

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
September 14th, 2023**

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1. A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 14, 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; Joyce Rice, Griswold 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; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services and Griswold Alternative School; 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 Special Services & Family Engagement Coordinator; Jessica Gillespie and Pat Feeney, GPS TLI Coordinators

ABSENT

Yvonne Palasky, BOE Vice-Chairman; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; and Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director.

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting- August 31st, 2023

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Scott Freyer

To approve the regular meeting minutes of August 31st, 2023, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. Communications

- A. Annual Policy Notification

- B. Press Release for September 8th Grand Opening of the Multipurpose Field Complex

The Board received a copy of the communications listed above for A and B.

4. Recognitions

- A. College Board Recognition, Brayden Lee, Isaiah Johnson, Olivia Gasparino – Three Griswold High School students received National Recognition by the College Board. They earned this academic honor because of their GPA of 3.5 or higher and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and/or AP® Exams. Those students honored this evening were: Brayden Lee, Isaiah Johnson and Olivia Gasparino.

- B. ISTE Certification Completion - Jessica Gillespie, Laurie LaBossiere – Two of our staff members in the Griswold Public Schools, Laurie LaBossiere and Jessica Gillespie, were recognized for the completion of ISTE certification. This digital credential recognizes educators who understand how to use edtech for learning in meaningful and transformative ways.
 - C. Griswold Forward Recognition - Katie Trudelle, Math Teacher, Griswold High School – The Griswold Public School district created a new Griswold Forward recognition program this year and Katie Trudelle, GHS Math teacher, was the first recipient to be recognized in the 2023/2024 school year.
 - D. Thank You to Linda Large – Long-Time Substitute for Griswold Public Schools – The Griswold BOE, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were pleased to recognize Mrs. Linda Large, who decided to retire after serving the Griswold School district for many years in roles as long-term substitute teacher and day-to-day substitute teacher. Linda was thanked for her many years of service in our school district.
5. Student Representative Reports
- A. GES Student Representative Report: Lucy Bonchuk, Seth Houle, Carter Lalumiere
 - B. GMS Student Representative Report: Amanda Sawyer, Samiah Vincent
 - C. GHS Student Representative Report: Amelia Stearnes, Max Brown
- Students from GES, GMS, and GHS provided their first update of the school year to the Board on student activities occurring in each school building.
6. Public Comments – There were no public comments to report on this evening.
7. Consent Agenda (All routine items can be approved with one motion and without discussion. Points of clarification and discussion requests can be allowed.) – There were no consent agenda items to review this evening.
8. New Business
- A. Review of Yearly District Goals, Building Goals, and Measurement Plan - District, GES, GMS, GHS – The Board received an update from GPS administration on the yearly goals that were set for the 2023/2024 school year.
 - B. GES School Focus Plan - GES Administration – An update on the GES school focus plan was reviewed by GES Principal, Joseph Bordeau, and GES Assistant Principal, Jackie Love.
 - C. Gifts/Donations
 - 1. \$100 Donation in Memory of Former Teacher, Lee Hulten, on behalf of Mrs. Dawn M. Curtin – The Board accepted a donation of \$100.00 in memory of former teacher, Lee Hulten, with gratitude.

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To accept, with gratitude, the \$100 generous donation in memory of former teacher, Lee Hulten, on behalf of Mrs. Dawn Curtin.

Motion unanimously carried.

9. Unfinished Business – None.

10. Administrator's Reports

A. Department of Teaching and Learning - TLI Department

i. Curriculum Update, Overview of AIMSweb, Teacher Evaluation Work – Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, and GPS TLI Coordinators, Mrs. Pat Feeney and Mrs. Jessica Gillespie, presented an update to the Board on work related to curriculum, AIMSweb, and teacher evaluation.

11. Superintendent's Report

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

B. Timely Updates

i. Community Multi-Purpose Field Project - The Board received an update on the successful opening of the new Community Multi-Purpose Field that took place on Friday evening, September 8th, 2023.

ii. Alternative School Project – Wes Greenleaf, Clerk of the Works, provided an update to the Board on the renovations of the former Senior Center to the new location for the Griswold Alternative School.

12. Committee/Board Reports

A. Athletic Committee - Martin Osga – The Board received an update from Martin Osga on the Athletic subcommittee meeting that took place prior to this evening's Board of Education meeting.

B. Ensuring Equity Committee - Chris Champlin – Director of Special Education & Student Services, Mr. Christopher Champlin, provided an update to the Board on the work of the GPS Ensuring Equity Committee.

13. Other Business That May Properly Come Before this Board – The Superintendent informed the Board that he would provide an update on the Right to Read grant at the next BOE meeting. He also mentioned that we will have to revisit the minutes from this meeting at the next scheduled BOE meeting for revisions.

14. Adjournment

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Scott Freyer

To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:09 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak