

**SPECIAL MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 10th, 2025**

GBE approved 6/26/2025

1. Call to Order – A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 10th, 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 (entered at 6:10 PM), Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, Griswold BOE Secretary; Stuart Norman, Jr.; Jennifer Norman, Cathy Waselik, and Donald Desrochers, Griswold BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT

Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Steven Bourque, GMS Assistant Principal; and Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Patricia Feeney, GPS Director of Instructional Improvement – Learner Diversity; Jessica Gillespie; GPS Director of Instructional Improvement – Innovation; Katy Sawaryn, GPS Special Services & Family Engagement Coordinator; and Thomas Verville, GPS Facilities Director.

ABSENT

Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; 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. Special Meeting – May 21st, 2025

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the special meeting minutes of May 21st, 2025, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Regular Meeting – May 22nd, 2025

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the regular meeting minutes of May 22nd, 2025, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications

A. May 21st, 2025, Letter from State Representative Brian Lanoue to Governor Ned Lamont – The Board received a copy of the communication from State Representative Brian Lanoue to Governor Ned Lamont.

5. Awards/Recognitions

A. Recognizing Matthew Perea, GHS Class M State Champion in Track & Field – Discus – Due to another commitment, Matthew could not attend the BOE meeting and will be recognized at the June 26th, Griswold Board of Education meeting.

B. Recognizing Corey Beck, GPS Network Specialist, as the GPS Outstanding Employee of the 4th Quarter for the 2024/2025 School Year – The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were pleased to recognize Corey Beck, who is a network specialist for our technology department, as Griswold’s choice for “Outstanding Employee of the 4th quarter” for the 2024/2025 school year.

C. Recognizing Laurie LaBossiere, GMS Library Media Specialist, for being Named Connecticut 2025 SchoolAI Educator of the Year - The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were pleased to recognize Laurie LaBossiere, who was named Connecticut 2025 SchoolAI Educator of the Year.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve New Policy #5131.911 - Students - Connecticut School Climate Policy - Policy Statement, Second Reading

B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve New Regulation #5131.911 - Students - Connecticut School Climate Policy - Policy Statement, Second Reading

C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Maintenance & Facilities Checklists for Griswold Elementary School

D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Maintenance & Facilities Checklists for Griswold Middle School

E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Maintenance & Facilities Checklists for Griswold High School

F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Maintenance & Facilities Checklists for Griswold Soule Street Academy

G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Food Services Checklists

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To approve items A – G of the consent agenda.

Motion unanimously carried.

7. New Business

A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Connecticut State Department of Education’s Authorized Signature Change Form for the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs Agreement

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To approve the Connecticut State Department of Education’s Authorized Signature Change form for the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs agreement.

Motion unanimously carried.

Yvonne Palasky entered the Griswold Board of Education meeting at this time (6:10 PM)

- B. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy #4000.1/4200.1 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Sexual Harassment/Title IX - First Reading – The Board conducted a first reading on revised policy #4000.1/4200.1 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and to take action to approve.
- C. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy #5145.44 - Students - Sexual Harassment/Title IX - First Reading - The Board conducted a first reading on revised policy #5145.44 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and to take action to approve.
- D. Review and Discussion on Revised Regulation #4000.1/4200.1 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Sexual Harassment/Title IX - First Reading - The Board conducted a first reading of revised regulation #4000.1/4200.1 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and to take action to approve.
- E. Review and Discussion on Revised Regulation #5145.44 - Students - Sexual Harassment/Title IX - First Reading - The Board had a first reading on revised regulation #5145.44 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and to take action to approve.
- F. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy #6146 - Instruction - Graduation Requirements, First Reading - The Board had a first reading on revised policy #6146 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and to take action to approve.
- G. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 5142 - Students - School Safety: Preparation, Response, and After Action, First Reading - The Board had a first reading on revised policy #5142 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and to take action to approve.
- H. Review and Discussion on New Regulation #5142 - Students - School Safety: Preparation, Response, and After Action, First Reading - The Board had a first reading on new regulation #5142 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and to take action to approve.
- I. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 5114 - Students - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, First Reading - The Board had a first reading on revised policy #5114 and will bring it forward to the next BOE meeting for a second reading and to take action to approve.
- I. Gifts and Donations: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Accept the Home Depot Foundation Grant Award in the amount of \$1,922.23

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To accept the generous donation from the Home Depot Foundation.
Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent, Sean McKenna, wished to thank Ali Nassimos and the Home Depot Foundation for this generous donation.

- K. Review and Discussion on the Wanda Brunette Scholarship Awardees – The Board received a list of all Tier I, Tier II and Tier III, GHS award recipients, from the Gerard & Wanda Brunet Scholarship Foundation. The names were formally presented to the Griswold Board of Education and no action is necessary from the BOE.

8. Old Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Initial Budget Proposal for the 2025-2026 School Year with Proposed Adjustments – The Superintendent shared that the Griswold Board of Finance is scheduled to meet tomorrow evening, and the Board of Education is awaiting their decision regarding potential cuts to the education budget.

MOTION

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

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Potential Capital Committee Projects for the 2025-2026 School Year – BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin, shared that now that the town budget has passed, the Capital Committee projects are included in the town’s budget and this item can be removed from future agendas.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To remove the topic of the potential capital committee projects for the 2025/2026 school year.
Motion unanimously carried.

9. Administrators’ Reports

- A. Assistant Superintendent Spotlight on the Revised K-12 Math Curriculum--Glenn LaBossiere, Assistant Superintendent; Pat Feeney, Director of Instructional Improvement-Learner Diversity; and Jessica Gillespie, Director of Instructional Improvement-Innovation – Glenn LaBossiere, along Pat Feeney and Jessica Gillespie, provided an update to the Board on the new K-12 Math curriculum that is currently under consideration.

10. Superintendent’s Report

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, and resignations.
- B. Timely Updates – The Superintendent shared an update on an application that was submitted to the CT State Department of Education for consideration of a grant to support an after school program, which would enhance our Wolverine Before/After School Program. He also updated the Board that the scoreboard has been repaired on the Community Multi-Purpose Field and at no cost to the district.
- C. *End-of-the-Year Review and Discussion on the Superintendent’s Goals and Objectives for the 2024-2025 School Year, per policy 2400 – This agenda item will be reviewed in executive session at the end of this special meeting.

12. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee Update—Yvonne Palasky – The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky, who chairs the Policy subcommittee, on the recent work of the committee.
- B. Negotiations Subcommittee Update – Mary Beth Malin – The Board received an update from Mary Beth Malin, Chair of the Negotiations subcommittee, on the recent work of the subcommittee. She shared that the committee is currently working on Secretarial negotiations.
- C. Facilities Subcommittee Update-Cathy Waselik - The Board received an update from Donald Desrochers on the recent work of the Facilities subcommittee.

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To enter into executive session at 6:30 PM for the purpose of discussion of item 10C, inviting Superintendent Sean McKenna.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:10 PM.

13. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To adjourn the special Board of Education meeting at 7:10 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak and Sean McKenna