

**GBE approved 4/24/2023**

1. A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</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; 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; Jessica Gillespie, Pat Feeney, and Sarah Dolan-Adamec, Griswold TLI Department; Laurie LaBossiere, GMS Library Media Specialist; Autumn Eagle, GES Student Representative to the Board; Amanda Sawyer, GMS Student Representative to the Board; and Laila Bakhshalizadeh, GHS Student Representative to the Board.

**ABSENT**

Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal.

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

2. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Special Meeting

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the special meeting minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, as presented.  
Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Marty Osga, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, and Scott Freyer.  
Nays –  
Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr.  
Motion carried.

3. Communications
  - A. March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Notice of Community Multi-Purpose Field Project Start Date
  - B. March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Notice of Asbestos Abatement Project at New Site for Alternative School
  - C. March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, “Update Memo” to Alex Grzelak, Chair, Town of Griswold, Board of Finance
  - D. March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Letter regarding Superintendent’s Designee
  - E. March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Letter regarding the Board Appointment of Martin Osga to the Town Committee for the Community Multi-Purpose Field

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

4. Recognitions

A. Thanking Glenn LaBossiere, Sarah Dolan-Adamec, Patricia Feeney, Jessica Gillespie and Laurie LaBossiere for Presenting at the “Innovating Against the Tide” Conference Sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents - The Superintendent took a moment to publically thank Glenn LaBossiere, Sarah Dolan-Adamec, Pat Feeney, Jessica Gillespie, and Laurie LaBossiere for presenting at the “Innovating Against the Tide” conference sponsored by the CT Association of Public School Superintendents.

5. Student Representative Report

A. GES Student Representative Report: Brayden Hustus, Nora Sabolesky, and Autumn Eagle – The Board received an update on student activities at GES from Autumn Eagle.

B. GMS Student Representative Report: Natasha Ali & Amanda Sawyer – The Board received an update on student activities for GMS from Amanda Sawyer.

C. GHS Student Representative Report: Laila Bakhshalizadeh – The Board received an update on student activities at GHS from Laila Bakhshalizadeh.

6. 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 this evening.

7. New Business

A. Review and Discussion on Revised Bylaw – 9325 - Bylaws of the Board, Meeting Conduct - First Reading – The Board had a first reading for revised bylaw 9325 and will revisit at the next Board of Education meeting for review, discussion and action.

B. Review and Discussion on New Policy - 7114.1 New Construction - Facilities Renovation - First Reading – The Board had a first reading for new policy 7114.1 and will revisit at the next Board of Education meeting for review, discussion and action.

C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the New Course Proposal for Advanced Placement, Pre-Calculus

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To approve the development of curriculum for the new course proposal for Advanced Placement, Pre-Calculus.

Motion unanimously carried.

D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the New Course Proposal for the UCONN, Early College Experience Course, Contemporary Social Issues in Sports

**MOTION** By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To approve the new course proposal for the UCONN, Early College Experience course, Contemporary Social Issues in Sports.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the New Course Proposal for Gaming Concepts, 2.0

**MOTION** By Scott Freyer  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To approve new course proposal for Gaming Concepts, 2.0.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the New Course Proposal for Digital Streaming

**MOTION** By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To approve new course proposal for Digital Streaming.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the New Course Proposal for Cyber Security

**MOTION** By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the new course proposal for Cyber Security.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- H. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the New Course Proposal for eSports Business Management

**MOTION** By Scott Freyer  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To approve the new course proposal for eSports Business Management.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- I. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the New Course Proposal for Digital Broadcasting

**MOTION** By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the new course proposal for digital broadcasting.  
Motion unanimously carried.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Update on the 2023-2024 Initial Budget Proposal to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance – The Superintendent informed the members of the Griswold Board of Education that they are due to present the Griswold Board of Education budget to the Griswold Board of Finance on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7 PM at Town Hall.

9. Administrator's Reports

- A. Financial Update on the 2022-23 BOE Budget—Deborah Martin, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services - The Board received an update on the current status of the 2022/2023 school budget by Deb Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.
- B. “Illuminating Innovative Instructional Practices,” a Presentation by The Griswold Teaching, Learning & Innovation Department with Laurie LaBossiere, GMS Library Media Specialist – The Board heard a presentation and took part in a live demonstration of a practice that is gaining popularity with teachers and students with the use of technology. Those who presented were Laurie LaBossiere, GMS Library Media Specialist, and Sarah Dolan-Adamec, GPS Technology Integration Specialist.

10. Superintendent's Report

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations/Retirements – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, resignations, and retirements.
- B. Superintendent's Timely Updates:
1. Alternative School Renovation Facilities Project
  2. Community Multi-Purpose Field Project
  3. TVCCA Playground Planning Committee
  4. GPS Volunteer of the Year, Call for Nominations

The Board received a list of timely updates from the Superintendent listed above: B 1, 2, 3, and 4.

11. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Athletic Subcommittee - Martin Osga - Marty Osga provided an update to the Board on the work of the Athletic subcommittee.
- B. Town of Griswold, Community Multi-Purpose Field Committee - Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Marty Osga on the work of the Community Multi-Purpose Field.
- C. Policy Subcommittee - Yvonne Palasky – The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky on the work of the Policy subcommittee.

12. Other Business That May Properly Come Before this Board – The Board and the audience were reminded that “The Wedding Singer” tickets for the Spring Musical are still available for purchase but tickets are selling fast. The Board was also reminded of the GMS Expo that will be taking place on Wednesday evening.

13. Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To adjourn the Griswold BOE meeting at 6:53 PM.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak