REGULAR MEETING **MONDAY,**
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION **April 26, 2021**

GBE approved 5/10/2021

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, April 26, 2021, in the Griswold Middle School Gymnasium. It was also offered via teleconference, due to the Coronavirus, and the meeting access information was as follows: Meeting ID, meet.google.com/fyy-gkos-kkx, or by Phone Number (US)+1 262-674-8579 with Pin 581 104 467#. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin.

PRESENT Mary Beth Malin, BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, BOE Vice-Chair; Joyce Rice, BOE Secretary; Stuart Norman, Jr. (entered at 6:14 PM); Martin Osga, Shannon Webster, and Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, Griswold BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT Sean McKenna, Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Christopher Champlin, GPS Special Education Director and Principal of Griswold Alternative School; Alisha Stripling, GPS Business Manager; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; and Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal.

ABSENT Marceline Dillon, GHS Associate Principal; and Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal.

The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting- April 5, 2021

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the regular meeting minutes of April 5, 2021, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

Communications

A. Thank you Card from former Superintendent, Elizabeth Osga
B. April 9th, 2021, Interim Considerations for End-of-the-Year School Events
C. April 15th, 2021, Memo to Scott Davis, Chair, Town of Griswold, Board of Finance

The Board received a copy of all communications listed above, items A-C.

D. April 19th, E-mailed Letter, from Parent, to BOE Chair – The Superintendent reported that a letter was -emailed to BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin, from a concerned parent with a request to develop a policy on student injury. The Superintendent assured that Board that, due to FERPA, the information in the letter prevented him from sharing it, however, he assured the Board that he is working with our BOE attorney and administration to draft a response to the parent communication.

Hearings & Requests
None.

New Business

A. Honoring our Distinguished Employees of the 3rd Quarter for 2020/2021 – Tammy Henn, Dawn Bouchard, and Trish Zvingilas – The Board, the Superintendent, administrators, and audience members were pleased to honor three of our GPS Café Managers for working tirelessly since the start of COVID 19, to offer meals to our Griswold students, families and surrounding town families. Those honored were Tammy Henn, GHS Café Manager, Dawn Bouchard, GMS Café Manager, and Trish Zvingilas, GES Café Manager.

B. Vote to Approve or Disapprove Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2021-22. This Resolution Authorizes Filing of the Form 471 Application(s) for Funding Year 2021-22 and the Payment of the Applicant's Share Upon Approval of Funding and Receipt of Services

MOTION

By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
That, be it resolved that the governing Board for Griswold School District:

1. Authorizes the filing of FCC Form 471, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Services ordered and Certification Form for the services and/or products as detailed in the attached report, "E-Rate Requests, FY 2021", for the fiscal year 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022.
2. Authorizes payment of the applicant's share subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval of funding of the discounted portion by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and;
2. Receipt of services during the fiscal year 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022, for application number #211011010 and application #211021760, for a total pre-discount amount of $196,022.81 , with an E-Rate amount of $137,215.97 and the total applicant share of $58,806.04.

Motion unanimously carried.

C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve New Summer Learning Course, "Our Brave New World" – The Board approved a new summer learning course named "Our Brave New World: Searching & Innovating for a New Day".

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Shannon Webster
To approve a new summer learning course named "Our Brave New World: Searching & Innovating for a New Day"
Motion unanimously carried.

Note: Stuart Norman arrived and entered the BOE meeting at this time – 6:14 PM.

D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Facilities and Maintenance, Five-Year Plan – The Board approved a five-year, GPS facilities and maintenance spending plan, as presented.

MOTION By Martin Osga
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the five-year GPS facilities and maintenance spending plan, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

A. Review and Discussion on Policy, 4212.42—Personnel and Non-Certified—Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers, Second Reading

MOTION By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To approve the drug and alcohol testing for school bus drivers policy #4212.42, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

B. Review and Discussion on New Bylaw 9325.43 - Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications, Second Reading

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
To adopt bylaw 9325.43, attendance at meetings via electronic communications, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Griswold Public Schools Summer Learning Plan for Summer 2021 – The Board approved the GPS summer learning plan for 2021, as presented.

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the GPS Summer Learning Plan for 2021, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

Administrators' Reports

A. Financial Update, 2020/2021 School Year – Alisha Stripling – Business Manager, Alisha Stripling, provided an update to the Board on the current financial status of the 2020/2021 school budget.

B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Line Item Transfers for 2020/2021 School Year – The Board approved the line item transfers for the 2020/2021 school year as follows:

Transfer From			Transfer To		
Account	*Description*	*Amount*	*Account*	*Description*	*Amount*
1010.5.03.3200.99.321	GES Coaches	$ (1,072.67)	1010.5.62.3200.99.430	Athletics Repairs/Maint.	$ 1,072.67
1010.5.00.2600.99.520	Property Insurance	$ (22,353.80)	1010.5.51.2220.99.690	GMS Media Center	$ 22,353.80
1010.5.62.3200.99.580	GHS Athletics Transportation	$ (30,000.00)	1010.5.51.2220.99.690	GMS Media Center	$ 30,000.00
1010.5.30.1210.99.112	Para Salary	$ (13,823.10)	1010.5.62.2220.99.690	GHS Media Center	$ 13,823.10
1010.5.30.1210.99.112	Para Salary	$ (66,176.90)	1010.5.62.2220.99.690	GHS Media Center	$ 66,176.90
	TOTAL	$ (133,426.47)		TOTAL	$ 133,426.47

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Shannon Webster
To approve the line item transfer requests for 2020/2021 school year, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent's Report

A. Auditors' Report: Town of Griswold, Connecticut, Annual Financial Statements, for the Year Ended, June 30th, 2020 – The Board received a copy of the annual financial statement provided by our new auditors, which summarized the town and the BOE budgets ending June 30, 2020.

B. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations/Retirements – The Board received a list of vacancies/appointments/resignations/retirements.

C. Update on End-of-the-Year Events & Ceremonies – The Superintendent and administrators provided a brief update on the planning for end-of-year events, including 8th grade promotion and graduation. The Superintendent and administration will be following all of the safety protocols and guidelines from the CDC when planning for these events.

Committee/Board Reports

A. Policy Subcommittee Update – Y. Palasky – Chair of the Policy subcommittee, Yvonne Palasky, provided an update to the Board on the work of this committee.

B. Public Relations Subcommittee Update – J. Rice – Chair of the Public Relations subcommittee, Joyce Rice, reported that an update was provided at the April 5th BOE meeting.

C. Ad Hoc Athletic Fields and Facilities Subcommittee Update – S. Webster – Chair of the Ad Hoc Athletic Fields and Facilities subcommittee, Shannon Webster, provided an update on the work of this subcommittee.

D. Facilities Subcommittee Update – M. Osga – Chair of the Facilities subcommittee, Marty Osga, provided an update to the Board on the work of this subcommittee.

E. Alternative Space Needs Committee Update – M. Osga – Marty Osga provided an update on the work of the Alternative Space Needs committee.

F. Negotiations & Budget Subcommittee Update – M. Malin – Chair of the Negotiations & Budget subcommittee, Mary Beth Malin, provided an update to the Board on upcoming negotiations.

Public Comment
None.

Other Business That May Properly May Come Properly Before the Board – The Superintendent reported to the Board that he spoke with Mr. Churchill about the account balance for the Spring musical, as this question was brought forward at a prior Board of Education meeting. The Superintendent followed up with Mr. Churchill and he confirmed that the account balance is not where it should be due to loss of revenue from the cancellations of two spring musicals. The Superintendent contacted Griswold Finance Director, Eric Christensen, regarding whether it would be possible to transfer funds into this account and Eric confirmed that you cannot transfer funds from a school budget to a student activity account.

Superintendent, Sean McKenna, reported to the Board that the Transportation subcommittee meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been canceled as there is no action to discuss at this time.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
To adjourn the regular meeting at 7:14 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak