GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013

TOWN HALL ANNEX, CR 1

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

Swearing in of new Board members
Election of Officers

B. RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Recognition of Departing BOE Members
Recognition of CAPT Students – Cameron Ackley, William Baldwin, Mikaela Dimaapi, Kathrine Grant, Daniel Mewha, Jamal Neal, Lydia Pfisterer, Madeleine Rusk, Alanna Tarabek, Abbey Vondeck, Cameron Wilhelm

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 FHS Athletic Fields Use by Marc Romano

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
School Facilities Task Force

Curriculum

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
   • November 4, 2013 (Special)
   • November 12, 2013 (Regular)

2. Approval of Warrants

3. Approval of Gifts
   • General Dynamics Electric Board has made a donation of ten (10) Dell Latitude E6400 laptops to the Groton Public Schools.
   • Pfizer Foundation Marching Gifts Program (Wayne Byassee) has made a donation of $250.00 to the West Side Middle School Hiking Club.
   • 4 Roosevelt, LLC had made a donation of $250.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
• Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Papandrea have made a donation of $190.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
• Pfizer United Way Campaign (R. Peter Fairbank) has made a donation of $151.50 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
• Pfizer United Way Campaign (Carlin Okerberg) has made a donation of $57.86 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
• Gwynne Ferguson has made a donation of $40.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
• X.G.E. Inc. has made a donation of $50.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
• Applied Physical Sciences Corp has made a donation of $4,000.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. NEW BUSINESS

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 December/January 2014.

B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT