

GBE approved 6/26/2023

1. A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Monday, June 12th, 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, and Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, 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; Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal; Jill Curioso, GPS Director of Technology; and Katy Sawaryn, GPS Special Services & Family Engagement Coordinator.

ABSENT Scott Freyer, Griswold BOE Member.

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

2. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting- May 22, 2023

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the regular meeting minutes of May 22nd, 2023, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communications
 - A. April 25, 2023, FY 2022 Audit Report Submission—MFAC Tier 1 Designation
 - B. June 6th, 2023, Letter to the Superintendent from Dana Bennett, First Selectman, Town of Griswold
 - C. June 9th, 2023, Letter to First Selectman, Dana Bennett, Town Griswold, from the Superintendent
 - D. BOE Approved List of Regular Meeting Dates for the 2023/2024 School Year

The Board received a copy of all communications listed above, A-D.

4. Recognitions
 - A. Honoring Griswold Elementary School Art Teacher, Katherine Appleton, for the Successful Art Installation at Griswold Elementary School – The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members recognized GES Art Teacher, Katherine Stapleton, for a job well done with the recent Art Installation at Griswold Elementary School.

- B. Honoring GHS Retiree, Holly Adriano, Spanish Teacher, who will Retire as of June 30th, 2023 – The Board, the Superintendent, administrators, and audience members were happy to honor Holly Adriano, GHS Spanish Teacher, who has decided to retire at the conclusion of the 2022/2023 school year.
 - C. Honoring GHS Educational Service Center Coordinator, Susan Salley, who will Retire as of August 16, 2023 - The Board, the Superintendent, administrators, and audience members were happy to honor Susan Salley, Coordinator for the GHS Educational Service Center, who has decided to retire at the conclusion of the 2022/2023 school year. Susan was unable to attend this evening’s BOE meeting but was recognized in her absence.
5. Public Comments – There were no requests for 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 Bylaw 9160 – Student Representatives on the Board of Education, Second Reading
 - B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Policy 6162.51 – Instruction – Survey of Students (Student Privacy), Second Reading
 - C. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on New Regulation 6162.51 – Instruction – Survey of Students (Student Privacy), Second Reading

MOTION

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

7. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Revised Bid Proposal from Sarazin General Contractors, Inc. for the Conversion of the Griswold Senior Center to the Griswold Alternative School

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Stuart Norman, Jr.
To approve the revised bid proposal from Sarazin General Contractors, Inc., for the conversion of the Griswold Senior Center to the Griswold Alternative School.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Update to Griswold BOE on Tier I, II, and III Gerard and Wanda Brunet Foundation Scholarship Recipients – The Board received a copy of a list of the Gerard & Wanda Brunet Foundation scholarship recipients for the 2022/2023 school year.

C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Request for Interscholastic Sport Status for Griswold Middle School Girls Soccer for Season Fall 2023

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To approve the request for interscholastic sport status for Griswold Middle School girls Soccer for season Fall 2023.
Motion unanimously carried.

D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Request for Interscholastic Sport Status for Griswold Middle School Boys Soccer for Season Fall 2023

MOTION

By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To approve the request for interscholastic sport status for Griswold Middle School boys Soccer for season Fall 2023.
Motion unanimously carried.

E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Request for Interscholastic Sport Status for Griswold High School Girls Lacrosse for Season Spring 2024

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To approve the request for interscholastic sport status for Griswold High School girls Lacrosse for season Spring 2024.
Motion unanimously carried.

F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Vote to Approve or Disapprove Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2023 -2024. This Resolution Authorizes Filing of Form 471 Applications for Funding Year 2023-24 and the Payment of the Applicant’s Share Upon Approval of Funding and Receipt of Services

MOTION

By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
That be it resolved for the governing Board for the Griswold School District (122410) [to] authorize the filing of FCC Form 471, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Services Ordered for the fiscal year 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024 [AND] Authorizes payment of the applicant’s share subject to the following conditions:
1. Approval of funding of the discounted portion by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and
2. Receipt of services during the fiscal year 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2023
APPLICATION # 231035648 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3225.49 &
APPLICATION #231036854 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,196.94.
Motion unanimously carried.

G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Authorize the Superintendent to Request Funding for the Special Education Teacher due to Increased Tuition Enrollment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To authorize the Superintendent to request funding for the special education teacher due to increased tuition enrollment.

Motion unanimously carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. Administrator’s Reports

A. End of the Year Report on Building Goals from the GPS Administration—Glenn LaBossiere, Director of Teaching, Learning, Innovation; Erin Palonen, Principal, Griswold High School; Louis Zubek, Principal, Griswold Middle School; and Joseph Bordeau, Principal, Griswold Elementary School – GES, GMS and GHS administrators provided a presentation to the Board on year-end building goals and progress made throughout the 2022/2023 school year.

B. Financial Update on the 2022-23 Budget—Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services – Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, provided an update to the Board on the status of the 2022/2023 school budget.

10. Superintendent’s Report

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

B. Timely Updates

i. Audit Process

ii. Re-Design Model of Intervention Services at Griswold High School

iii. Community Multi-Purpose Field Project

iv. Alternative School Project

v. Projected Enrollment Data for Wolverines Forward

The Board received an update from the Superintendent on the topics listed above: i – v.

C. Pending Claims & Litigation* - This item was referred to and discussed in executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting.

11. Committee/Board Reports

A. Athletic Subcommittee—Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Marty Osga on the work of the Athletic subcommittee.

- B. School Building Committee—Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Marty Osga on the recent work of the School Building Committee.
- C. Town Committee for Community Multi-Purpose Field—Martin Osga - The Board received an update from Marty Osga on the recent work of the Town Committee overseeing the Multi-Purpose field project.
12. Other Business That May Properly Come Before this Board - The Superintendent reported that the Negotiations subcommittee met last week to review all non-affiliated salaries and hourly wages and that they will be brought forward to the next BOE meeting for review, discussion, and action to approve.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To move into executive session at 7:04 PM for the purpose of discussing New Business-10-Superintendent’s Report – C - Pending Claims & Litigation*.
Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:15 PM with no action taken.

13. Adjournment

MOTION

By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To adjourn the Griswold BOE meeting at 7:16 PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna