

**Groton-Dunstable Regional School District  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**Friday, May 15, 2009**

Prescott School

Special Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

- 6:30 PM
- I. Call to Order
  - II. Update on Dunstable Town Meeting
  - III. Update on FY10 Revenue Projections
  - IV. Discussion & Vote on FY10 Budget
  - V. Adjournment

**Handouts**

- Dunstable Town Meeting Presentation
- Town of Dunstable FY10 Budget Page Insert
- Groton Town Meeting Presentation
- Town of Groton FY10 Budget Page Insert
- FY10 Regional Transportation Reimbursement
- Reductions List
- Flow Chart for FY10 Budget Adoption
- Letter from DESE (May 17<sup>th</sup>) RE: FY09 Chapter 70 State Aid Reductions

**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:**

<b>School Committee:</b>	<b>May 27, 2009</b>	<b>HS Library</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Communications:</b>	<b>June 4, 2009</b>	<b>Prescott</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Policy Sub Committee:</b>	<b>June 2, 2009</b>	<b>Prescott</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Think Tank:</b>	<b>June 4, 2009</b>	<b>MSN Lib</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>B&amp;F:</b>	<b>June 24, 2009</b>	<b>Prescott</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

## **Groton-Dunstable Regional School District School Committee**

### **Rules for Questions and Comments from the Public**

A School Committee business meeting is a meeting of a governmental body at which members deliberate over public business. We welcome your attendance at the Committee's regular business meetings.

The School Committee encourages the public to participate on issues that affect them or the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Therefore, the Committee has set aside time at each business meeting to receive questions and comments from the public. In addition, if the Committee believes that an issue requires additional dialogue with the community, the Committee may schedule a separate public meeting on that issue or add it to a future agenda.

Any citizen wishing to make a longer presentation to the School Committee on an item that is of interest to him/her, and that is within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities, may request time for that presentation on the agenda of a future meeting. Such a request should be in writing (e.g., e-mail) and should be communicated to the Chair and Superintendent. Together they will determine whether or not to place the item on a regular meeting agenda, or whether additional information is needed to make that decision. If an item is accepted for an upcoming agenda, the time, duration, format, handout material, etc., will be coordinated with the presenter.

The general rules for the School Committee's public question and comment period follow:

1. Public questions and comments shall generally follow the presentations section of the meeting. However, the Committee reserves the right to rearrange its agenda to accommodate special circumstances.
2. Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify himself/herself by name and may speak for up to three minutes. At a typical meeting, only 10 minutes are allocated for questions and comments. Therefore, a large number of citizens can be satisfactorily accommodated only if notification is provided to the Chair and Superintendent well in advance of the meeting. 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 comment on any item within the scope of responsibilities of the School Committee. It is expected that questions or comments will be made in a productive manner and with common courtesy.
4. An organized group of citizens appearing at a meeting to express favor or opposition to a particular agenda item should designate one member of their group as spokesperson to be heard on the topic. Additional members will be heard as time allows.
5. The period of public questions and comments is not an opportunity for a debate between citizens and the Committee. It is a citizen's opportunity to express his/her opinion on issues of Committee business, ask questions, get clarifications, and, if time allows, to engage in limited discussion. The Committee and/or district administrators may not be prepared to respond immediately, in which case the Chair may ask a citizen to submit her/his question in writing to the appropriate person or body so that the matter is given its proper consideration. Follow-up actions may include researching and communicating the answer or having an agenda item added to a future meeting.
6. The Chair may rule any individual who fails to honor these guidelines as out of order.

If you are unable to attend a particular meeting to ask a question or make a comment, or would prefer to make a written comment, you are encouraged to submit your comment either by e-mail, [comments@gdrsd.org](mailto:comments@gdrsd.org), or by calling the district's Administrative Assistant, 978-448-5505, x200.

#### References:

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