

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,
October 10, 2017**

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A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at the GMS Library Media Center, located on the 2nd floor of Griswold Middle School. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by BOE Chairman, Stuart Norman, Jr.

PRESENT Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Chairman; Frank Everett, BOE Vice Chairman; Laurie Sorder, BOE Secretary; Yvonne Palasky; Mary Beth Malin; Dr. Theresa Madonna; and Jennifer Norman, BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT Sean McKenna, Superintendent; Susan Rourke, Director of Curriculum Instruction, and Assessment; Christopher Champlin, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Glenn LaBossiere, GMS Principal; Chris Vamvakides, GES Assistant Principal; and Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal.

ABSENT Michele Demicco, GPS Business Manager (on leave); Marceline Macrino, GHS Associate Principal; and Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal.

MOTION By Laurie Sorder
Seconded by Frank Everett
To add under New Business, Item E - Review of CEA Lawsuit and Town Action Concerning Lawsuit.
Motion unanimously carried.

The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Dr. Theresa Madonna
To approve the regular meeting minutes of September 25, 2017, as presented.
Ayes - S. Norman, Jr., L. Sorder, Y. Palasky, M. Malin, T. Madonna, and J. Norman.
Nays -
Abstain - F. Everett
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. GPS Newsletter for October, 2017 - The Board received a copy of the GPS October, 2017 newsletter.
- B. GMS Fall Newsletter - The Board received a copy of the Griswold Middle School's fall newsletter.

HEARINGS AND REQUESTS

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of Griswold Public Schools Student Enrollment Totals Based on Official October 1 Date for 2017/18 School Year - The Board was provided with an update on the official student enrollment count as of October 1, 2017, for the 2017/18 school year.
- B. Review of Griswold Public Schools Special Education Enrollment Based on Official October 1 Date for 2017/18 School Year - The Board was provided with an update on the official student enrollment count as of October 1, 2017, for students who are labeled special education or 504 for the 2017/18 school year.
- C. Review of Griswold Public Schools Tuition Enrollment and Projected Revenues Based on Official Enrollment Date of October 1 for 2017/18 School Year - The Board was provided with a report entailing tuition students attending Griswold Public Schools and the projected revenues they will bring for the 2017/18 school year. The Superintendent indicated that GPS projected 1.6 million in revenue, however, he was pleased to say that, at this time, we are projecting over 1.7 million in tuition revenue to the town of Griswold.
- D. Review and Action to Approve the Capital Improvement Requests for Griswold Public Schools to Be Forwarded to the Town's Capital Improvement Committee - The Board reviewed and approved the capital improvement requests for 2018/19, as presented, and suggested forwarding the list to the town's Capital Improvement Committee.

MOTION

By Frank Everett

Seconded by Mary Beth Malin

That we forward the GPS Capital Improvement Requests for 2018/19 to the town's Capital Improvement Committee.

Motion unanimously carried.

- E. Review of CEA Lawsuit and Town Action Concerning Lawsuit - The Superintendent reported that the CEA is planning to file a lawsuit against Governor Malloy because of what

is happening with the state budget. He indicated that Plainfield, Torrington, and Brooklyn Schools joined the lawsuit to be filed tomorrow. Superintendent McKenna reported that Griswold fits the criteria for joining this lawsuit. The Board is in support of joining the lawsuit. They directed the Superintendent to inform the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION

By Frank Everett

Seconded by Dr. Theresa Madonna

To authorize the Superintendent to approach the Board of Selectmen to let them know that the BOE is in support of joining this lawsuit.

Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- A. Students Participating in Sports Update - Campus Wide Activities and Athletic Director, Mr. Stephen Cravinho, shared statistics for students participating in sports at GHS. The Board requested seeing student participation in extracurricular activities in the spring.

Laurie Sorder exited the meeting at 6:25 PM for the evening.

- B. 2016/17 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Scores Presentation - S. Rourke - Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Susan Rourke, along with GES Principal, Joseph Bordeau, and GMS Principal, Glenn LaBossiere, presented the results of the 2016/17 SBAC scores.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations - The Board approved the appointments of a full-time Reading Intervention Assistant, a part-time instructional assistant, and two coach volunteers.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Mary Beth Malin

To approve the appointments of Caron Wunderlich, GPS Reading Intervention Assistant, full-time, grant funded, effective October 2, 2017; Rebecca Mikolajczak, GPS Instructional Assistant, part-time, effective October 2, 2017; Lexis Foster, GPS Basketball girls assistant coach volunteer for the winter 2017 season; and Michael Jamieson, GPS Baseball boys varsity coach volunteer for the spring 2018 season, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

B. Update on State Budget - The Superintendent reported that there continues to be no decision on the state budget.

C. Update on Oil Tank at GHS - The Superintendent reported that a service team came to GHS to inspect the oil tank, and they reported that they do not believe we need a new tank. They suggested that the tank may be salvaged by filtering out some of the particles that are in the oil tank. They suggested emptying the tank and power washing it to filter out the sediment. The cost to do this is estimated at \$3,000.

D. Update on Gas Lines/Conversion - BOE chairman, Stuart Norman, Jr., reported on a meeting he attended on Wednesday with Steve Carroll, the Facilities Director, at Montville Public Schools, who converted from oil to gas heat. Mr. Norman noted that it was a very informative meeting and he shared what he learned about the possibilities of converting to gas. Frank Everett also updated the Board on the meeting, which occurred on Friday with Superintendent McKenna, Stuart Norman, Jr. and Gene Frantz. He shared what information they learned about converting from oil to gas through Eversource.

E. *Confidential Documents, Student Records - This item was referred to executive session at the end of the meeting for discussion.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

A. Negotiations & Budget Subcommittee Update - This item was referred to executive session for discussion.

B. Facilities Update - Frank Everett reported that we have three roofs that have all been replaced on our schools and they are all under a thirty-year warrantee with inspections that take place twice a year. These inspections are conducted to maintain our warranties. Frank also updated the Board that the generator at GES runs for a half hour every Thursday and, yearly, we maintain the generator, as recommended.

OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Stuart Norman, Jr. reported that there is a Board of Finance meeting tomorrow evening that he plans to attend. Mary Beth Malin has volunteered, on behalf of the Board of Education, to attend the District Partnership Advisory Council meeting with guest speaker, State Senator Heather Somers.

Yvonne Palasky and Mary Beth Malin reminded the Board that the Trunk or Treat event will be taking place on Saturday evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION

By Frank Everett

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

That the Board of Education move into executive session at 7:25 PM, to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2), (11), and (17). Further, that the Board invite the following individuals to attend the executive session, Sean McKenna, Superintendent of Schools; and Mrs. Erin Palonen, GHS Principal, and we will also discuss negotiations & budget subcommittee update.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:42 PM

MOTION

By Frank Everett

Seconded by Mary Beth Malin

That pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(g), the Griswold Board of Education adopt the expulsion decision of the Norwich Board of Education and expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Griswold High School and from presence on school grounds and school sponsored activities for the period from October 10, 2017 until November 7, 2017. Further, the Board directs the administration to offer the student an alternative educational opportunity pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the student graduates from high school. Finally, the Board authorizes Stuart Norman, Jr. and Attorney Dan Murphy to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion, to the student and his/her parent(s).

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Frank Everett

Seconded by Dr. Theresa Madonna

To move back into executive session at 7:45 PM to discuss negotiation & budget subcommittee update, inviting the superintendent.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:46 PM

MOTION

By Frank Everett

Seconded by Mary Beth Malin

To adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM

Motion unanimously carried.