

Groton-Dunstable Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
High School Library
Regular Business Meeting – 7:00 PM

- 7:00 PM **I. Call to Order**
- 7:01 PM **II. Announcements / Spotlights**
 A. Recognition of GDAY Member
 B. Young Heroes Award
- 7:10 PM **III. Presentations**
 A. Recommendation for Interim Director of Business & Finance
 B. Superintendent Search: Future Managements Systems – Burt Vasquez
 C. Superintendent Search: NESDEC – Arthur Bettencourt
- 8:20 PM **IV. Questions and Comments from the Public**
- 8:30PM **V. Discussions**
 A. Policies – First Reading
 a. BDFA - School Councils
 b. BDFA-E-1 - School Improvement Plan (SIP)
 c. BDFA-E-2 - Submission and Approval of the SIP
 d. BDFA-E-3 - Conduct of School Council Business
 e. DBJ - Budget Transfer Authority
 f. EF - Food Service Management
 B. Policies – Second & Subsequent Readings
 a. BDE - Subcommittees of the School Committee
 b. EEAAA - Assignment of Students to Destinations Other
 Than Their Homes
- 9:00 PM **VI. Reports**
 A. Policy Subcommittee
 B. Budget & Finance Subcommittee
 C. Personnel and Negotiations Subcommittee
 D. Communication Advisory Committee
 E. Think Tank Committee
 F. Tarbell Committee
 G. Director of Business & Finance
 a. FY10 Budget Update
 b. FY10 Budget Transfer Requests
 c. Other items of interest
 H. Superintendent
 a. Update on School Choice
 b. Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
 I. Chairman
 a. Open Meeting Law Seminar
 b. President Obama’s *Address to Students*

- 9:45 PM **VII. Action Items**
- A. Consent Action Items
 - a. *Vote to approve Business Meeting Minutes of 9/2/09*
 - B. Policies - *Vote to approve Final Reading of the following policies:*
 - a. BBAA - School Committee Member Authority
 - b. BDA - School Committee Organizational Meeting
 - c. BEDB - Meeting Agenda
 - d. BEDB-E-1 - Agenda Content
 - e. BEDB-E-2 - 2009-2010 Agenda Format
 - f. BEDH - Public Participation at School Committee Meetings
 - g. BEDH-E - Rules for Questions and Comments from the Public
 - h. KHB - Advertising in the Schools
 - i. KHB-E - Advertising in the Schools - Sample Policy Applications
 - C. Other Action Items
 - a. *Vote to approve Transfers*
- 9:50 PM **VIII. New Business**
- 10:00 PM **IX. Adjournment**

Handouts:

1. Approved policies for Policy Manual
2. MASC sample superintendent search brochure
3. 3 Lowell Sun articles
4. Middle School Parent Survey Results
5. Lowell Sun article with Pioneer Institute & MassReportcards.com report
6. Subcommittee Meeting Minutes: *P&N – 9/8/09*
7. GDAY Steering Committee Meeting Notes – *8/31/09*

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:

September 17, 2009	Tarbell	Groton Town Hall	8:00 am
September 21, 2009	<i>Special School Committee (Personnel & Negotiations) Superintendent Search</i>	Prescott	7:00 pm
September 21, 2009	Communications	Prescott	8:00 pm
September 28, 2009	<i>Special School Committee (Personnel & Negotiations) Superintendent Search</i>	Prescott	7:00 pm
October 1, 2009	Think Tank	Prescott	7:00 pm
October 6, 2009	Policy	Prescott	6:30 pm
October 7, 2009	School Committee	HS Library	7:00 pm
October 16, 2009	Budget & Finance (B&F)	Prescott	9:00 am

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, 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.