

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
June 11th, 2026**

GBE approved 6/25/2026

1. Call to Order - A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, June 11th, 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., BOE Chair.

PRESENT

Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Chair; Terry Cholewa, BOE Vice Chair; Kimberly Neilson, BOE Secretary; Yvonne Palasky, 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; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Erik Christensen, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Steven Bourque, GMS Assistant Principal; and Joseph Bordeaux, GES Principal, Jacqueline Bill, GES Assistant Principal; Jessica Gillespie and Patricia Feeney, GPS Directors of TLI.

ABSENT

Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; and Arthur Howe, GHS Associate Principal.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Board, administration and audience members performed the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the Minutes
A. Special Minutes-June 3rd, 2026

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Terry Cholewa
To approve the special meeting minutes of June 3rd, 2026, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Kimberly Neilson
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To add to the agenda under New Business, C, Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Griswold Booster Club Proposal for Community Multi-Purpose Banner Sponsorship Program.
Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications

- A. Communication to State Legislators on Behalf of Municipal Leaders, Board of Education Chairs, and Superintendents from Our Region – The Board received a copy of a communication to our state legislators, from several municipal leaders, Board of Education Chairs, and superintendents, thanking them for advocating for the passage of supplemental education aid to our communities.

5. Public Comment – There was no public comment this evening.

6. Awards/Recognitions

- A. Recognizing and Thanking Our GPS Volunteer of the Year – Michelle Stolaronek – The Board, the Superintendent, administrators, and audience members took time to recognize and honor Michelle Stolaronek, who was nominated and then selected as the Griswold Public Schools 2025/2026 *Volunteer of the Year*.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve New Policy 6141.3273/4118.53/4218.53--Instruction - Personnel--Certified-Non-Certified--Electronic Resources--Generative AI (second reading)
- B. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve New Regulation 6141.3273/4118.53/4218.53--Instruction - Personnel--Certified-Non-Certified--Electronic Resources--Generative AI (second reading)
- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 2120--Administration--Organizational Chart (second reading)

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To accept the consent agenda, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

8. New Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Formally Accept \$735,679.00 in Educational Supplemental Aid, Paid to the Town of Griswold, for School Year 2026-2027

MOTION

By Eileen Ego
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
That we formally accept \$735,679.00 in educational supplemental aid, paid to the Town of Griswold, for School Year 2026-2027.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Griswold Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2026/2027 School Year – The Board voted to approve the Griswold Board of Education meeting dates for the 2026/2027 school year.

MOTION

By Kimberly Neilson
Seconded by Eileen Ego
To approve the Griswold Board of Education meeting dates for the 2026/2027 school year.
Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Griswold Booster Club Proposal for Community Multi-Purpose Banner Sponsorship Program -Lauren LaBelle and Melissa Wooten, Griswold Booster Club Members, reviewed a proposal from the Griswold Athletic Booster Club for a banner sponsorship program and the Board approved this proposal.

MOTION

By Kimberly Neilson

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To approve the Griswold Booster Club proposal for Community Multi-Purpose Banner Sponsorship Program.

Motion unanimously carried.

9. Old Business – None.

10. Administrators' Reports – None.

11. Superintendent's Report

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, and resignations.

- B. Superintendent Updates

1. Capital Projects--This Year and Next Year
2. Social Studies Curriculum
3. Summer Meeting Schedule
4. Summer Office Schedule

The Superintendent reported and updated the Board on items 1-4 listed above.

11. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Facilities Subcommittee Update – Kimberly Neilson - The Board received an update from Kimberly Neilson, Chair of the Facilities Subcommittee, on the meeting that occurred prior to this evening's BOE meeting.

- B. Town of Griswold, Board of Finance – Superintendent, Sean McKenna, provided an update to the Board on the recent Town of Griswold, Board of Finance meeting that took place.

13. Other Business that May Properly Come before the Board – Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton requested that the Board Chair seek guidance from legal counsel regarding the district's protocol for responding to communications from individuals with whom the district has had prior litigation, threatened claims, or settlements. She stated it is not her intent to discuss any specific communication or individual in open session. Rather, she would like counsel's advice on whether there are circumstances under which communications should be routed directly through legal counsel instead of administration, and what best practices the Board should follow to protect the interests of the district, its employees, administrators, Board members, and taxpayers. She believes obtaining legal guidance on this issue would help ensure consistency in our responses and reduce potential liability exposure moving forward. She stated that recent communications prompted her to think about whether our

current protocol remains the most appropriate approach. Rather than speculate, she thinks it would be prudent to obtain counsel's guidance.

Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton also asked the Board to consider dismantling the TLI subcommittee and, moving forward, she asked that the curriculum be brought forth to the full Board. The Board chair asked members of the Board to think on this request and possibility re-visiting this if the Board so chooses.

14. Adjournment

MOTION

By Kimberly Neilson

Seconded by Eileen Ego

To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 6:35 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak