

**REGULAR MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**GBE approved 7/3/2025**

1. Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, June 26<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; Stuart Norman, Jr.; Cathy Waselik, and Donald Desrochers, Griswold BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Erik Christensen, GPS Interim Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; and Erin Palonen, GHS Principal.

**ABSENT**

Jennifer Norman, BOE Member; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Steven Bourque, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES 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. Special Meeting – June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To approve the special meeting minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications

- A. May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, MEMO on Preventing Email Scams in Our Community

- B. June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, MEMO on Summer Office Hours

- C. June, 2025, CSDE School Staff Appreciation Digital Backpack 2025 Participating Businesses

The Board received a copy of communications A-C listed above.

5. Awards/Recognitions

- A. Recognizing Matthew Perea, GHS Class M State Champion in Track & Field – Discus – The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were pleased to recognize and honor Matthew Perea for earning the Class M State Championship in Track & Field – Discus.

- A. Recognizing Brenden Hopkins, GHS State Champion in the CIAC Decathlon for Connecticut Outdoor Track - The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were pleased to recognize

Brenden Hopkins, who was the state champion winner in the CIAC Decathlon for Connecticut Outdoor Track.

6. Public Comment – None.
7. Consent Agenda - (All routine items can be approved with one motion and without discussion. Points of clarification and discussion requests can be allowed.)
  - A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy #4000.1/4200.1 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Sexual Harassment/Title IX - Second Reading
  - B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy #5145.44 - Students - Sexual Harassment/Title IX - Second Reading
  - C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Regulation #4000.1/4200.1 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Sexual Harassment/Title IX - Second Reading
  - D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Regulation #5145.44 - Students - Sexual Harassment/Title IX - Second Reading
  - E. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Revised Policy #6146 - Instruction - Graduation Requirements, Second Reading
  - F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 5142 - Students - School Safety: Preparation, Response, and After Action, Second Reading
  - G. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on New Regulation #5142 - Students - School Safety: Preparation, Response, and After Action, Second Reading
  - H. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Revised Policy 5114 - Students - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, Second Reading

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To approve the consent agenda for items A – H, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

8. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Regular Meeting Dates for the Griswold Board of Education for the 2025/2026 School Year – The Board approved the regular meeting dates for the Griswold Board of Education for the 2025/2026 School Year.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To approve the regular meeting dates for the Griswold Board of Education for the 2025/2026 school year.  
Motion unanimously carried.

9. Old Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Initial Budget Proposal for the 2025-2026 School Year – The Board approved the budget proposal for the 2025/2026 school year, as presented.

**MOTION**

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Cathy Waselik  
To reduce the proposed 2025/2026 budget by \$450,000.  
Motion unanimously carried.

10. Administrators’ Reports

- A. Town of Griswold, Connecticut, FY 2024 Audit – Erik Christensen, Interim Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services – Erik Christensen, who is currently serving as the Interim Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services for Griswold Public Schools, provided an update to the Board on the FY 2024 audit results.

Erik Christensen was thanked by Stuart Norman, Jr. and Mary Beth Malin for helping GPS out at this time while serving as our Interim Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

11. Superintendent’s Report

A. Timely updates

- 1. Math Curriculum – The Superintendent asked the Board to review the Math Curriculum documents either online or a paper copy can be provided, if requested. The hope is that the new Math curriculum can be added to an August BOE agenda for approval so that GPS can begin the new school year with an approved math curriculum.
- 2. School Readiness for the 2025-2026 School Year – The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the School Readiness program and some changes to be launched as of July 1, 2025.
- 3. Summer Reading for the Administrative Team – The Superintendent shared a book that the administrative team has been asked to read. The name of the book is The Disengaged Teen. The Superintendent will keep the Board and the community up-to-date on the work of the administrative team with the summer reading.

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

12. Committee/Board Reports – None.

13. Other Business that May Properly Come Before This Board – None.

13. Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Cathy Waselik  
To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 6:26 PM.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak and Sean McKenna