

GBE approved August 21, 2025

1. A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, July 3rd, 2025, in the Griswold Middle School Learning Commons/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; Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, Griswold BOE Secretary; Cathy Waselik and Donald Desrochers, Griswold BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT

Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Erik Christensen, GPS Interim Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

ABSENT

Yvonne Palasky, Griswold BOE Vice-Chair; Stuart Norman, Jr. and Jennifer Norman, BOE Members; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Steve Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Art Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Steven Bourque, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – June 26th, 2025

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To approve the regular meeting minutes of June 26th, 2025, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. Superintendent Updates

A. Budget, 2025-2026 – The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on the the budget increases for the 2025-2026 school year. He reported that everything has been updated with the budget and posted online to the Griswold School District website.

B. Budget, 2024-2025 – Interim Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, Erik Christensen, provided an update to the Board on where things stand on finalizing the 2024-2025 budget. He is still working on reviewing line items to get the budget to balance. He believes we are in a good spot and should not be over budget when it is finalized.

C. Other Updates

1. Emergency Drill Logs – The Superintendent reported that the emergency drill logs were submitted to the State Homeland Security Department as required by state statute prior to the July 1st deadline.

2. Building Checklists – The Superintendent reported that all of the building checklists have been posted to the website as required by law.

D. Confirmation of 2025-2026 Evaluation and Support Plan Checklist Submission – The Superintendent reported that the Evaluation and Support Plan that was approved by the BOE and the State Department of Education last year will be the same plan we will use for the 2025-2026 school year. The Superintendent asked the Board to motion to confirm the plan for use for 2025-2026 on the next agenda item.

4. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Confirm the Griswold Educator 2025-2026 Evaluation and Support Plan Based on the June 25, 2025, Communication from the State Department of Education

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To acknowledge and accept the confirmation of the Griswold Educator 2025-2026 Evaluation and Support Plan, based on the June 25th, 2025, communication from the State Department of Education.

Motion unanimously carried.

5. Subcommittee Updates

A. Negotiations Subcommittee – Mary Beth Malin, Chair of the Negotiations subcommittee, reported that there is an agreement in place for the Secretaries for their three year contract, but it has not been executed yet. Mary Beth reported that there are dates in place for the start of the teacher contract negotiations. The contract for teachers will expire on June 30, 2026 so there are dates in place to start negotiations.

The Board motioned to move into executive session.

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To move into executive session at 5:13 PM for the purpose of review, discussion, and possible action for items 6, 7, and 8, inviting the Superintendent into executive session.

Motion unanimously carried.

6. *Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Non-Bargaining Unit Wages for the 2025-2026 School Year – This item was discussed in executive session.

7. *Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Extend and Approve the Contract for the Assistant Superintendent for the 2025-2026 School Year – This item was discussed in executive session.

8. *Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Extend and Approve the Contract for the Superintendent for the 2025-2026 School Year – This item was discussed in executive session.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:53 PM with the following action taken:

Item #6

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the non-bargaining unit wages for the 2025-2026 school year.
Motion unanimously carried.

Item #7

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To extend and approve the Contract for the Assistant Superintendent for the 2025-2026 School Year, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

Item #8

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To extend and approve the Superintendent’s Contract for the 2025-2026 School Year.
Motion unanimously carried.

9. Adjournment

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To adjourn the regular Board of Education meeting at 5:53 PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna