

**SPECIAL MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
August 21st, 2025**

GBE approved September 11, 2025

1. Call to Order – A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 21st, 2025, in the Griswold Middle School Library Media Center, located on the second floor, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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. (arrived at 5:08 PM); Cathy Waselik, and Donald Desrochers, Griswold BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT

Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; and Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

ABSENT

Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; 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 – July 3rd, 2025

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the special meeting minutes of July 3rd, 2025, as presented.
Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, Cathy Waselik and Donald Desrochers.
Nays –
Abstain – Yvonne Palasky
Motion carried.

B. Regular Meeting – August 6th, 2025

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
To approve the regular meeting minutes of August 6th, 2025, as presented.

Ayes – Yvonne Palasky, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, Cathy Waselik and Donald Desrochers.

Nays –

Abstain – Mary Beth Malin

Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications

- A. Summer 2025, Thank You Note to Griswold Board of Education from Retiree, Deb Birk – The Board received a thank you note from recent retiree, Deb Birk, GES Paraeducator.
- B. August 4, 2025, Letter from Jennifer Norman - The Board received a resignation letter from Jennifer Norman as a Griswold Board of Education member, effective August 4th, 2025.

5. New Business

- A. *Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Ratify the Contract Between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Secretaries, Municipal Employees Union Independent, Inc., Local 506, SEUI, for Period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028 – This item was referred to executive session at the end of the meeting for discussion and possible action.
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Appoint a New Member to the Griswold Board of Education – This item was tabled for the evening.
- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Griswold Public Schools Mathematics Curriculum, Grades K-12

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To approve the Griswold Public Schools Mathematics Curriculum, Grades K-12.

Motion unanimously carried.

- D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the District Goals/BOE Goals for the 2025-2026 School Year

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To approve the District Goals/BOE Goals for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

- E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve the BOE Meeting Matrix for the 2025/2026 School Year

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To table the approval of the BOE Meeting Matrix for the 2025/2026 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Proposed Regular BOE Meeting Schedule for the 2025/2026 School Year

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To approve the proposed regular BOE meeting schedule for the 2025/2026 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

6. Administrators' Reports

A. Final Fourth Quarter Report on Fiscal Year, 2025--Erik Christensen, Interim Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services – Erik Christensen, Interim Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, provided a final update to the Board on the close out of the 2024/2025 school year.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report--Glenn LaBossiere, Assistant Superintendent

1. Professional Learning Day Plan, August 25th -27th, 2025 – Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools, provided an update to the Board on the upcoming professional development days scheduled for August 25th – 27th, 2025.

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Timely updates

1. Grant Applications for Approval
2. Back to School Page
3. Convocation
4. CABA/CAPSS Convention
5. The Book - *This Disengaged Teen* for BOE Members

The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the timely updates listed above.

B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Salary Range for the Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services* - This item was referred to executive session towards the end of the meeting for discussion and possible action.

C. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations/Retirements – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, resignations and retirements.

8. Committee/Board Reports

A. Negotiations Subcommittee Update—Mary Beth Malin – The Board received an update from Mary Beth Malin, who chairs the Negotiations subcommittee, on the recent work of the committee.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palask

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To enter into executive session at 5:17 PM for the purpose of discussion of item 5A and 7B, inviting Superintendent Sean McKenna into executive session.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:47 PM.

5A. MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To ratify the contract between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Secretaries, Municipal Employees Union Independent, Inc., Local 506, SEUI, for Period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

Motion unanimously carried.

7B. MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To approve the salary range for the Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services as discussed and authorize the Superintendent to appoint the Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

Motion unanimously carried.

13. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To adjourn the special Board of Education meeting at 5:49 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE THERE WAS A TAPE MALFUNTION WITH THE TAPE RECORDER FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE MEETING AND DID NOT GET RECORDED.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak and Sean McKenna