

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
October 23rd, 2025**

GBE approved 11/13/2025

1. Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 23rd, 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, 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; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Thomas Verville, GPS Facilities Director; Kayla Hedman, GPS Communications & Marketing Director; and Jaselyn Caviness, GPS Extended Learning Director.

ABSENT

Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus-wide Activities & Athletic Director; Arthur 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 – October 9th, 2025

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To approve the regular meeting minutes of October 9th, 2025, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications

A. October 16th, 2025, Letter to First Selectwoman, Tina Falck, on 4th Quarter Financial Report for FY '25 – The Board received a copy of the communication to First Selectwoman, Tina Falck, regarding the 4th quarter financial report for FY '25'.

5. Awards/Recognitions

A. Miranda Mahoney, Griswold Pride, Recognition as Connecticut DMHAS Prevention Advocate of the Year - The Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members were pleased to recognize and honor Miranda Mahoney, Project Coordinator for Griswold Pride, who received the Carol Meredith Prevention Advocate award. This award recognizes an individual whose efforts to advance prevention within the state of

Connecticut have gone above and beyond the regular call of duty. Congratulations to Miranda for this recognition.

6. Public Comment – None.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 5114—Students—Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, Second Reading
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on New Policy 5118.2—Students—Educational Opportunities for Military Children, Second Reading

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To approve the consent agenda, with correction, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

8. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Griswold Cheerleading Field Trip Proposal to Wildwood, New Jersey - The Board approved the proposed trip request from the Griswold Cheerleaders to Wildwood, New Jersey, from February 13 – 15, 2026.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To approve the Griswold Cheerleading field trip proposal to Wildwood, New Jersey, from February 13 – 15, 2026.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Ratify the Professional Agreement Between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Education Association, 2026-2029* - This topic was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for discussion and possible action.

9. Old Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Board of Education Capital Committee Proposed Projects for the 2026-2027 School Year – The Board received a list of proposed capital improvement projects for review and discussion.

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To table any action on the Board of Education Capital Committee proposed projects for the 2026/2027 school year.
Motion unanimously carried.

10. Administrators’ Reports

- A. Financial Forecast for the 2025/2026 School Year - Erik Christensen, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services - Erik Christensen, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, provided an update to the Board on where things currently stand with the 2025/2026 school year budget. Erik also informed the Board that

he is planning to create a new report for a future upcoming Board of Education meeting to share a different way of sharing financial details with the Board and he would be looking for feedback on this new style of reporting.

- B. Update on Facilities - Tom Verville, Director of Facilities - The Board received an update from Tom Verville, Facilities Director, on recent projects in all school buildings as well as districtwide projects.
- C. Update on the Wolverines Forward Program - Glenn LaBossiere, Assistant Superintendent and Jaselyn Caviness, Extended Learning Director - Jaselyn Caviness, Extended Learning Director, provided an update to the Board on the Wolverine Forward Before and After School program. She included staffing and enrollment updates as well as professional development offerings that occurred in August. Jaselyn also reviewed the exciting news on grant funding that she and Kayla Hedman applied for and received in the amount of \$116,000 and how that money will be used for this program.
- D. Update on Communications & Marketing - Glenn LaBossiere, Assistant Superintendent & Kayla Hedman, Communications & Marketing Director - The Board received an update from Kayla Hedman, Communications & Marketing Director, on her responsibilities and the impact of ongoing marketing and communications efforts.

11. Superintendent's Report

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, and resignations.
- B. Timely Updates
 - 1. Labor Relations
 - 2. TLI Subcommittee MeetingsThe Board received an update from the Superintendent on 1-2 above.

12. Committee/Board Reports

- A. 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 – There was no other business discussed.

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To move into executive session at 6:42 PM for the purpose of reviewing New Business, item 8B, Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Ratify the Professional Agreement Between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Education Association, 2026-2029*, inviting Sean McKenna and Erik Christensen into executive session.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:54 PM.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To ratify the professional agreement between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Education Association from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Motion unanimously carried

14. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 6:55 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak and Sean McKenna