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 6:00 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
  - Update of the proposed 2014-2015 School Calendar
  - Update on the New Evaluation Plan

A. REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF

1. Update On School Facilities – Security Projects
2. Update On Budget
3. Update On Special Education

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
   - January 12, 2014 (Board Retreat)
   - January 13, 2014 (Regular)

2. Approval of Warrants

3. Approval of Gifts
   - Zachry Nuclear Engineering has made a donation of $500.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
   - RPS, Inc. has made a donation of $250.00 to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.
   - Mr. and Mrs. Brian Russo have made a donation of $50.00 to the Cutler Middle School Hiking Club.

B. OLD BUSINESS
C. NEW BUSINESS

1. FIRST READING – REVISED POLICY P 1212 - SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves as a first reading, revised policy P 1212 - School Volunteers.

2. FIRST READING – REVISED POLICY P 5117 - SCHOOL DISTRICT LINES

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves, as a first reading, revised policy P 5117 - School District Lines.

3. APPROVAL OF THE 2014-2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR SABBATICAL LEAVE DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, a request has been received for a Sabbatical Leave for the 2014-2015 school year for the purpose of returning to school full-time to obtain a Master's degree in School Counseling and certification as a School Counselor, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Education Association contract allows for a Sabbatical Leave and the recipient receiving 75% of their salary with all benefits and rights; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the requested Sabbatical Leave with the recipient receiving 75% of their salary with all benefits and rights.

5. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION STATEMENT
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of School, Dr. Michael Graner, to sign the Connecticut Department of Education addendum to the agreement for Child nutrition Programs Healthy Food Certification Statement.

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 February/March 2014.

B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT