

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
October 9th, 2025**

GBE approved 10/23/2025

1. Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 9th, 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; Donald Desrochers and Terry Cholewa (entered at 6:01 PM), Griswold BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT

Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Erik Christensen, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; 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.

ABSENT

2. Pledge of Allegiance - The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting – September 25th, 2025

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To approve the regular meeting minutes of September 25th, 2025, as presented.

Ayes – Mary Beth Malin, Yvonne Palasky, Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, Donald Desrochers, and Terry Cholewa.

Nays -

Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr. and Cathy Waselik

Motion carried.

Terry Cholewa entered the BOE meeting at this time – 6:01 PM.

4. Communications – There were no communications presented for this Board of Education meeting.
5. Awards/Recognitions
 - A. Recognizing the Achievements of GHS Juniors & Seniors on the Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

1. Juniors - Tristan Austin, Ryan Czmyr, and Sean Silva
2. Seniors - Kameron Appold, Sydney Churchill, Benjamin DeLong, Breanne Harraka, Addison Manigan, Naiya Patel, Neel Patel, Alanna Sutherland, and Matayo Swepson

The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were pleased to recognize and honor three juniors and nine seniors (names listed above) from Griswold High School for their outstanding performances on the Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Each student received a certificate for their achievement.

- B. Recognizing our Griswold Forward Recipient - Stephanie Rourke - The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were pleased to recognize and honor Stephanie Rourke, a Reading Interventionist at Griswold High School, who was chosen as the *Griswold Forward* recipient for the month of October, 2025.

6. Student Representative Reports

- A. GES Student Representatives - Ella Canestrari & Silas Chilcote
- B. GMS Student Representatives - Delilah Munoz & Olivia Henson
- C. GHS Student Representatives - Judy Lanphear & Avery Brown

The Board received an update from student representatives from GES, GMS, and GHS on student activities occurring in each of their school buildings.

7. Public Comment – None.

8. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Connecticut State Department of Education, Competitive After School Grant Award, in the amount of \$116,000, with the Stated Purpose to Establish Additional Academic, Enrichment, and Recreational Opportunities for the Wolverines Forward Program at Griswold Elementary School - The Board approved the Connecticut State Department of Education, Competitive After School Grant Award, in the amount of \$116,000.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To approve the Connecticut State Department of Education, Competitive After-School Grant award, in the amount of \$116,000, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review and Discussion on Official October 1 Enrollment Count – The Board received and reviewed an update from the Superintendent on the official October 1, 2025, enrollment totals for Griswold Public Schools, grades PK–12. This count represents the official enrollment report required by the Connecticut State Department of Education. He was happy to report that we have had a significant increase in tuition students for this year.

- C. Review and Discussion on Tuition Revenue Projections Based on October 1 Enrollment – The Superintendent provided the Board of Education with an update and overview of the projected tuition revenue for the 2025–2026 school year.

9. Old Business

- A. BOE Capital Committee Requests – The Superintendent informed the Board that a list of capital improvement requests will be presented at the October 9th, 2025, Board of Education meeting, for the Board to review.

10. Administrators' Reports

A. School Student Performance Reports

1. Griswold Elementary School: Principal Joe Bordeau & Assistant Principal Jackie Love
2. Griswold Middle School: Principal Louis Zubek & Assistant Principal Steve Bourque
3. Griswold High School: Principal Erin Palonen & Associate Principal Art Howe

The Board received an update on the school student performance reports from administrators in each school building – GES, GMS, and GHS.

- B. Technology Department Update - Kyle Gunderman – The Board received an update from Technology Director, Kyle Gunderman, on the work of the Technology Department.

- C. October 10th, 2025, Professional Development Overview--Glenn LaBossiere, Assistant Superintendent - The Board received an update from Assistant Superintendent, Glenn LaBossiere, on the professional development day schedule for staff on Friday, October 10th.

11. Superintendent's Report

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

B. Timely Updates

1. Emergency Plan
2. Tuition Town Meeting
3. District Committee Updates

The Board received an update from the Superintendent on 1-3 above.

12. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee Update--Yvonne Palasky – The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky, Chair of the Policy subcommittee, on the work of the committee.

- B. District Partnership Advisory Committee Update--Yvonne Palasky - The Board received an update from Sean McKenna, Superintendent of Schools and Yvonne Palasky, Co-Chair of the District Parent Advisory Committee, on their recent meeting that took place virtually.

C. Facilities Subcommittee Update--Donald Desrochers - The Board received an update from Donald Desrochers, Facilities subcommittee chair, on the work of the committee.

D. Town of Griswold, Capital Committee Update--Mary Beth Malin – The Board received an update from Mary Beth Malin on the work of the Capital Committee through the Town of Griswold.

13. Other Business that May Properly Come before This Board – The Superintendent wished to thank students and teachers and administrators on their efforts towards standardized testing.

The Superintendent mentioned that an e-mail was sent to Board members on September 20th, 2025, and the Superintendent sent this e-mail forward to counsel. This e-mail has been reviewed by counsel and the superintendent will respond to the person who sent the email.

14. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:26 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak and Glenn LaBossiere