

**REGULAR EDUCATION MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**GBE approved October 24, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in the Griswold Middle School Cafeteria, located on the first floor, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mary Beth Malin, Chair of the Griswold Board of Education.

**PRESENT** Mary Beth Malin; BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, BOE Vice-Chair; Joyce Rice, BOE Secretary; Stuart Norman, Jr., Martin Osga, and Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT** Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services and Griswold Alternative School; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal; Pat Feeney and Jessica Gillespie, GPS Coordinators of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Katy Sawaryn, GPS Special Services & Family Engagement Coordinator; and Tom Verville, Facilities Director.

**ABSENT** Shannon Webster, BOE Member and Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To move items 10A, 1 and 2 after communications.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Martin Osga  
To approve the regular meeting minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Communications

- A. “The Griswold Times,” District Newsletter—September 2022
- B. October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Letter to Ryan Aubin

The Board received a copy of communications A-B listed above.

Public Comment - No public comment was requested.

### Student Representative Report

- A. GES Student Representative Report: Autumn Eagle, Braydon Hustus, & Nora Sabolesky
- B. GMS Student Representative Report: Natasha Ali & Amanda Sawyer
- C. GHS Student Representative Report: Makayla Nielson

The Board received updates on student activities from student representatives for GES, GMS and GHS.

Consent Agenda (All routine items can be approved with one motion and without discussion. Points of clarification and discussion requests can be allowed.)

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Proposed New Policy 3171.1—Business and Non-Instructional Operations—Non-Lapsing Education Fund—Second Reading
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 9321.1—Bylaws of the Board—Time, Place and Notification—Electronic Board of Education Meetings—Second Reading

### **MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the consent agenda items, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

### New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Griswold Board of Education 2023 Schedule of Meetings In Accordance with the Provisions of the State Statutes 1-255 – The Board approved the Griswold Board of Education meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year.

### **MOTION**

By Martin Osga  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To approve the Griswold Board of Education 2023 Schedule of Meetings in accordance with the provisions of the State Statutes 1-255, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Griswold Board of Education Alternative Space Needs Committee 2023 Schedule of Meetings In Accordance with the

Provisions of the State Statutes 1-255 – The Board approved the Griswold Board of Education Alternative Space Needs Committee 2023 schedule of meetings in accordance with the provisions of the state statutes 1-255, as presented.

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To approve the Griswold Board of Education Alternative Space Needs Committee 2023 schedule of meetings in accordance with provisions of the state statutes 1-255, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Propose Capital Improvement Projects for the 2023-2024 School Year - The Board approved the proposed capital improvement projects for the 2023-2024 school year.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To approve the proposed capital improvement projects for the 2023/2024 school year, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

- D. Review and Discussion on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Enrollment Data – The Board received an update on the October 1 enrollment data for the 2022/2023 school year, which is the official student count recognized by the Connecticut State Department of Education.
- E. Review and Discussion on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Projected Tuition Revenue – The Board received an update on the projected tuition revenue for the 2022/2023 school year. The Superintendent was happy to report that we surpassed the projection of 2.4 million that was provided to the finance department with the Town of Griswold.
- F. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 6140—Instruction—Curriculum—First Reading – The Board had a first reading on revised policy 6140 and will revisit at the next BOE meeting for review, discussion, and action to approve.
- G. Review and Discussion on New Policy 4113.12—Personnel—Certified—Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers—First Reading – The Board had a first reading of new policy 4113.12 and will revisit at the next BOE meeting for review, discussion, and action to approve.
- H. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 6172.6—Instruction—Interactive Distance Learning—First Reading - The Board had a first reading on revised policy 6172.6 and will revisit at the next BOE meeting for review, discussion and action to approve.

- I. Gifts/Donations

1. Aldin Associates Limited Partnership on Behalf of Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Math & Science Grant - The Board accepted the grant donation of \$500.00 to GHS on behalf of Aldin Associates Limited Partnership, with gratitude.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To accept the generous grant donation on behalf of Aldin Associates Limited Partnership on behalf of the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Math & Science grant of \$500.00, with gratitude.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Donation from the McFalls Family for the GMS Soccer Teams – The Board accepted the donation of \$500 to the GMS Soccer Teams on behalf of the McFalls family, with gratitude.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To accept the donation of \$500 to the GMS Soccer teams on behalf of the McFalls family, with gratitude.

Motion unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Review and Discussion on Follow-Up BOE Workshop with Dr. Erin Dunn & Dr. Ravit Stein – The Superintendent asked the Board to consider some upcoming dates to schedule a follow-up retreat/BOE development session with Dr. Erin Dunn and Dr. Ravit Stein. He wanted to ask if they would prefer to do the session before a regular Board of Education meeting or at a special Board of Education meeting.
- B. Update on the Multi-Purpose Field Study – The Board was provided with an update from Superintendent McKenna on the recent work related to the multi-purpose field study.

Administrators’ Reports

- A. Student Performance Data—Glenn LaBossiere, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; and GPS Building Administrators– The Board received an update on student performance data from Glenn LaBossiere, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, and administration.

Superintendent’s Report

A. GPS Celebrations & Recognitions:

1. The College Board Recognition Program of Griswold High School Students – Kuranda Ruggiero – The Superintendent, administrators, and audience members honored Kuranda Ruggiero, who is a senior at GHS, for being a recipient of the College Board recognition

program. The Superintendent was also honored to report that Kuranda was accepted and will be attending West Point in the fall.

2. Griswold Elementary School for the faculty implementation of “Kindness in the Classroom,” SEL program - The Superintendent was pleased to celebrate and honor Griswold Elementary School for the implementation of “Kindness in the Classroom” SEL Program and its successful roll out.

B. Timely Updates

1. Griswold High School Open House, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022
2. Griswold Engage
3. Professional Learning Offerings, 10/7

The Superintendent provided the Griswold Board of Education with a list of timely updates.

- C. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, and resignations.

Committee/Board Reports

- A. Athletic Subcommittee—Shannon Webster & Marty Osga – Athletic Subcommittee Chair, Marty Osga, provided an update to the Board on the recent work of the Athletic subcommittee.
- B. Facilities Subcommittee - Marty Osga - The Board received an update from Martin Osga on the recent work of the Facilities subcommittee.
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – Mary Beth Malin – The Board received an update from Mary Beth Malin on the recent work of the Negotiations subcommittee.
- D. Policy Subcommittee – Yvonne Palasky - The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky on the recent work of the Policy subcommittee.
- E. Public Relations –Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton - The Board received an update from Jaimee O’Neill on the recent work of the Public Relations subcommittee.

Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board – The Superintendent shared that the GPS was one of 19 districts in the state of CT to be recognized for the summer learning program and this will be brought forth and celebrated at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:20 PM.  
Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Sean McKenna/Robin Drobiak