

**GBE approved 5/1/2023**

1. A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jill Curioso, GPS Technology Director; Katy Sawaryn, GPS Special Services & Family Engagement Coordinator; and Jaselyn Caviness, GPS Director of Wolverine Forward Program.

**ABSENT**

Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal;

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

A. April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Regular Meeting

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the regular meeting minutes of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

B. April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Special Meeting

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Scott Freyer  
To approve the special meeting minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as presented.  
Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Joyce Rice, Martin Osga, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton and Scott Freyer  
Nays -  
Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr. and Yvonne Palasky  
Motion carried.

3. Communications
  - A. Griswold High School, List of End-of-the-Year Events
  - B. Griswold Middle School, List of End-of-the-Year Events
  - C. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Letter from the Town of Griswold

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

4. Recognitions - There were no recognitions to report on for this evening's BOE meeting.
5. Public Comments – Mary Beth Malin, Chair of the Griswold Board of Education, read the ground rules for the public comments section of the meeting but there were no requests for public comment.
6. New Business
  - A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Wolverines Forward, Pre-Kindergarten (PK) Proposal – A proposal was reviewed and approved by the Griswold Board of Education for a Wolverine Forward Child Care Program at Griswold Elementary School. This program would provide child care solutions for families who send their children to ½ day Preschool programs. It would offer appropriate and affordable childcare programming for families of preschool students.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To approve the Wolverine Forward, Pre-Kindergarten proposal, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 5141.3 - Students Health Assessments and Immunization, First Reading – The Board had a first reading of revised policy 5141.3 and will bring it forward to the next regular BOE meeting for review, discussion, and action to approve.
- C. Review and Discussion on Revised Regulation 5141.3 - Students Health Assessments and Immunization, First Reading – The Board had a first reading of revised regulation 5141.3 and will bring it forward to the next regular Board of Education meeting for review, discussion, and action to approve.
- D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Moving Board of Education Meetings to Thursday Evenings – The Board discussed and then approved moving the Griswold Board of Education meetings from Monday evenings to Thursday evenings for the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Martin Osga  
To move the Griswold Board of Education meetings to Thursday evenings.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**E. Gifts/Donations**

1. Life Vac Kits from Alan Pierce, Parent of GES and GMS Students – The Board accepted the generous donation of two Life Vac Kits from Alan Pierce, with gratitude.

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To accept the generous donation of two life vac kits from Mr. Alan Pierce.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**7. Unfinished Business**

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Bylaw – 9325 - Bylaws of the Board, Meeting Conduct – Second Reading – The Board had a second reading and approved revised bylaw 9325, as presented.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To approve revised Bylaw 9325 – Bylaws of the Board, Meeting Conduct, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Policy - 7114.1 New Construction - Facilities Renovation – Second Reading – The Board had a second reading of new policy 7114.1 – New Construction – Facilities Renovation.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To approve new policy 7114.1 – New Construction – Facilities Renovation, as presented.

During discussion following the motion to approve by Joyce Rice with the motion seconded by Yvonne Palasky, Stuart Norman, Jr. had some questions on the language in the proposed policy. After discussing further, the Griswold Board of Education decided to return it to the Policy subcommittee for further review and possible revisions.

- C. Update on the 2023-2024 Initial Budget Proposal to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance – The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the 2023-2024 initial budget proposal, which was presented to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance last week. The Superintendent also reported that there will be a town-wide meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM in the GMS Cafeteria to review both the Town and the Board of Education budget proposals to the public.

8. Administrator's Reports

- A. Updates on Technology—Jill Technology, Director of Technology - The Board received an update from Jill Curioso, who is the district's Director of Technology, regarding Cyber Security and the installation of a new firewall.

9. Superintendent's Report

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, and resignations.
- B. Superintendent's Timely Updates:
1. The Community Multi-Purpose Field Project
  2. The Alternative School Conversion Project
  3. Facilities Preventative Maintenance Update
  4. GPS call for Teacher of the Year Nominations
  5. GHS is Designated High School for Norwich Public Schools

The Board received timely updates from the Superintendent listed above: B, 1–5.

10. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee - Yvonne Palasky – The Board received an update on the recent work of the Policy subcommittee.
- B. School Building Committee – Marty Osga – The Board received an update on the recent work of the School Building Committee.
- C. Community Multi-Purpose Field Subcommittee – Marty Osga – The Board received an update on the recent work of the Community Multi-Purpose Field project.

11. Other Business That May Properly Come Before this Board – The Superintendent wished to publicly thank Griswold Drama, all the participants, volunteers, and of course, Mr. Ray Churchill, for such a great spring musical production.

12. Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Martin Osga  
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton  
To adjourn the Griswold BOE meeting at 6:40 PM.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak