

**REGULAR EDUCATION MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
December 12TH, 2022**

GBE approved 1/30/2023

1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, December 12th, 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, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, and Scott Freyer, BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; 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; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal; Katy Sawaryn, GPS Community Relations & Special Projects Coordinator; and Jessica Gillespie, GPS TLI Coordinator.

ABSENT

MOTION By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To move up agenda item 11A to come after 4 - communications.
Motion unanimously carried.

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

3. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting – November 28, 2022

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the regular meeting minutes of November 28th, 2022, as presented.
Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Stuart Norman, Jr., Martin Osga, and Scott Freyer.

Nays –
Abstain – Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton.
Motion carried.

4. Communications
 - A. November 22nd, 2022, Budget Freeze Memo from Superintendent, Sean P. McKenna
 - B. November 2022 Edition of “The Griswold Times” District Newsletter
 - C. Invitation to the December 16th, 2022, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the New Griswold Senior Center

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

5. Public Comment – BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin, read the ground rules for the public comment section of the meeting and there were no requests for public comment.
6. Student Representative Report
 - A. GES Student Representative Report: Brayden Hustus, Autumn Eagle, and Nora Sabolesky
 - B. GMS Student Representative Report: Natasha Ali & Amanda Sawyer
 - C. GHS Student Representative Report: Laila Bakhshalizadeh

The students listed above provided updates to the Board on student activities that took or are taking place in each school building – GES, GMS, and GHS.

7. Consent Agenda (All routine items can be approved with one motion and without discussion. Points of clarification and discussion requests can be allowed.) - None.
8. New Business
 - A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar
– The Board approved the 2023-2024 proposed school year calendar, as presented.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the GPS calendar for school year 2023/2024, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy—1205—Community Relations—Participation by the Public—Agenda Format/Preparation and Dissemination—First Reading – The Board had a first reading on revised policy 1205 and will review at the next BOE meeting as a second reading with a request to take action and approve.

- C. Review and Discussion on Revised Regulation 4118.112/4218.112—Personnel—Certified/Non-Certified—Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace—First Reading – The Board had a first reading on revised regulation 4118.112/4218.112 and will review at the next BOE meeting as a second reading with a request to take action and approve.
- D. Review, Discussion, and Action to Appoint a Griswold Board of Education Member to the Gerard & Wanda Brunet Scholarship Committee for the 2022/2023 School Year - The Board appointed Yvonne Palasky to serve as the BOE member representative on the Gerard & Wanda Brunet Scholarship Committee for the 2022/2023 school year.

MOTION

By Joyce Rice
 Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
 To nominate Yvonne Palasky as the Griswold BOE representative to serve on the Gerard & Wanda Brunet Scholarship Committee.
 Motion unanimously carried.

- E. Review, Discussion, and Action to Approve the Gerard & Wanda Brunet Scholarship Committee for the 2022/2023 School Year – The Board approved the Gerard & Wanda Brunet Scholarship Committee for the 2022/2023 school year.

MOTION

By Joyce Rice
 Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
 To approve the Gerard & Wanda Brunet Scholarship Committee for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented.
 Motion unanimously carried.

F. Gifts & Donations

- 1. Donation from Shannon Webster/Resilient Roots--\$60.00

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
 Seconded by Scott Freyer
 To accept the generous donation of \$60.00 from Shannon Webster and Resilient Roots, with gratitude, to be earmarked for the GPS Turf Field fund.
 Motion unanimously carried.

- 2. Donation of 16 Epi-pens from BioRidge Pharma

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
 Seconded by Joyce Rice
 To accept the donation of sixteen Epi-Pens from BioRidge Pharma, with gratitude, and to thank Renee Normandie for requesting them each year.
 Motion unanimously carried.

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Approving the Multi-Purpose Field Project Plan and Forwarding the Project Plan to the Town of Griswold – The Superintendent and the Griswold Board of Education heard a presentation from representatives of Field Turf, a Tarkett Sports Company – Andrew Dyjak and Christopher Hulk - on the pricing proposal for the proposed GPS Multi-Purpose Field Project plan. They answered questions from BOE members and the Board then approved the project to move forward to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance.

MOTION By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Scott Freyer
To approve the Multi-Purpose Field Project Plan with black end zones and white “G” to the town of Griswold, Board of Finance.

A discussion occurred and it was recommended that the motion include the cost proposal.

MOTION By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Scott Freyer
To rescind the prior motion and approve approximately 3.5 million dollars to include the black end zones and the white “G” and forward the Multi-Purpose Field Plan project to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Version 5.0 of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan – The Board approved Version 5.0 of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve Version 5.0 of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for the 2022/2023 school year, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

10. Administrators’ Reports

- A. Progress Update on Building Goals for the 2022-23 School Year—Glenn LaBossiere & GPS Building Administrators - The Board received an update on goals, progress points, and the next phase of work from each building level principal and assistant principal as a mid-year report.
- B. Department Update on Student Services —Chris Champlin, Director, Student Services - The Board received an update from Chris Champlin, Director of Student Services, and Katy Sawaryn, GPS Community Outreach and Special Projects Coordinator, on the Student Services department.

11. Superintendent's Report

A. GPS Celebrations & Recognitions:

1. Celebrating & Recognizing James Rand and Kyle Gunderman for their work on Esports, Advanced Technology, and organizing the 12/7 Regional Professional Development Session on Esports/Gaming Concepts hosted at GHS - The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members took a moment to recognize Jim Rand and Kyle Gunderman for their work on E-Sports, Advanced Technology and organizing the December 7th professional development session on Eports/gaming concepts at GHS.

B. Timely Updates

1. December meeting of the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance – The Board received an update from the Superintendent on an upcoming Board of Finance meeting, which is schedule to take place on December 20th, 2022.
2. Winter Holiday Break Schedule – The Board received an update on the winter holiday break schedule and how the district will observe the upcoming holidays.

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

12. Committee/Board Reports

A. Ad Hoc Athletic Fields & Facilities Subcommittee – Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Marty Osga on the recent work of the Ad Hoc Athletic Fields & Facilities Subcommittee.

B. School Building Committee – Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Marty Osga on the work of the Town of Griswold, School Building Committee.

C. Policy Subcommittee – Yvonne Palasky – The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky on the recent work of the Policy subcommittee.

13. Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board – The Superintendent reported that he and Mary Beth Malin met with Heather Sommers to look into possible grant funding for the Field Turf project.

The Superintendent publicly thanked the Ad Hoc Athletic Fields & Facilities committee for all of their work on this multi-purpose field project and reported that \$4,000 in fundraising efforts have been deposited to an account at this time. He wanted to celebrate those who donated to this project.

BOE Chair took a moment to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

14. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at
8:03 PM.
Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak