation at the Curriculum Committee and Committee of the Whole meetings on October 28, 2013, and

WHEREAS, Groton Public Schools’ professional development committee, known as the Groton Teaching and Learning Collaborative, which consists of a broad representation of teachers, administrators, and union leaders, has submitted a plan to the state to be implemented during the 2013-2014 school year; therefore be it

REOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Acting Superintendent of Schools, formally accepts and supports the revised teacher evaluation process during the 2013-2014 school year.

5. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR A STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE IN NIGHT SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Acting Superintendent has received a request from a parent to have her child attend night school so that she can graduate with her class, and

WHEREAS, this request was discussed by the Board at the October 28, 2013 Committee of the Whole; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Acting Superintendent and Groton Board of Education approves the request for the above mentioned student to attend night school so that she can graduate with her class.

6. FITCH MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Groton Board of Education has utilized the Fitch Middle School building and grounds as an educational facility serving the students and community since 1928 and

WHEREAS, the Fitch Middle School building and grounds are no longer needed by the Groton Board of Education to serve the children and community of Groton as a middle school; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Groton Board of Education officially returns the Fitch Middle School building and grounds to the Town of Groton, and, therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the Groton Board of Education directs the Acting Superintendent of Schools to inform the Town Manager that this return of property to the Town of Groton takes effect December 1, 2013.
7.  CLASS SIZE PARAMETERS

WHEREAS, each Fall the Board of Education establishes the class size parameters used to compute the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff requirements for the subsequent school year, and

WHEREAS, this resolution is for planning purposes only, there is no fiscal impact at this time, and no change is recommended in the existing parameters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the class size parameters for staffing projection purposes as follows:

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Special Areas
- Technology: 18
- Consumer Science: 18
- Music: 25
- Art: 20
- Physical Education: 25

Special Education
- Self-Contained: 12:1
- Resource Room: 20:1

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 November/December 2013.

B.  SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

VIII.  ADJOURNMENT