

## REGULAR MEETING

### GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Griswold Middle School Cafeteria, First Floor  
211 Slater Avenue  
Griswold, Connecticut 06351

THURSDAY,  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:00 PM

This meeting will be live-streamed on our District Facebook Page

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. Regular Meeting— April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025
4. Communications
  - A. Completed List of Board of Education Subcommittees approved at the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board of Education Meeting
  - B. April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Letter to Town of Griswold, Town Clerk regarding Appointment of Mary Beth Malin to the Town of Griswold, Capital Committee
  - C. Revised List of Griswold High School, Upcoming Events/Activities
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6. Student Representative Reports
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  - B. GMS Student Representatives: Samiah Vincent & Delilah Munoz
  - C. GHS Student Representatives: Ava Mehrens & Andrew Hardin
7. Public Comments
8. New Business
  - A. Gifts/Donations
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B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Potential Capital Committee Projects for the 2025-2026 School Year

10. Administrators' Reports

11. Superintendent's Report

A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations/Retirements

B. Timely updates

1. Interim Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services

2. Change in date of Underclassmen Awards

12. Committee/Board Reports

A. Policy Subcommittee Update--Yvonne Palasky

B. Facilities Subcommittee Update--Mary Beth Malin

C. Negotiations Subcommittee Update-- Mary Beth Malin

13. Other Business That May Properly Come Before this Board

14. Adjournment



# BOE Meeting Norms

<b>Norm</b>	<b>By . . .</b>
<i>We adhere to clear meeting guidelines</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Focusing on students</li><li>● Having high expectations</li><li>● Previewing topics and ensuring the essential items are included on the agenda</li><li>● Staying on topic</li><li>● Participating in an orderly way</li><li>● Appreciating community members' participation</li><li>● Notifying the chair or superintendent if we will be absent</li></ul>
<i>We are actively involved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Participating and sharing our thoughts</li><li>● Asking questions and seeking clarity</li><li>● Using all available information to make informed decisions</li></ul>
<i>We celebrate successes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sharing celebrations at each meeting</li><li>● Highlighting student successes</li></ul>
<i>We respect each other</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hearing all voices</li><li>● Sharing different views</li><li>● Maintaining positive relationships despite differing opinions</li><li>● Being courteous</li></ul>

**Board of Education Meeting Notes**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**LIVE: GRISWOLD MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**6:00 PM Start Time**  
**ADOPTED GOALS**

1. *Griswold Public Schools will commit to the advancement of social and emotional competencies in inclusive and equitable learning environments so that all of our students can grow and thrive.*
2. *Griswold Public Schools will focus on promoting the implementation and expansion of Blended and Personalized Learning in all PreK (Early Childhood Program)-12 learning environments.*
3. *Griswold Public Schools will explore and implement research-based instruction to improve outcomes for all Griswold students.*

***ENCLOSED ARE THE MEETING NORMS***

**NOTE:** The purpose of the notes is to provide more context to each agenda item, so that our meeting times are productive and offer Board members the background information to ask for clarification, to ask for additional information, and to discuss matters they deem necessary. If there are any questions or information not included in the notes or packet and you have questions ahead of time, please let us know.

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We are pleased to bring forward both Zachary McVeigh and Kim Neilson to be recognized this evening for outstanding service to the school district and the Griswold School community.
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Student representatives from GES, GMS, and GHS will provide updates to the Board on student activities in each building. We will take a moment to thank the student representatives for their service to the Griswold Board of Education this school year, as this will be their final evening of reporting for the 2025/2025 school year.

Mrs. Malin will take a recess, so that we can serve some refreshments.

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- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Potential Capital Committee Projects for the 2025-2026 School Year -

10. Administrators' Reports - None.

11. Superintendent's Report

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations - See attached/included report.
- B. Timely Updates
  1. Interim Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services
  2. Change in Date of Underclassmen Awards

12. Committee Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee Update - Yvonne Palasky - The Board will receive an update from Yvonne Palasky on the recent meeting of the Policy subcommittee who met on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025.
- B. Facilities Subcommittee Update - Mary Beth Malin - The Board will receive an update from Mary Beth Malin on the Facilities subcommittee meeting that took place prior to this evening's Board of Education meeting.
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee Update--Mary Beth Malin -The Board will receive an update from Mary Beth Malin on the last Negotiations subcommittee meeting that took place.

13. Other Business that May Properly Come Before the Board

14. Adjournment

**REGULAR MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,  
APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**DRAFT**

1. Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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; Jennifer Norman, Cathy Waselik (entered at 6:05 PM), and Donald Desrochers, Griswold BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; and Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal;

**ABSENT**

Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Member; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Art Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Steven Bourque, GMS Assistant Principal; and Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. Regular Meeting – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To approve the regular meeting minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications
  - A. End-of-the-Year List of Events for Griswold High School
  - B. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Letter to the United States Department of Education from Connecticut Commissioner of Education, Charlene Russell-Tucker  
The Board received a copy of communications A-B listed above.

5. Public Comments – There were no public comments to be recorded this evening.

6. New Business

- A. Review and Discussion on Board of Education Subcommittee Vacancies - The Board received an updated list of Griswold Board of Education subcommittees and who who will serve on each one. This list had to be updated to fill vacancies left by Martin Osga, who resigned from the Board recently.
- B. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint a Board of Education member to the Town of Griswold, Capital Committee – The Board approved Mary Beth Malin to serve as the Board’s representative to the Town of Griswold’s Capital Improvement Committee. Martin Osga vacated the Griswold Board of Education and the Town of Griswold, Capital Committee.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To nominate Mary Beth Malin to the Town of Griswold’s Capital Committee.

At this time, Mary Beth Malin, Griswold Board of Education Chair, called for other nominations. After three calls for other nominations, she closed the vote and asked for a vote.

The Board approved the nomination of Mary Beth Malin unanimously.

- C. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Filing of FCC form 471, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Services Ordered for the Fiscal Year, 07/01/25 - 06/30/26

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To authorize the filing of FCC Form 471, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Services Ordered for the fiscal year, 07/01/25-6/30/26 and Authorize payment of the applicant’s share subject to the following conditions: (1) Approval of funding of the discounted portion by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and (2) Receipt of services during the fiscal year 07/01/25 - 06/30/26.

Motion unanimously carried.

- D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Agreement between Griswold Public Schools and Sacred Heart University, 2025-2027 – The Board approved the agreement between Griswold Public Schools and Sacred Heart University from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Note: Cathy Waselik entered at 6:05 PM during discussion related to the Sacred Heart University contract.

**MOTION**

By Jennifer Norman

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To approve the agreement between Griswold Public Schools and Sacred Heart University, as presented.

Yvonne Palasky suggested that the motion should include the dates of service for the new agreement. Jennifer Norman amended her motion as follows:

**MOTION**

By Jennifer Norman

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To amend her motion to approve the agreement between the Griswold Public Schools and Sacred Heart University and include dates for fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Motion unanimously carried.

E. Gifts/Donations

1. Griswold Youth Services Donation of Walmart Gift Cards Totaling \$425.00

**MOTION**

By Jennifer Norman

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To accept the Griswold Youth Services donation of Walmart gift cards totaling \$425.00.

Motion unanimously carried.

7. Old Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Adjust the Tuition Revenue Amount for the 2025/2026 School Year Based on Confirmed Enrollment Data – The Board approved an increase in tuition revenue projections from 4.2 million dollars to 4.8 million dollars to be submitted to the Town of Griswold’s Board of Finance.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To adjust the tuition revenue projection from 4.2 million dollars to 4.8 million dollars for the 2025/2026 school year, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, BOE Member, shared that she is pretty amazed that when she joined the Board in 2020, our tuition revenue was 2.2 million dollars. She stated we have doubled the tuition revenue in four years and that is a testament to the hard work of our administrators, our teachers and our entire school community and she wished to give kudos to all. She also thought it was important to mention again that it is crucial that we invest in our schools. She hopes that the Board of Finance can restore the previous reduced funding from the Board of Education budget and encouraged the Board of Education and the Board of Finance to work together to develop a policy that allocates a portion of this tuition revenue back to the schools so we can continue moving the district forward and meeting our student needs as the population grows and we can continue to guarantee this revenue in the future.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Initial Budget Proposal for the 2025-2026 School Year with Proposed Adjustments

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To table this proposed topic on the initial budget proposal for the 2025/2026 school year with the proposed adjustments.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Potential Capital Committee Projects for the 2025-2026 School Year

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Cathy Waselik  
To table this potential capital committee projects for the 2025/2026 school year.  
Motion unanimously carried.

8. Administrators’ Reports

- A. Financial Forecast for the 2024-2025 School Year, Deb Martin, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services  
– The Board received an update from Deb Martin, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, on where things stand with the 2024/2025 school budget. She is optimistic that we will land in the black and close to zero at the end of the 2024/2025 school year.

BOE Member, Yvonne Palasky, asked where the line item is for attorney fees and she was informed it was on page 3 under system-wide other professional services.

BOE Member, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, requested an accounting of legal expenses related to the Board of Education and what was spent to date this school year on Board of Education matters. She said it does not have to include fees for personnel matters, student matters, and for contract negotiations. The Superintendent confirmed that he will provide that information in the Board notes.

9. Superintendent’s Report

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, and resignations.

10. Other Business That May Properly Come Before this Board – There was no other business that came before the Board.

11. Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Cathy Waselik  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 6:18 PM.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak

**BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED SUB-COMMITTEES  
2023/2025**

Each subcommittee will appoint a chairperson at their first meeting following elections. This list will be updated to reflect the newly elected Chair for each subcommittee once they are appointed.

<b>BUDGET/NEGOTIATIONS</b>	<b>POLICY</b>
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| 1. <u>Mary Beth Malin</u>      | 1. <u>Mary Beth Malin</u>      |
| 2. <u>Yvonne Palasky</u>       | 2. <u>Yvonne Palasky</u>       |
| 3. <u>Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton</u> | 3. <u>Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton</u> |

<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>FACILITIES</b>
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| 1. <u>Cathy Waselik</u>        | 1. <u>Donald Desrochers</u>  |
| 2. <u>Jennifer Norman</u>      | 2. <u>Stuart Norman, Jr.</u> |
| 3. <u>Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton</u> | 3. <u>Mary Beth Malin</u>    |

<b>ACADEMIC</b>	<b>ATHLETIC</b>
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| 1. <u>Full BOE</u> | 1. <u>Donald Desrochers</u>  |
| 2. _____           | 2. <u>Stuart Norman, Jr.</u> |
| 3. _____           | 3. <u>Cathy Waselik</u>      |

<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>
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1. Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
2. Jennifer Norman
3. Cathy Waselik

**Board of Education Representation Roles**

CABE: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD \_\_\_\_\_ EASTCONN: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD \_\_\_\_\_

Capital Improvements Committee: Mary Beth Malin Ordinance Review Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ TBD \_\_\_\_\_

Killingly Reg. Ag. Education Center Consulting Committee Liaison: Mr. Richard Campbell, Jr.

**GBE approved 4/24/2025**



# GRISWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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April 30th, 2025

**RE: Appointment of Mary Beth Malin to the Town of Griswold, Capital Committee**

Dear Griswold Town Clerk:

This letter serves to inform you that at the Griswold Board (Board) of Education regular meeting on April 24th, 2025, the Board appointed Mrs. Mary Beth Malin to serve on the Town of Griswold, Capital Committee. Mrs. Malin will take the BOE-seat once occupied by Mr. Martin Osga, who has since resigned from the Board.

At her earliest convenience, Mrs. Malin will report to the Griswold Town Hall to complete any formal requirements necessary to serve on this Town Committee. Should you have any follow-up questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean P. McKenna  
Superintendent of Schools

C: Tina Falck, First Selectwoman, Town of Griswold  
Erik Christensen, Town of Griswold, Finance Director  
Griswold Board of Education

Griswold High School  
Upcoming Events/Activities

*Griswold Board of Education,  
You are cordially invited! Hope to see you there!*

Tuesday, April 29th: Signing Day for Collegiate Scholar Athletes

- 1 pm in the GHS Gymnasium
- No RSVP needed

Wednesday, April 30th: National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

- 6 pm in the GHS Auditorium
- No RSVP needed

Sunday, May 18th: Spring Music Concert (*Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Strings, A Capella groups*)

- 5 pm in the GHS Auditorium
- No RSVP needed

Thursday, May 22nd: Spring Music Concert (*Chorus, Concert Band, String Orchestra, Jazz Band*)

- 7 pm in the GHS Auditorium
- No RSVP needed

Friday, May 23rd: GHS Spring Pep Rally (Awarding of Wanda Brunet Scholarships)

- 10:45 am in the GHS Gymnasium
- Please RSVP for seating
  - Erin Palonen and/or Melissa Blondet

Tuesday, May 27th: Underclassmen Awards (**this is a change of date**)

- 6 pm in the GHS Auditorium
- No RSVP needed

Wednesday, May 28th: Senior Scholarship Night

- GHS Auditorium
- 6-6:30 pm: Chamber Choir will perform as guests arrive
- 6:30 pm start time
- No RSVP needed

Thursday, May 29th: Spring String Music Festival (grades 5-12)

- 7 pm in the GHS Auditorium
- No RSVP needed

Thursday, June 12th: Graduation Campus Walk for the Class of 2025

- Approximately 10 am
- No RSVP needed

Friday, June 13th: Graduation for the Class of 2025

- 6 pm in the GHS Gymnasium
- Please RSVP, as those in attendance will be seated on stage
  - Erin Palonen and/or Melissa Blondet





# MAY

# UPCOMING

# EVENTS

07

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONCERT

6:00 p.m., GHS Auditorium

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONCERT

6:00 p.m., GHS Auditorium

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONCERT

6:00 p.m., GHS Auditorium

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## GHS SPRING MUSIC CONCERT #1

5:00 p.m., GHS Auditorium  
feat. Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble,  
Chamber Strings, A Capella groups

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## UNDERCLASSMEN AWARDS

6:00 p.m., GHS Auditorium

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## GHS SPRING MUSIC CONCERT #2

7:00 p.m., GHS Auditorium  
Feat. Chorus, Concert Band, String Orchestra, Jazz Band

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## SHORTENED DAY; STAFF PD

GMS/GHS Dismissal 12:00 p.m.; GES Dismissal 1:10 p.m.

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## NO SCHOOL; MEMORIAL DAY

Town Parade 9:00 a.m., Downtown JC

28

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AWARDS 5:30

5:30 p.m., GMS Auditorium

28

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

6:30 p.m., GHS Auditorium

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## SPRING STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

7:00 p.m., GHS Auditorium



# JUNE

# UPCOMING EVENTS

06

**FIELD DAY**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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09-  
12

**GHS FINAL EXAMS**

Shortened Day

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**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION**

6:00 p.m., GHS Gymnasium

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**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; SHORTENED DAY**

GMS/GHS Dismissal 12:00 p.m.; GES Dismissal 1:10 p.m.

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**CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION**

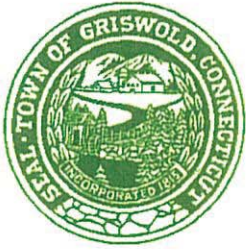
6:00 p.m., GHS Gymnasium

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HAVE A GREAT

Summer



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May 1, 2025

Mr. Zachary McVeigh  
1586 Glasgo Road  
Griswold, CT 06351

Dear Zachary,

On behalf of the Griswold Board of Education, I am pleased to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout—an extraordinary milestone that reflects your dedication, leadership, and commitment to service.

We would be honored to recognize your achievement at our upcoming Board of Education meeting on **Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6 PM in the Griswold Middle School Cafeteria**. During this meeting, we will publicly acknowledge your accomplishment and present you with a certificate of recognition to commemorate this important moment in your life.

We hope you will be able to join us with your family, as your accomplishment serves as an inspiration to others in our school community.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend. You can contact my executive assistant, Robin Drobiak, at [rdrobiak@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:rdrobiak@griswoldpublicschools.org).

Once again, congratulations on your outstanding achievement. We look forward to celebrating this honor with you.

Sincerely,

Sean P. McKenna,  
Superintendent of Schools

cc: GHS Administration  
GHS School Counselor/K. Flynn  
**BOE Members**  
Student File



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May 5, 2025

Mrs. Kimberly Neilson  
5 Sheldon Circle  
Griswold, CT 06351

Dear Kim,

*National Volunteer Week* is a time of celebration and inspiration, as organizations throughout honor the thousands of individuals who take action year round to strengthen their communities.

We are grateful to the contributions you have made to the Griswold Public Schools. Congratulations on being chosen Griswold's "*Volunteer of the Year*". We can't thank you enough for your dedication to your schools and to your community.

The Griswold Board of Education would like to recognize you for your volunteer work. You and your family are invited to attend the following meeting of the Griswold Board of Education:

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Griswold Middle School Cafeteria

It is a true pleasure to assemble to salute you. Your service has contributed to the lives of children, the development of the Griswold Public Schools, and to the future of the community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your volunteer service work. We look forward to honoring you. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Sean P. McKenna,  
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Principals



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## MEMO

**To: Griswold Board of Education**

**From: Sean P. McKenna/Superintendent**

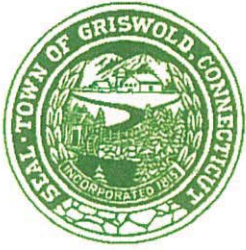
**Subject: Donation from ExxonMobil Education Alliance Program in the amount of \$500.00**

**Date: April 28th, 2025**

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Griswold Middle School has been awarded a \$500 grant from Global Partners, in collaboration with the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program. GMS was selected for this grant by our local ExxonMobil distributors and gas station partners. The funding is designated to support initiatives in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) programs.

Griswold Middle School is grateful for this donation.



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## MEMO

**To: Griswold Board of Education**

**From: Sean P. McKenna/Superintendent**

**Subject: Donation from DonorsChoose for School Supplies**

**Date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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Jenna Motta, GES Kindergarten teacher, received supplies for her classroom through DonorsChoose, a Non-Profit organization that helps public school teachers get resources for their classrooms. Supplies delivered to Mrs. Motta's classroom included the following:

Gears! Gears! Gears! Robots in Motion Building Blocks x 2  
Fubaoda Building Blocks for Toddlers and Kids x 2  
Chichalk Hexagonal Building Blocks x 2  
Learning Resources Geometric Shapes Bulding Blocks x 2

GES is grateful for this donation.

# VACANCIES

<u>Certified Positions</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services	GPS	Until Filled
Music Teacher, 1.0 FTE	GES	Until Filled
Psychologist, 1.0 FTE	GES	Until Filled

<u>Non-Certified Positions</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
School Nurse, Full-Time	GMS	Until Filled
School Nurse Coordinator, Part-Time	GPS	Until Filled

<u>Extra-Curricular Positions</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
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## RETIREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Last Day</u>
Normandie, Renee	GMS	School Nurse, Full-Time	June 13, 2025
Normandie, Renee	GMS	Coordinator for School Nurses, Part-Time	June 13, 2025

## RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Last Day</u>
Wasilewski, Stephen	GES	School Psychologist, 1.0 FTE	June 13, 2025

## APPOINTMENTS


<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary/Rate</u>
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Notes:

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Regular Meeting, May 8th, 2025

PROJECT/AREA	UPDATE
<p data-bbox="121 272 926 347"><b>INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FISCAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES</b></p> <p data-bbox="359 418 659 448">/'interɪn/ - in-ter-in</p> <h1 data-bbox="327 492 684 586">interim</h1> <p data-bbox="174 618 842 670">(1) (noun) the time between one event, process, or period and another; (2) (adjective) serving during an intermediate interval of time;</p> <p data-bbox="396 740 617 761">© iStockphoto.com</p>	<ul data-bbox="1010 289 1976 862" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erik Christensen has been named Interim Director of Fiscal and Personnel services, effective May 2nd, 2025.</li><li>• As previously discussed, this is a temporary position given Deb Martin's departure at the end of May.<ul data-bbox="1108 456 1976 565" style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ With that in mind, we certainly thank Deb for her services to Griswold Public Schools and wish her nothing but the best in her next role.</li></ul></li><li>• Erik has begun by attending transition meetings with the Central Office and with the Department of Fiscal and Personnel Services.</li><li>• There are planned meetings over the course of the next few weeks, such that the transition remains smooth and financial/operational matters are addressed.</li><li>• We thank Erik for his willingness to help us "bridge across" this period and from one fiscal year to another.</li></ul>
<p data-bbox="96 919 541 951"><b>END OF THE YEAR EVENTS</b></p> 	<ul data-bbox="1010 935 1976 1377" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are quite a few "end of the year" events that Board members may be interested in.</li><li>• We want to make sure you have the latest information available to you, so that there is no confusion.</li><li>• Attached are the event calendars for May and June, as reminders.</li><li>• Update 1: There has been a change to the "end of the year" events for Griswold High School. The underclassmen awards have been moved to May 27th, 2025</li><li>• Update 2: Because of the GMS promotion date of June 12th, 2025. We will have to cancel the regularly scheduled BOE meeting on that date.</li></ul>