GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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 6:00 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

- Martin Luther King Scholarship Winner – Kai Sinclair
- First Place Winner for the 2nd Congressional District in the Secretary of State’s PowerPoint Contest – Kelsi Ursini

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
  - School Facilities Project Update
  - Update of 2014-2015 Budget Development Process
  - March Volunteer Hours

A. REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE STAFF

1. Update On Budget
   a. Object Code Budget Summary of 2013-14

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance  Groton Parent Council  Groton Scholarship
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
   • March 24, 2014 (Regular)

2. Approval of Warrants

3. Approval of Gifts
   • Pfizer United Way Campaign (Everett Wilhelm) has made a
     donation of $119.24 to Fitch High School.
   • Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wilhelm has made a donation of $75.00
     to the Fitch High School Robotics Team.

B. OLD BUSINESS
C. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **APPROVAL OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

    WHEREAS, the Board of Education reviewed on March 31, 2014 the proposed Southeastern regional calendar established for the 2014-2015 school year for the purpose of regional cost savings and professional development; and therefore be it

    RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Southeastern Regional calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

2. **FIRST READING: POLICY P 5141.21 – ADMINISTERING MEDICATION**

    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, Policy P 5141.21 – Administering Medication.

3. **FIRST READING: POLICY P 4218 – FILING A COMPLAINT**

    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, Policy P 4218 – File a Complaint.


    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, language change to Rule 1.3, A.3 of the BOE Rules of Procedure re: Standing Committees.

5. **FIRST READING: POLICY P 6142.101 – PHYSICAL EDUCATION: HEALTH AND FITNESS CURRICULUM**

    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, Policy P 6142.101 – Physical Education: Health and Fitness Curriculum.

6. **FIRST READING: POLICY P 4117.1 – PHYSICAL EXERCISE AND STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

    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, Policy P 4117.1 – Physical Exercise and Student Discipline.
9. NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSES’ DAY AND WEEK

WHEREAS, May 6, 2014 has been designated as School Nurses’ Day and May 6-12, 2014 has been designated as School Nurses’ week, and

WHEREAS, school nurses provide the services mandated by the State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, school nurses provide nursing care to students with asthma, diabetes, life threatening allergies and neurological cardiovascular problems, and

WHEREAS, school nurses give preventative and acute care to students and staff, health education, medication management and supportive counseling daily, and

WHEREAS, school nurses actively collaborate with staff, families and medical providers to building student capacity for self-management, self-advocacy and learning, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges that May 6, 2014 has been designated as School Nurses’ Day and May 6-12, 2014 has been designated as School Nurses’ week, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all school nurses for the unique contributions they make every day toward improving the health and well-being of children in the Groton Public Schools; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools thank all school nurses for their commitment and dedication to the children of Groton Public Schools.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS’ DAY AND WEEK

WHEREAS, Wednesday, April 23, 2014 has been designated as Administrative Professionals’ Day and April 20-26, 2014 has been designated as Administrative Professionals’ Week, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all administrative professionals/secretaries who serve the Groton Public Schools; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools recognizes their many contributions to the children of the district and their important role in assuring the orderly and efficient operation of all district programs.

11. NATIONAL TEACHER DAY AND WEEK

WHEREAS, May 7, 2013 has been designated as National Teacher Day and May 6-10, 2014 has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week, and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges that May 6, 2014 has been
designated as National Teacher Day, and May 4-10, 2014 has been designated as
National Teacher Appreciation Week, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation and
gratitude to all teachers who serve the children of the Groton Public Schools, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that quality teaching is the
single most important factor influencing students’ learning; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools
take this opportunity to thank all teachers for their commitment and dedication
to the children of Groton.

12. NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 6 – April 12, 2014 has been designated as National
Volunteer Week, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges that the week of April 6 –
April 12, 2014 has been designated as National Volunteer Week, and

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer
action no matter how big or small, and volunteers can connect with local
community service opportunities through hundreds of community service
organizations, and

WHEREAS, more than 109 million volunteers working in their communities
utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of
children, adults and the elderly, and

WHEREAS, during this year, all over the nation, service projects will be
performed and volunteers will be recognized for their commitment to
community service, and

WHEREAS, volunteers have the power to fight the pervasive feeling of social
disconnection experienced by 81% of Americans and especially young people,
and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation;
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools,
recognize the many contributions of all volunteers in the Groton Public Schools.

13. PARAPROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, Connecticut is home to thousands of paraprofessionals who provide
service in multiple settings within a school, including instructional support,
student activities, and numerous tasks that contribute to educational success; and
WHEREAS, the support and services provided by paraprofessionals are integral to student achievement and effective Connecticut schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Department of Education are committed to excellence in education and recognize the important role paraprofessionals play in ensuring educational success; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, recognize the many contributes of paraprofessional and acknowledge April 2, 2014 as Paraprofessional Appreciation Day.

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 April/May 2014.

B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT