

**REGULAR MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
June 26, 2023**

**DRAFT**

1. A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, June 26, 2023, in the GMS Cafeteria, located on the 1st floor of Griswold Middle School, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT 06351. 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., Martin Osga, Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton; and Scott Freyer, BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT** Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director of Teaching, Learning and Innovation; and Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

**ABSENT** Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Steve Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Art Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal, Jeff Parkinson, GHS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal.

The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting - June 12th, 2023

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To approve the regular meeting minutes of June 12th, 2023, as presented.

Ayes - Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Stuart Norman, Jr., Martin Osga, and Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton.

Nays -

Abstain - Scott Freyer

Motion carried.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. June 15th, 2023, MEMO to Alex Grzelak, Chair, Town of Griswold, Board of Finance - The Board received a copy of this communication.

4. **RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Honoring GHS Retiree, Brian Rathbun, Custodian, who will Retire as of August 1st, 2023 - The Board, the Superintendent, administration, and audience members took a moment to publicly recognize Brian Rathbun, GHS custodian, who plans to retire as of August 1st, 2023.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA** - None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Gifts/Donations

1. The Blackbaud Giving Fund Donation of \$1,875 to Griswold Middle School

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To accept the very generous donation from the Blackbaud Giving fund in the amount of \$1,875 to Griswold Middle School, with gratitude.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Community Health Resources, Inc. Donation of \$250.00 for GMS Mental Health Awareness Day Materials/Supplies

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To accept the generous donation from Community Health Resources, Inc. in the amount of \$250.00 for GMS mental health awareness day materials/supplies.

Motion unanimously carried.

- B. \*Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Non-Bargaining Unit Proposed Increases, effective July 1, 2023 - This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for review, discussion, and possible action.

- C. \*Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Extend and Approve the Contract for the Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services - This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for review, discussion, and possible action.

- D. \*Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Extend and Approve the Contract for the Director of Teaching, Learning, Innovation for the 2023/2024 School Year - This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for review, discussion, and possible action.
- E. \*Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Extend and Approve the Superintendent's Contract for the 2023/2024 School Year - This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for review, discussion, and possible action.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, Version 6.0

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, Version 6.0, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Bid for the Conversion of the Senior Center to be the Alternative School

**MOTION**

By Scott Freyer

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To accept the revised bid for the conversion of the Senior Center to be the Alternative School.

Motion unanimously carried.

**9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

- A. Financial Update on the 2022/2023 Budget - Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services - The Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, Deb Martin, provided an update to the Board on where she believes the district will close out for the 2022/2023 year.

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations - The Board received a copy of the recent vacancies, appointments and resignations.
- B. \*Timely Updates

1. Year in Review - The Superintendent provided a report to the Board on the year in review for the 2022/2023 school year. It included a review of all accomplishments and developments as we begin the next fiscal cycle.

11. **COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

- A. Policy Subcommittee - Yvonne Palasky - The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky, Chair of the Policy subcommittee.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD** - The Superintendent reported that the Griswold Board of Finance approved the hiring of a Special Education teacher for the 2023/2024 school year and he publicly thanked them for their support of this added position.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To move into executive session at 6:18 PM for the purpose of discussing New Business, 7B, 7C, 7D, and 7E.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:08 PM.

7B.

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Yvonne Plasky

To approve the Non-Bargaining Unit proposed increases, effective July 1, 2023, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

7C.

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To extend and approve the contract for the Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

7D.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Scott Freyer

To extend and approve the contract for the Director of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

7E.

**MOTION**

By Scott Freyer

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To extend and approve the contract for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 7:10 PM

Motion unanimously carried.