

**SPECIAL MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WEDNESDAY,
November 13th, 2024**

GBE approved 12/12/2024

1. A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024, 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, Griswold Board of Education Chair.

PRESENT

Mary Beth Malin, Griswold BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, Griswold BOE Vice-Chair, Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, Griswold BOE Secretary; Stuart Norman, Jr., Martin Osga, Jennifer Norman, and Cathy Waselik (joined by phone at 6:30 PM), Griswold BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT

Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Art Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Steven Bourque, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal; and Kathryn Sawaryn, Special Services & Family Engagement Coordinator.

ABSENT

Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; and Louis Zubek, GMS Principal.

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. Regular Meeting—October 24th, 2024

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To approve the regular meeting minutes of October 24th, 2024, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

4. Recognitions

A. Griswold Forward Recipient – Alyssa Hancock – The Board skipped this agenda item, as Alyssa was unable to attend this evening's meeting. She will attend the December meeting to be recognized as the November Griswold *Forward* recipient.

B. Tycen LaBelle, GHS Student – Cross Country, 2024 CIAC Class, SS State Champion – The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members took a moment to recognize and celebrate Tycen LaBelle, Griswold High School Sophomore, for his achievement as this year's Class SS Cross Country State Champion.

5. Student Representative Reports

A. GES Student Representatives: Briseis Carignan & Angel Nieves

B. GMS Student Representatives: Samiah Vincent & Delilah Munoz

C. GHS Student Representatives: Ava Mehrens & Andrew Hardin

The Board received updates from student representatives, Briseis Carignan and Angel Nieves from GES, Samiah Vincent and Delilah Munoz from GMS, and Ava Mehrens & Andrew Hardin from GHS, which outlined student activities occurring in each school.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Revised Bylaw 9324—Advance Delivery of Meeting Materials—Second Reading
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Revised Policy 4112.5/4212.5—Personnel—Certified/Non-Certified—Security Check/Fingerprinting—Second Reading
- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Revised Regulation 4112.5/4212.5—Personnel—Certified/Non-Certified—Second Reading
- D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve New Policy 3542.31—Business/Non-Instructional Operations—Free or Reduced Price Lunches—Participation in the National School Lunch Program—Second Reading
- E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve New Policy 3516.11—Business/Non-Instructional Operations—Hazardous Materials Communication—Second Reading
- F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve New Policy 3326.3—Business/Non-Instructional Operations—Board of Education Credit Card—Second Reading
- G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve New Policy 3520.13—Business/Non-Instructional Operations—Data Based Information and Management Systems/Student Data Protection and Privacy/Cloud-Based Issues—Second Reading

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
To approve the consent agenda, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

7. New Business

- A. Review and Discussion on New Policy 5144.12—Students—Challenging Behavior Prevention: Restorative Practices—First Reading - The Board had a first reading on new policy 5144.12 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and approval.
- B. Review and Discussion on New Regulation 5144.12—Students—Challenging Behavior Prevention: Restorative Practices—First Reading - The Board had a first reading on new regulation 5144.12 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and approval.
- C. Review and Discussion to Revise Policy 6172—Instruction—Alternative Education Program—First Reading - The Board had a first reading on revised policy 6172 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and approval.

8. Old Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Potential Capital Committee Projects for the 2025-2026 School Year – The Superintendent reported that this item will be kept as a standing item on the Board of Education agenda for now. No action or discussion took place on the Capital Committee projects by BOE members this evening.

9. Administrator's Reports

A. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. Review and Discussion on Chronic Absenteeism – The Board heard a presentation from Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent, and Associate Principal, Art Howe, GHS; Assistant Principals Steven Bourque, GMS; and Jacqueline Love, GES; as requested by the Board, on chronic absenteeism.

Cathy Waselik entered the BOE meeting by phone during the report on Chronic Absenteeism, at 6:30 PM.

10. Superintendent's Timely Updates

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, and resignations.
- B. Confidential Personnel Matter Report Review* - This item was referred to executive session at the end of this meeting for discussion.

11. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee—Yvonne Palasky – Chair of the Policy subcommittee, Yvonne Palasky, provided an update to the Board on the recent work of the Policy subcommittee.
- B. DPAC (District Partnership Advisory Council) Review – The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky, Chair of the DPAC, on the recent meeting that took place.

At this time, BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin, turned the meeting over to Superintendent, Sean McKenna, and recused herself from participating in executive session. She left the meeting at 6:39 PM.

The Superintendent asked for a motion to enter into executive session at this time.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To move into executive session at 6:39 PM for the purpose of reviewing item 10B, Confidential Personnel Matter Report Review, inviting Superintendent Sean McKenna to participate in executive session.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:59 PM with no action.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To adjourn the special BOE meeting at 6:59 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna