

**SPECIAL MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**GBE approved 4/3/2023**

1. A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</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 5:30 PM by Mary Beth Malin, Chair of the Griswold Board of Education.

**PRESENT** Mary Beth Malin, Griswold BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, Griswold BOE Vice-Chairman; Joyce Rice, Griswold BOE Secretary; 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; and Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services and Griswold Alternative School.

**ABSENT** Stuart Norman, Jr.; BOE Member; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal.

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

2. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Special Meeting

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To approve the special meeting minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

3. New Business
  - A. \*Attorney-Client Privilege Communication – This item will be referred to executive session at the end of this meeting for discussion.

4. Unfinished Business
  - A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the 2023-2024 Initial Budget Proposal – The Superintendent and the Board agreed to forward the initial budget proposal to the Griswold Board of Finance in the amount of \$31,114,601, representing an increase of 4.09% for the 2023/2024 school year.

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To adopt the initial budget proposal for the 2023/2024 school year in the amount of \$31,114,601, representing a 4.09% increase and to bring it forward to the Griswold Board of Finance, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Appoint a BOE Member to the Community Multi-Purpose Field Building Committee – The Board took action and appointed Marty Osga to serve on the new community multi-purpose field building committee.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To appoint BOE member, Marty Osga, to serve on the new community multi-purpose field building committee.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Recommend a Tuition Revenue Amount for the 2023-2024 School Year for Budgeting Purposes to the Town of Griswold – The Board agreed to recommend a tuition revenue projected amount of \$2.7 million dollars to be forwarded to the Town of Griswold for budgeting purposes for the 2023/2024 school year.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To recommend a tuition revenue projected amount for the 2023/2024 school year in the amount of 2.7 million dollars, representing an increase of \$300,000.00.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Marty Osga  
To move into executive session at 5:44 PM for the purpose of discussing item 3A, inviting Glenn LaBossiere and Christopher Champlin to participate in the discussion.  
Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:30 PM with no action taken.

5. Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Marty Osga  
To adjourn the special meeting at 6:30 PM.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna