

**SPECIAL MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,
May 26, 2026**

GBE approved 5/28/2026

1. Call to Order - A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2026, in the Cafeteria, located at Griswold Middle School, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Terry Cholewa, Griswold Board of Education Vice-Chair.

PRESENT Terry Cholewa, BOE Vice-Chair; Kimberly Neilson, BOE Secretary; Yvonne Palasky (participated by phone); Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, and Cathy Waselik, 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; and Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal.

ABSENT Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Chair; and Eileen Ego, BOE Member; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Steven Bourque, GMS Assistant Principal; Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Board and administration performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Old Business

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

1. Proposed Reductions –The Board received a report from Sean McKenna, Superintendent of Schools, regarding a list of proposed reductions from the 2026/2027 initial budget to meet the mandated reduction required by the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance. The proposal includes cuts to 5 certified positions, districtwide, totaling \$523,713. This will be done through attrition (not filling vacant positions). He also shared that anticipated openings on hiring at a lower step (2 open positions) may assist in hiring at lower rates, which could save \$70,189. Lastly, he shared that some positions will be able to move from the current operating budget to grants. The total of all three reductions will meet the \$900,000 mandated reductions required from the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance.

MOTION By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To table any action on the initial budget proposal for the 2026/2027 school year at this time.
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 – The Board tabled any action on the Board of Education Capital Committee proposed projects for the 2026/2027 school year.

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik
Seconded by Eileen Ego
To table any action on the Board of Education Capital Committee proposed projects for the 2026/2027 school year.
Motion unanimously carried.

4. Adjourn

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
To adjourn the special BOE meeting at 5:45 PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak