

**REGULAR EDUCATION MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
October 24th, 2022**

GBE approved 11/14/2022

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, October 24th, 2022, in the Griswold Middle School Cafeteria, located on the first floor, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jill Curioso, GPS Technology Director; and Jaselynn Caviness, Director of Wolverine Forward Before/After School Program.

ABSENT Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; and Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal.

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

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – October 11th, 2022

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the regular meeting minutes of October 11th, 2022, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

Communications

- A. September 29th, 2022, Letter from the Connecticut Commissioner of Education to Superintendents of School regarding Connecticut Approved Pre-Kindergarten (Prek) to Grade Three Core Comprehensive Reading Curricula/Programs
- B. October 12th, 2022, Resignation Letter from the Griswold Board of Education from Shannon Webster
- C. October 13th, 2022, MEMO from the Superintendent to Alex Grzelak, Chair, Town of Griswold Board of Finance

D. October 14th, 2022, Letter from the Superintendent and BOE Chair to the Griswold Community regarding the BOE Vacancy

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

Public Comment - No public comment was requested.

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 Revised Policy 6140—Instruction—Curriculum—Second Reading
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Policy 4113.12—Personnel—Certified—Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers—Second Reading
- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 6172.6—Instruction—Interactive Distance Learning—Second Reading

MOTION

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

New Business

D. Gifts/Donations

- 1. Griswold “G” Wreath as Designed and Donated by Shannon Webster – The Board accepted a gift of a Griswold “G” Wreath from Shannon Webster, on behalf of the Griswold Board of Education.

MOTION

By Martin Osga
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To accept the donation from Shannon Webster of a Griswold “G” wreath on behalf of the Griswold Board of Education.
Motion unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Status Update from Al Carpenter, Vice President/Associate, CPH, on Multi-Purpose Field Study – The Board received an update from Al Carpenter of CPH, Inc. on the proposal for a new multi-purpose field.

Administrators’ Reports

- A. Financial Update - Deborah Martin, Director, Fiscal & Personnel Services – The Board was provided with their first monthly update on the status of the 2022/2023 school budget by Deb Martin, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

- B. Technology Update— Jill Curioso, Director, Technology & Glenn LaBossiere, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation - Director of Technology, Jill Curioso, provided an update to the Board on technology, which included what was new for 2022/2023. The report also included the day to day operations in the technology department and what plans lie ahead as Griswold moves forward with technology.
- C. “Wolverines Forward” Program Update—Jaselyn Caviness, Extended Learning Director; and Deborah Martin, Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services – Director of the Wolverines Forward Before and After School Program, Jaselynn Caviness, provided an update to the Board. The presentation included a program overview, enrollment information and an outline of successes, goals, concerns and recommendations moving forward.

Superintendent’s Report

A. GPS Celebrations & Recognition:

- 1. Jessica Gillespie and Patricia Feeny, Teaching, Learning, & Innovation Coordinators, for their work on GPS Summer Learning, as one of 19 programs recognized by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents – This item was tabled this evening and will be revisited at the next BOE meeting.

B. Timely Updates

- 1. HVAC Grant & Update – The Superintendent updated the Board on an invitation to bid on the HVAC competitive grant recently opened by the State of Connecticut.
- 2. 10/18/22 Town of Griswold, Board of Finance Meeting & Feedback - The Superintendent provided some feedback to the Board from the recent October 20th, Griswold Board of Finance meeting.
- 3. 10/20/22 Town of Griswold, Capital Committee Meeting, Feedback – The Superintendent provided some feedback to the Board from the recent October 20th, Town of Griswold, Capital Committee meeting that took place.
- 4. BOE Vacancy & Meeting Dates – The Superintendent updated the Board on the vacancy announcement on the Griswold Board of Education and shared ways he shared this vacancy announcement with the town clerk, the democratic and republican town committees, and the community at large.

- C. *Pending Claims and Litigation – This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for discussion.

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

Committee/Board Reports

- A. Capital Committee Update - Marty Osga - The Board received an update from Martin Osga on the recent meeting that took place with the Capital Committee with the Town of Griswold.

Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board – The Superintendent thanked GHS Principal Erin Palonen for the work for the Homecoming Parade. He also informed the Board of a Ribbon Cutting ceremony planned for the new electronic sign out in the front of the Griswold Public Schools. The ceremony will occur on Friday, October 28th at 3:45 PM and he extended an invitation for the BOE to attend if they are available. The Superintendent, lastly, provided a shout out to Griswold Recreation Director, Ryan Aubin, for the success again this year with Spooktopia.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To move into executive session at 6:49 PM for the purpose of discussing item 10C – Pending Claims and Litigation, and to invite Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director of Teaching, Learning & Innovation, and Deb Martin, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:00 PM.

Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna