

**REGULAR EDUCATION MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
September 26th, 2022**

GBE approved October 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, September 26th, 2022, in the Griswold Middle School Cafeteria, located on the first floor, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut. 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; BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, BOE Vice-Chair; Joyce Rice, BOE Secretary; Stuart Norman, Jr., Martin Osga, and Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services and Principal of Griswold Alternative School; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; and Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal.

ABSENT Shannon Webster, BOE Member; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; and Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal.

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

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To move items 9 A, 1 and 2 after communications.
Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – September 12th, 2022

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the regular meeting minutes of September 12th, 2022, as presented.
Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Martin Osga, and Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton.
Nays -
Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr.
Motion carried.

Communications

- A. August 19th, 2022, Letter from Governor Lamont & State of Connecticut Commissioner, Charlene M. Russel Tucker, Recognizing Griswold High School for Increased FASA Completion Rate
- B. September 12th, 2022, Thank You Note from Susan Rourke
- C. September 20th, 2022, MEMO to the Griswold Community from Superintendent Sean McKenna on the COVID-19 Information and Communications Page

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

Public Comment

No public comment was requested.

New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Newly Designed Campus Banners to Replace Existing Banners on Campus – The Board voted to approve the newly designed campus banners to replace the existing banners on campus.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To approve the newly designed campus banners to replace existing banners on campus.

Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Appropriate “In Memory Of” Recognition at the Griswold Elementary School Playground – The Board approved an appropriate “In Memory Of” recognition on behalf of one of our beloved teachers who passed away unexpectedly, Mrs. Julie Rose Allard, for the GES playground.

MOTION

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To approve the appropriate “In Memory Of” Recognition at the Griswold Elementary School playground.

Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Martin Osga, and Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Nays –

Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr.

Motion carried.

- C. Review and Discussion on Proposed New Policy 3171.1—Business and Non-Instructional Operations—Non-Lapsing Education Fund—First Reading – The Board had a first reading of new policy 3171.1 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for review, discussion and action.

- D. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 9321.2—Bylaws of the Board—Time, Place and Notification—Electronic Board of Education Meetings—First Reading – The Board had a first reading of revised policy 9321.2 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for review, discussion and action.

Unfinished Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Version 4.0 of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for the 2022-23 School Year – The Board approved Version 4.0 of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for the 2022/2023 school year.

MOTION

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To approve Version 4.0 of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for the 2022/2023 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Board of Education Subcommittees & Subcommittee Meeting Proposed Schedule – The Board approved the Board of Education subcommittees and subcommittee meeting proposed schedule for the 2022/2023 school year.

MOTION

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To accept the Board of Education subcommittee meeting proposed schedule.

Motion unanimously carried.

Administrators' Reports

None.

Superintendent's Report

A. GPS Celebrations & Recognitions:

1. Recognition of Griswold Public Schools Retirees

- a. Gail McHugh, School Psychologist, Griswold Alternative School – The Board recognized Gail McHugh, GAHS School Psychologist, as one of our distinguished retirees for the 2022/2023 school year.
- b. Corrine Wallace, Secretary, Student Services/Central Office – Although Corrine could not attend tonight's BOE meeting, the Board recognized Corrine Wallace, GPS Special Education Secretary, as one of our distinguished retirees for the 2022/2023 school year.

2. Recognition of Griswold High School for Reaching the FAFSA Completion Goal for the 2021-2022 School Year – The following GHS staff members were recognized from the Governor’s & Commissioner’s office for increasing FAFSA completion to over 60% last year. The Board took time to recognize the following GHS staff members for their efforts: Kiley Flynn, Laureen Anthony, and Melissa Wooten were in attendance and were recognized. Those who were also recognized for their efforts but were unable to attend included Elaine Taylor and Kathy Kissack.
- B. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations/Retirements – The Board received a copy of the vacancies, appointments, resignations, and retirements.
 - C. *The Superintendent’s Professional Goals for the 2022-2023 School Year – This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for review and discussion.

Committee/Board Reports

- A. Facilities Subcommittee Update - M. Osga – The Board received an update from Martin Osga on the work of the Facilities subcommittee.
- B. Negotiations Subcommittee Update – M. Malin – The Board received an update from Mary Beth Malin on the work of the Negotiations subcommittee.
- C. Policy Subcommittee Update – Y. Palasky – The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky on the work of the Policy subcommittee.

Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board – None.
None.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
 Seconded by Joyce Rice
 To move into executive session at 6:27 PM for the purpose of discussing item 9C - “The Superintendent’s Professional Goals for the 2022/2023 school year.
 Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:40 PM with no action.

Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
 Seconded by Martin Osga
 To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 6:40 PM.
 Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna