

**REGULAR EDUCATION MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
November 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**GBE approved 12/12/2022**

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; Stuart Norman, Jr., Martin Osga, and Scott Freyer, BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT** Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services and Griswold Alternative School; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Thomas O'Connor, GPS Food Service Director.

**ABSENT** Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, BOE Member;; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; and Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal.

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

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To move agenda item 10A after 4 - Communications.  
Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Martin Osga.  
Nays –  
Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr. and Scott Freyer.  
Motion carried.

4. Communications
  - A. November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Letter to Valerie Pudvah, Town of Griswold, Town Clerk
  - B. November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002, MEMO on Wolverine Forwards Program

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

5. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

6. 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 New Policy 5145.511—Students—Exploitation; Harassment—Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program, Second Reading
  - B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 5141.4—Students—Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault—Second Reading
  - C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Regulation 5141.4—Students—Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault—Second Reading
  - D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 5144.4—Students—Discipline—Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students—Second Reading

**MOTION**

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

7. New Business

- A. \*Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Professional Agreement between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Education Association, 2023-2026 – This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for discussion and possible action.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Action to Approve Plans for the Multi-Purpose Field Project – The Superintendent shared some different drawings for the proposed multi-purpose field with the Board and some questions were asked. The Superintendent reported that Al Carpenter, engineer for the field study, would be attending the December 12<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting and will be able to answer these questions. No further action took place.
- B. Review and Discussion on Board of Education Subcommittee Work and Committee Assignments – The Superintendent and the Board Chair shared the vacant positions on BOE subcommittees following Shannon Webster’s resignation. The Board reviewed the vacancies and the BOE Chair appointed Scott Freyer to fill those vacancies.

9. Administrators’ Reports

- A. Financial Update Report, Budget, SY ‘22-‘23 – Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services – Deb Martin, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, provided an update to the Board on where things stand currently with the 22-23 school budget.
- B. Food Services, District Department Update – Thomas O’Connor, GPS Director of Food Services, provided an encouraging update to the Board on the Food Service year-end review for the 2021/2022 school year.

## 10. Superintendent's Report

### A. GPS Celebrations & Recognitions

1. Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendent, Superintendent's Student Award Recognition – Madilyn Wooten and Jack Zagarenski – The Griswold Board of Education, the Superintendent, administrators, and audience members were pleased to recognize two outstanding students from Griswold High School as the students chosen as the CAPSS Student award recipients. The two students recognized were Madilyn Wooten and Jack Zagarenski.
2. New England School Development Council – NESDEC – National School Development Council Award for Student Leadership in Learning – Kendall Larkin and Summer Milette – The Griswold Board of Education, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were please to recognize two outstanding high school seniors from Griswold High School as the students chosen as the New England School Development Council award recipients. The two student recognized were Kendall Larkin and Summer Milette.

### B. Timely Updates

1. Town of Griswold, Board of Finance, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the recent meeting he attended with the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance, which was held on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### 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 work of the Town of Griswold, School Building Committee. He shared that there will be a public hearing on the plans to renovate the senior center for the new alternative school site on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the GMS LMC.
- B. Town of Griswold, Capital Committee – Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Marty Osga on the recent meeting that took place with the Town of Griswold, Capital Committee.

## 12. Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board – None.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To move into executive session at 6:40 PM for the purpose of reviewing 7A – Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Professional Agreement between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Education Association, 2023-2026.  
Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:50 PM.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the Professional Agreement between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Education Association, 2023-2026, as discussed.  
Motion unanimously carried.

13. Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 6:51 PM.  
Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna