

Groton-Dunstable Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
High School Library
Regular Business Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

- 7:00 PM I. Call to Order
- 7:01 PM II. Announcements / Spotlight
- MASS Certificate of Academic Excellence
 - Award winner: Kaitlin Onthank (01/07/09 packet)
 - Northeastern University's Doctor of Education Program
 - Mark Branco
 - John Gould
- 7:15 PM III. Presentations / Discussions
- Tim Savoy – Field Trip – Music Showcase Festivals in NY – May 2009
 - GDAY – Space Request
 - School Calendar Modification
 - K-12 Challenge in Difficult times (15 Minutes) (12/17/08 packet)
- 7:50 PM IV. Questions and Comments (10 Minutes)
- 8:00 PM V. Reports
- Policy Subcommittee
 - Budget & Finance
 - Communications Committee
 - Retirement of Facilities
 - Report of Director of Business & Finance
 - Proposed new budget format
 - FY09 Update
 - Anticipated FY10 budget drivers
 - Review of revised budget timeline
 - Report of the Chair
 - Report of the Superintendent
 - Strategic Plan Update
 - FY10 Budget Memo to staff
 - Superintendent's Mid-Self Evaluation (To be distributed)
- 9:00 PM VII. Action Items
- *Non Consent Action Items Discussion, if needed*
 - *Vote Consent Action Items*
 - *Vote*
 1. *To Approve the FY09 District Salary Spreadsheet (01/07/09 packet)*
 2. *To approve the May 2009 field trip to NYC.*
 3. *To approve GDAY space proposal*
- 9:15 PM VIII. Adjournment

Handouts

- Thank you letters from Groton & Dunstable Police Departments
- Groton Landmark Article: *Tight School Budget*
- GDRHS Principal's Newsletter – January 2009
- GDRMS Principal's Newsletter – January 2009
- Swallow Union Newsletter – January 2009
- The Boutwell Butterfly – January 2009
- Florence Roche Flash Newsletter – January 2009
- Middle School Council minutes 01/06/09

Groton-Dunstable Regional School District Goals

1. To support the development of the whole student
2. To retain and support quality staff
3. To provide and maintain facilities which serve the needs of students and fulfill the district's stewardship responsibility

Please note: Meeting content, start times and duration are subject to change

Upcoming meetings:

School Committee:	February 4, 2009	HS Lib	7:00 pm
	February 25, 2009	HS Lib	7:00 pm
Communications:	February 12, 2009	Prescott	9:00 am
Policy Sub Committee:	February 10, 2009	Prescott	6:30 pm
Think Tank:	February 5, 2009	MSN Lib	7:00 pm
B&F (w/Town Officials):	February 12, 2009	HS Library	7:00 pm

Groton-Dunstable Regional School District School Committee

Rules for Public Comment

A School committee Meeting is a meeting of a government body at which members of the body deliberate over public business. We welcome the attendance of members of the school district community to view your School Committee as it conducts its regular business meeting.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 Section 23C governs public participation at open meetings of municipal government bodies.

Chapter 39: Section 23C Regulation of participation by public in open meetings

Section 23C. No person shall address a public meeting of a governmental body without permission of the presiding officer at such a meeting, and all persons shall, at the request of such presiding officer, be silent. If, after warning from the presiding officer, a person persists in disorderly behavior, said officer may order him to withdraw from the meeting, and, if he does not withdraw, may order a constable or any other person to remove him and confine him in some convenient place until the meeting is adjourned.

The School committee believes that the school district community should have an opportunity to comment to the Committee on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Therefore the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public. In addition, if the Committee believes that an issue requires a dialogue with the school district community, the Committee may schedule a separate public hearing on that issue.

Any citizen who wishes to make a presentation to the School Committee on an item which is of interest to him/her and within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities may request to be placed on the agenda for a particular meeting. Such request should be in writing and should be received by the Superintendent to formulate the meeting agendas. Together they will determine whether or not to place an item on the agenda and if the item is to be taken up they will also determine when to place an item on the agenda and all parameters to be required of the presenter.

Here are the general rules for the Committee's public comment period:

1. Public Comment shall be for a period of 20 minutes and shall generally follow the opening of the meeting. The Committee reserves the right to rearrange its agenda to accommodate scheduled presenters.
2. Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 3 minutes. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair. All citizens shall speak to the full Committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators.
3. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee. The Chair shall rule out of order any individual who fails to honor the guidelines or who addresses a matter inappropriate for public comment.
4. It shall be in order for any Committee member to direct questions to the speaker through the Chair in order to clarify comments of the speaker.
5. A group of citizens appearing at a meeting to express favor or opposition to a particular agenda item should designate one member of the group as spokesperson to be heard on the topic. Other members of the group may be heard if they feel that they can contribute additional information regarding the topic.
6. Public comment is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between citizens and the Committee. It is a citizen's opportunity to express his/her opinion on issues of School Committee business. The Committee and/or administrator's may not be prepared to directly respond to citizen questions posed in this forum but the Chair may request that citizens put the question in writing to the appropriate person or body so that the matter is given the proper consideration.