

GBE approved 3/12/2026

1. Call to Order - A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 26th, 2026, in the Cafeteria located at Griswold Middle School, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Stuart Norman, Jr., Griswold Board of Education Chair.

PRESENT

Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Chair; Terry Cholewa, BOE Vice Chair; Kimberly Neilson, BOE Secretary; Yvonne Palasky attended by Zoom Platform, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, Cathy Waselik and Eileen Ego, Griswold BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT

Sean McKenna, Griswold 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; and Thomas Verville, GPS Facilities 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, administration and audience members performed the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Regular Minutes-February 12th, 2026

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To approve the regular meeting minutes of February 12th, 2026, as presented.

Ayes – Stuart Norman, Jr., Kimberly Neilson, Cathy Waselik, Yvonne Palasky and Eileen Ego.

Nays –

Abstain – Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton & Terry Cholewa

Motion carried.

4. Communications – There were no communications this evening.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Revised Policy 0521 - Mission-Goals-Objectives, Second Reading
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Revised Regulation 0521 - Mission-Goals-Objectives, Second Reading

MOTION

By Terry Cholewa
Seconded by Kimberly Neilson
To approve the consent agenda, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

- 6. Public Comment – There were no public comments to add to the minutes from this evening’s meeting.
- 7. New Business
 - A. Report from Griswold Pride Youth Survey Presented by Miranda Mahoney – The Griswold Board of Education heard a presentation from Miranda Mahoney on a recent Griswold Pride Survey that was conducted.
 - B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Facility Request from the Proposal for Partnership between Griswold Public Schools and Thames Valley Music School – The Board approved the new proposal for partnership between Griswold Public Schools and Thames Valley Music School.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Terry Cholewa
To approve the Facility request proposal regarding the partnership between Griswold Public Schools and Thames Valley Music School, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on a New Proposal for Griswold Middle School Softball and Baseball – The Board approved a new proposal for Griswold Middle School softball and baseball.

MOTION

By Eileen Ego
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the new proposal for middle school softball and baseball for the spring season, 2026, as club sports, and request that the administration provide a follow-up report at a future Board of Education meeting.
Motion unanimously carried.

- D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on a New Proposal for Griswold High School Boys’ Volleyball – The Board approved a new proposal for Griswold High School Boys’ volleyball.

MOTION

By Kimberly Neilson
Seconded by Eileen Ego

To approve the proposal to offer boys' volleyball at Griswold High School for the spring 2026 season as a club sport and request that the administration provide an update a future Board meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

- E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Appoint a Griswold Board of Education Member as a Designated CABE Liaison – The Board appointed Terry Cholewa to serve as a designated CABE liaison.

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To appoint Terry Cholewa to serve as the CABE liaison for the Griswold Board of Education.

Motion unanimously carried.

9. Old Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Initial Budget Proposal for the 2026/2027 School Year –

MOTION

By Eileen Ego

Seconded by Terry Cholewa

That we table this item at this time until the conclusion of the budget development season.

Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Update the Board of Education Capital Committee Proposed Projects for the 2026-2027 School Year –

MOTION

By Terry Cholewa

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

That we table this item at this time until the conclusion of the budget development season.

Motion unanimously carried.

10. Administrators' Reports

- A. Financial Forecast, 2025/2026 SY - Erik Christensen – The Board received an update from Erik Christensen, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, on the status of the 2025/2026 school budget.
- B. Facilities Semi-Annual Report - Thomas Verville – The Board received an update from Thomas Verville, Director of Facilities, on the ongoing preventative maintenance projects across the district, including district-wide completed repairs and improvements, preventive maintenance efforts, and the work on annual building checklists.

11. Superintendent's Report

A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – There were no vacancies, appointments, or resignations to report on this evening.

12. Committee/Board Reports

A. Town of Griswold, Board of Finance – The Board received an update from Sean McKenna, Griswold Superintendent of Schools, on the recent Town of Griswold, Board of Finance meeting that took place.

13. Other Business that May Properly Come before This Board – The Superintendent wished to thank the custodial staff for all of their hard work during the recent snow storms. He also thanked Tom Verville for his leadership with this department. A special thanks to Tom O'Connor for making lunch for the facilities crew while schools were closed and while the facilities crews were working to clear the roads and walkways. He also shared a special thank you to Erik Christensen, Griswold Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services and his team, Susan Wolchesky and Christine Peer, who were able to process payroll and it was done seamlessly.

Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton asked why motions were put in place in the BOE notes and the Superintendent explained his reasoning.

14. Adjournment

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik

Seconded by Kimberly Neilson

To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 6:31 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak/Glenn LaBossiere