

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
February 13th, 2023**

GBE approved 3/2/2023

1. A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Monday, February 13th, 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; Stuart Norman, Jr.; Martin Osga, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, and (Scott Freyer who attended virtually), Griswold 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 and Griswold Alternative School; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal.

ABSENT

Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director and Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal.

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

2. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. January 30th, 2023, Special Meeting

MOTION

By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To approve the special meeting minutes of January 30th, 2023, as presented.
Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Marty Osga and Scott Freyer
Nays –
Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr. and Yvonne Palasky
Motion carried.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To add New Business, 7B. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to appoint a project manager for the community multi-purpose field project and to fix 6 A&B on the agenda to reflect that they are both second readings rather than first readings.
Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communications
 - A. “The Griswold Times,” January 2023 – Monthly Newsletter – The Board received a copy of the January 2023 newsletter – “The Griswold Times”.
4. Student Representative Report
 - A. GES Student Representative Report: Brayden Hustus
 - B. GMS Student Representative Report: Natasha Ali & Amanda Sawyer
 - C. GHS Student Representative Report: Laila Bakhshalizadeh

The following student representatives provided an update to the Board on student activities:

GES – Braden Hustus, Autumn Eagle, and Nora Sabolesky; GMS – Natasha Ali and Amanda Sawyer; and GHS – Laila Bakhshalizadeh.

5. Public Comments – BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin, read the ground rules for the public comments section of the meeting agenda and there were no requests for public comment.
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Policy 6148—Instruction—FAFSA Completion Program—Second Reading
 - B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 6159.1 Instruction—Instructional Arrangements/Paraeducators—Second Reading

MOTION

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

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Review and Discussion on the 2023-2024 Budget and Special Requests – The Superintendent provided an overview to the BOE on the special requests portion of the proposed 2023/2024 school budget and the Superintendent entertained questions/discussions related to the budget.

7B. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Action to Appoint a Project Manager for the Community Multi-Purpose Field Project – The Board appointed a project manager to assist with the new community multi-use field project, which was recently approved through a Town of Griswold, referendum.

MOTION

By Marty Osga
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To entertain hiring a project manager for the community multi-purpose field project.

Discussion: After some Board discussion, a decision was made to appoint Wes Greenleaf as the project manager for this community multi-purpose field project. He is currently working with our district on the relocation of the Griswold Alternative School to the former Griswold Senior Center and has been highly recommended.

MOTION

By Marty Osga

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To amend the prior motion and recommend hiring Wes Greenleaf as the new project manager for the community multi-purpose field project.

Motion unanimously carried.

8. Superintendent's Report

A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received an update on recent vacancies/appointments/resignations.

B. Superintendent's Timely Updates

1. Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget & ECS Reduction for Griswold – The Board received copies of letters written to Connecticut State Senator, Heather Sommers, and to Connecticut State Representative, Brian Lanoue, from Superintendent Sean McKenna. In these letters, he addresses great concern and questions regarding the decrease in ECS allocation of funds to Griswold Public Schools in the state's next biannual budget.
2. Budget Development Timeline – The Superintendent provided a budget development timeline to the Board, which included upcoming meeting dates with actions and next steps.
3. Project Update: Alternative School Re-location & Renovation – The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the Senior Center renovation project to the new Griswold Alternative School.
4. Project Update: Community Multi-Purpose Field – The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the community multi-purpose field project and where things currently stand.

9. Committee/Board Reports

A. School Building Committee - Martin Osga – As there was much discussion this evening regarding the Griswold Alternative School and its relocation to the former Griswold Senior Center, there was no further update from SBC chair, Marty Osga.

10. Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board – There were reminders that a Policy subcommittee meeting is scheduled to take place tomorrow at 4 PM followed by a Facilities subcommittee meeting at 5 PM.

11. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To adjourn the regular meeting at 6:55 PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak