REVISED
GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

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

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. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- Superintendent Report
  - Volunteer Hours
  - Update re: BOE Retreat January 12, 2014
  - Review of Draft 2014-2015 School Calendar
  - 2014-2015 Budget Overview

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
- 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
   • December 9, 2013 (Regular)

2. Approval of Warrants

3. Approval of Gifts
   • Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program has made a donation of $100.00 to the Cutler Middle School Cross Country Team.
   • Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oddie have made a donation of $50.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
   • A donation of $2,000.00 has been made to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
Vothy Thach has made a donation of $64.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark have made a donation of $150.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Waid have made a donation of $74.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
Christie Dunn has made a donation of $150.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
RPS, Inc. (for Joe Conahan) has made a donation of $90.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
Fort Hill Gasoline, LLC (for Tulal Jilani) has made a donation of $150.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
Waterford Hotel Group has made a donation of $50.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Poe have made a donation of $150.00 to the Cutler Middle School Hiking Club.
Pfizer United Way Campaign (R. Peter Fairbank) has made a donation of $151.50 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.

B. **OLD BUSINESS**

C. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **APPROVAL OF THE 2013-2014 TUITION RATES**

   WHEREAS, the Superintendent and Business Manager established a cost for students who attend our schools from other districts, and

   WHEREAS, the Superintendent and Business Manager recommends the rates found in the exhibit to the Board of Education; therefore be it

   RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Manager, the Board of Education approves the 2013-2014 tuition rates for students attending the Groton Public Schools from other districts.

2. **APPROVAL OF AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013 TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGET FUNCTIONS**

   WHEREAS, there are audit adjustments for the 2012-2013 school year transferring funds between budget functions consistent with Groton Public Schools Policy 3160 and Connecticut General Statutes 10-222; therefore be it

   RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Business Manager and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes these audit adjustments. These adjustments transfer budget appropriations across functions to balance end of the year actual expenditures.
3. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR A STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE IN NIGHT SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the 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 December 16, 2013 Committee of the Whole; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 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.

4. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION, FAMILY SERVICE AND ADULT EDUCATION AUTHORIZATION FORM.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of School to sign the Connecticut Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Service and Adult Education authorization form.


WHEREAS, the Finance/Facilities Committee reviewed the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan at its meeting on December 16, 2013 and recommended that the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan be forwarded to the full Board for approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Finance/Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Education approves the 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

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 January/February 2014.
B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT