

**REGULAR EDUCATION MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**GBE approved 11/28/2022**

1. A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, November 14<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 6:00 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; 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, Jessica Gillespie, and Sarah Dolan-Adamec, Teaching, Learning & Innovation Department; Melissa Brady, Stephanie Cote and Jennifer Upton-Pepin, GES Preschool Staff.

**ABSENT** Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Member; and Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

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

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To move agenda item 10A after 4. Communications; and to add agenda item 6A – Student Representative Report.  
Motion unanimously carried.

3. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Regular Meeting – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the regular meeting minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

B. Special Meeting Minutes – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 3:30 PM

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the special meeting minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup>,  
2022, at 3:30 PM, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

C. Special Meeting Minutes – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 4:30 PM

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the special meeting minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup>,  
2022, at 4:30 PM, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications

- A. November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Budget Development Booklet sent to GPS Administration
- B. November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Lunch Prices Update
- C. November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Letter to First Selectman Bennett regarding 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report
- D. November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Letter to Alex Grzelak, Chair, Town of Griswold, Board of Finance

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

5. Public Comment – Mary Beth Malin read the ground rules for the Public Comment section of the BOE meeting and set a time limit of 3 minutes per person to speak.

Jennifer Upton-Pepin, Griswold Elementary School Preschool teacher, asked the Board for their support in considering changing the name of the GES Integrated Preschool Program to the Griswold Early Education Program.

6. Consent Agenda (All routine items can be approved with one motion and without discussion. Points of clarification and discussion requests can be allowed.) - None.

6A. Student Representative Reports

GES – Nora Sabolesky, Autum Eagle, and Brayden Hustus provided an update to the Board on the student activities at GES.

GMS – Amanda Sawyer and Natasha Ali provided an update to the Board on the student activities at GMS.

GHS – Laila Bakhshalizadeh provided an update to the Board on student activities at GHS.

## 7. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint New Member to the Griswold Board of Education (call for nominations) - BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin, took a moment to thank all those who applied and interviewed for the vacancy on the Griswold Board of Education. The Board then opened the floor for nominations. A member of the BOE nominated Scott Freyer to serve on the Griswold Board of Education. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations at this time after three calls by the BOE Chair. The BOE Chair closed the floor to further nominations and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Scott Freyer to the vacancy.

### **MOTION**

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To nominate Scott Freyer to fill the Griswold Board of Education vacancy.  
Ayes – Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Martin Osga, Jaimee-O'Neill-Eaton, and Mary Beth Malin.  
Nays –  
Abstain –  
Motion unanimously carried.

### **MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton  
To appoint Scott Freyer as a new member of the Griswold Board of Education.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review and Action to Change Name of GES Early Childhood Program – The Griswold Board of Education approved a name change from the GES Integrated Preschool Program to the Griswold Early Education Program.

### **MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the name change of the Griswold BOE at GES Integrated Preschool Program to the Griswold Early Education Program.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Review and Discussion on New Policy 5145.511 – Students - Exploitation; Harassment - Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program, First Reading – The Board reviewed new policy 5145.511 as a first reading and will take action at the next BOE meeting to approve.

- D. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 5141.4 – Students - Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault - First Reading – The Board reviewed revised policy 5141.4 as a first reading and will take action at the next BOE meeting to approve.

- E. Review and Discussion on Revised Regulation 5141.4 – Students - Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault - First Reading - The Board reviewed revised regulation 5141.4 as a first reading and will take action at the next BOE meeting to approve.
- F. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 5144.4 – Students – Discipline - Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students - First Reading – The Board reviewed revised policy 5144.4 as a first reading and will take action at the next BOE meeting to approve.
- G. Gifts and Donations
  - 1. \$500.00 Donation from Rob Parrette to Griswold Food Services

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
 Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
 To accept the very generous donation of \$500 from Rob Parrette to the Griswold Food Services, with gratitude.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

- 2. Cameras for E-Sports Program Valued at \$1,000 donated by PTZOptics

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
 Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
 To accept the very generous donation of cameras valued at \$1,000 donated by PTZOptics for the E-Sports Program, with gratitude.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Action on Pre-Planning Steps with the Multi-Purpose Field Project – The Board approved the pre-planning steps for the multi-purpose field project.

**MOTION**

By Marty Osga  
 Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
 To approve to move the multi-purpose field project with Al Carpenter to next steps with the Town.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

9. Administrators’ Reports

- A. Instructional Spotlight - LEXIA & Reading Growth - Glenn LaBossiere, Director of Teaching, Learning, & Innovation; Jessica Gillespie & Pat Feeney, Coordinators, Teaching, Learning & Innovation – Director of the Griswold TLI Department, Mr. Glenn LaBossiere, and TLI Coordinators, Pat Feeney, Jessica Gillespie, and Sarah Dolan-Adamec, provided a presentation to the Board on the LEXIA Reading Program and how students are doing with this program.

- B. Student Behavioral Data: Tracking Trends, Improvements, & Target Areas - GPS Building Administration – GMS Assistant Principal, Jeff Parkinson, and GHS Associate Principal, Art Howe, provided an update to the Board on student behavioral data and how they are tracking, improving and targeting areas of concern related to student behaviors.
- C. District Committee Updates - Teaching, Learning, & Innovation Committee - Glenn LaBossiere, Director of Teaching, Learning, & Innovation – The TLI Department provided an update to the Board on their recent work.
- D. District Committee Updates - Health, Safety, & Wellness - Jeff Parkinson, Assistant Principal, Griswold Middle School – The BOE was provided with an update by Jeff Parkinson on the recent work of the Health, Safety and Wellness committee of the Griswold Public Schools.
- E. District Committee Updates - Ensuring Equity - Chris Champlin, Director, Student Services - The Board was provided with an update from Chris Champlin on the recent work of the Ensuring Equity committee of the Griswold Public Schools.

## 10. Superintendent's Report

### A. GPS Celebrations & Recognitions

- 1. Celebrating & Recognizing the Coach & Members of the Griswold High School Boys' Cross Country Team – The Board, the Superintendent, administrators, and audience members were so pleased to take a moment to recognize and honor the GHS Boys Cross Country Team and their coach, Mrs. Kelsey Tobler, for their Class SS State Championship win.
- 2. 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 – The Griswold Board of Education, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members recognized Pat Feeny and Jessica Gillespie for coordinating our Summer Learning Program in 2022 and for being chosen as one of 19 summer learning programs in the state of Connecticut to be recognized by the Connecticut Association of School Superintendents (CAPSS).

### B. Timely Updates

- 1. School Building Committee – The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the newly formed School Building Committee.
- 2. Lunch Prices – The Board received an update from the Superintendent on the school lunch program memo that went out to families and staff, which included changes coming as of January 3, 2023.

3. Upcoming Town of Griswold, Board of Finance Meeting – The Board received an update from the Superintendent on the upcoming Griswold Board of Finance meeting that is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

4. Budget Development – The Board received an update from the Superintendent on the process for budget development for 2023/2024.

C. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a copy of the vacancies/appointments/resignations.

## 11. Committee/Board Reports

A. School Building Committee/Alternative Space Needs Committee – Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Marty Osga on the recent work of the Alternative Space Needs Committee, which has now become the School Building Committee.

B. Policy Committee - Yvonne Palasky – The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky on the work of the Policy Committee. She noted that the meeting scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> has been canceled.

C. Negotiations Committee - Mary Beth Malin – The Board received an update from Mary Beth Malin on the recent work of the Negotiations Committee.

12. Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board – The Superintendent reported that there will be a DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) meeting on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

## 13. Adjournment

### **MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:24 PM.

Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak