

**SPECIAL MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
May 1st, 2023**

GBE approved 5/8/2023

1. A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Monday, May 1st, 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, Griswold 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; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; and Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal.

ABSENT

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.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A. April 24th, 2023, Regular Meeting

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To approve the regular meeting minutes of April 24th, 2023, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. Unfinished Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Initial Budget Proposal – The Superintendent and the Board reviewed a budget reduction list of ideas, considerations, and scenarios. This budget reduction information was requested by the Griswold Board of Finance at their last meeting. They asked that the Board of Education provide a list of cuts ranging from \$400,000 to \$600,000 dollars. After a very lengthy discussion on the proposed budget reductions, the Board took the following action:

MOTION

By Scott Freyer

Seconded by Martin Osga

That the Griswold Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to submit the proposal to the Griswold Board of Finance noting that the Griswold Board of Education does not support these cuts.

Ayes – Stuart Norman, Jr.

Nays – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Joyce Rice, Martin Osga, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton and Scott Freyer.

Abstain –

Motion failed.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Tuition Revenue for the 2023-2024 School Year – The Superintendent supported further discussion pertaining to tuition revenue projections for next year given that all budget subjects are on the table at this time. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided not to take further action for increasing the tuition revenue projections for next school year.
- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on BOE Approved Capital Improvement Items for the 2023-2024 School Year – The Superintendent provided a list of GPS capital improvements items for the 2023/2024 school year to the Board of Education given that all budget subjects are on the table at this time. The Board took no action at this time for making changes to the Capital Improvement items for next year.

4. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To adjourn the special meeting at 7:02 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak