

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
October 26th, 2023**

GBE approved 11/09/2023

1. A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 26, 2023, in the Griswold Middle School Cafeteria, located on the first floor, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT. 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, Griswold BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, BOE Vice-Chairman; Joyce Rice, Griswold BOE Secretary; Martin Osga; and Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, BOE Members

ALSO PRESENT

Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal; and Jaselyn Caviness, Wolverine Before/After School Program Director.

ABSENT

Stuart Norman, Jr. and Scott Freyer, Griswold BOE Members; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; and Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal.

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

MOTION

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To add agenda Item 8B: Review and Discuss on Revised Policy 6140—Instruction—Curriculum, First Reading.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting- October 12, 2023

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

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

Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, and Martin Osga.

Nays –

Abstain – Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton.

Motion carried.

B. Special Meeting – October 16, 2023

MOTION

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Martin Osga

To approve the special meeting minutes of October 16, 2023, as presented.

Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Joyce Rice, and Martin Osga.

Nays –

Abstain – Yvonne Palasky and Jaimee O’Neal-Eaton.

Motion carried.

3. Communications

A. October, 2023, CABA Liaison Newsletter

B. October 12th, 2023, Memo to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance

The Board received a copy of the communications listed above for A and B.

4. Recognitions - None.

5. Student Representative Reports – None.

6. Public Comments—None.

7. Consent Agenda (All routine items can be approved with one motion and without discussion. Points of clarification and discussion requests can be allowed.) – There were no consent agenda items to review this evening.

A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Policy 5123.3—Students—Graduation Ceremonies—Second Reading

B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Policy 6115.111—Instruction—Graduation Exercises—Second Reading

C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 4121—Personnel—Substitute Teachers—Second Reading

D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 7230.2—New Construction—Indoor Air Quality—Second Reading

E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 5145.15—Students—Directory Information—Second Reading

F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 5145.53—Students—Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth—Second Reading

G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 6159—Instruction—Instruction—Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program—Second Reading

H. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Policy 5112.3—Students—Dropouts—Second Reading

I. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Regulation 5118.111—Students—Tuition for Children and Staff—Second Reading

MOTION

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

8. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Revised K-12 English Language Arts Curriculum (*please click on this link to access the documents*)

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the revised K-12 English Language Arts Curriculum, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review and Discuss on Revised Policy 6140—Instruction—Curriculum, First Reading – The Board had a first reading of revised policy 6140 and will revisit at the next BOE meeting for review, discussion and action to approve.

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Griswold Public Schools Capital Requests for the 2024-2025 School Year – The Board reviewed a revised list of Capital requests for the 2024/2025 school year and approved them as prioritized.

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the revised list of Capital Requests for the 2024/2025 school year as discussed.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review and Discussion on Tuition Numbers and Revenue for the 2023-2024 School Year – The Board reviewed a revised list of projected tuition revenues for the 2023/2024 school year.

10. Administrator's Reports

- A. Financial Forecast for Fiscal Year, 2024—Deb Martin, Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services – The Board received an update on the current financial status of the 2023/2024 school budget from Deb Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.
- B. Department of Student Services Overview—Chris Champlin, Director of Student Services – The Board received an update/overview from Christopher Champlin, who serves as the Director of Student Services. Biannually, he provides an update on special education enrollment figures, data, and current projects that the department is focusing on at this time.

- C. Ensuring Equity Committee—Chris Champlin, Director of Student Services & Committee Chair – Chris Champlin, who serves as the Chair of the Ensuring Equity Committee, provided an update on the district committee that meets monthly throughout the academic year.
- D. Wolverines Forward Update—Jaselyn Caviness, Wolverines Forward Program Director – Director of the Wolverines Before/After School Program, Mrs. Jaselyn Caviness, updated the Board on the Before and After Preschool Program, which began this year.

11. Superintendent's Report

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations/Retirements – The Board received an update on recent vacancies, appointments, resignations, and retirements.
- B. Timely Updates
 - i. Kindergarten Age Requirement Task Force
 - ii. Educator Evaluation Plan Revision
 - iii. Minority Recruitment Plan
 - iv. Tuition Partner Town Meeting
 - v. Use of Facilities Policy RevisionThe Board received some timely updates from the Superintendent on the topics listed above, items i. through v.

12. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Negotiations Subcommittee—Mary Beth Malin – The Board received an update from Mary Beth Malin on the work of the Negotiations subcommittee.
- B. Public Relations Subcommittee—Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton – The Board received an update from Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton on the recent meeting that took place with the Public Relations subcommittee.
- C. Town of Griswold, Board of Finance—Mary Beth Malin – The Board received an update from Mary Beth Malin on the recent Town of Griswold, Board of Finance meeting, that recently took place.
- D. Town of Griswold, Capital Committee—Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Martin Osga, who serves as the Board of Education member appointed to the Town of Griswold, Capital Committee meeting. He provided feedback on their most recent meeting.

13. Business That May Properly Come Before this Board – None.

14. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neil-Eaton
To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at
6:52PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna