

**GBE approved August 21, 2025**

1. A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the Griswold Middle School, Office of the Superintendent, located on the first floor, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Yvonne Palasky, Griswold Board of Education Vice-Chair.

**PRESENT** 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; and Attorney Jessica Kennedy, from O’Hagan Meyer Law Firm, who attended virtually via Zoom.

**ABSENT** Mary Beth Malin, Griswold BOE Chair; and Jennifer Norman, BOE Member.

2. \*Review, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Pending Claim of Board Member against Board Chair, Executive Session Anticipated – This Board referred this item to executive session.

**MOTION** By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Cathy Waselik  
To move into executive session at 5:00 PM for the purpose of discussing item 2, review, discussion, and possible action regarding pending claim of Board Member against Board Chair, inviting Superintendent, Sean McKenna, and attorney Jessica Kennedy to participate in executive session discussion.  
Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:47 PM with the following action taken:

Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton requested going on the record and read the following individual statement: I would like to go on record and state that while I do not agree with the claims that led to this settlement, I recognize that continuing legal proceedings would further strain the financial and administrative resources of our district. The time, energy, and cost associated with ongoing litigation ultimately detract from our core mission – to serve students and ensure a high- quality education for all. Nonetheless, I believe this settlement represents the most responsible course of action at this time. It allows the district to put this matter behind us and focus our efforts on moving forward in the best interest of our students, staff, and community. At this time, I will make the following motion:

**MOTION** By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
Seconded by Cathy Waselik  
To authorize the Board Vice-Chair to execute the settlement agreement discussed in executive session.

Discussion: Stuart Norman, Jr. asked to make it clear because, once again, with the last name Norman, Jennifer Norman, BOE Member, is married to Stuart's cousin. He is not related. He stated they are not close, they do not celebrate holidays together, and he wants the members here to understand that because he plans on voting on this he wanted people to know why.

The motion was then voted on and unanimously carried.

3. Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Cathy Waselik  
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton  
To adjourn the special Board of Education meeting at 5:49 PM.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna