REGULAR MEETING **THURSDAY,**
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION **August 13, 2026**

GBE approved 9/10/2026

1. Call to Order - A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 13th, 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 Terry Cholewa, BOE Vice-Chair.

PRESENT Terry Cholewa, BOE Vice Chair; Kimberly Neilson, BOE Secretary; Yvonne Palasky, Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, and Cathy Waselik, BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT Sean McKenna, Griswold Superintendent of Schools; and Erik Christensen, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services.

ABSENT Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Chair; Eileen Ego, Griswold BOE Member; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; 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. Pledge of Allegiance – The Board, administration and audience members performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of the Minutes
   A. Special Meeting Minutes-June 25, 2026

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the special meeting minutes of June 25, 2026, as presented.
Ayes – Terry Cholewa, Yvonne Palasky, and Cathy Waselik.
Nays –
Abstain – Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton and Kimberly Neilson.
Motion carried.

   B. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2026

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the regular meeting minutes of June 25, 2026, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications
   A. Thank You Note from 2025/2026 *Volunteer of the Year* - Michelle Stolaronek
   B. August 7th, 2026, "Welcome Back" from Superintendent McKenna to Faculty & Staff
   The Board received copies of communications A and B listed above.

5. Public Comment – Matt Danieluk, of 12 Tyler Terrace, Griswold, Connecticut, asked questions related to the recent audit. He also commented that he was surprised there was no resolution yet that was sufficient to the parents related to school transportation for students attending Grasso Tech.

6. New Business
   A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the District/BOE Goals for the 2026/2027 School Year

MOTION
By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Kimberly Neilson
To approve the District/BOE Goals for the 2026/2027 school year, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

   B. Review and Discussion on Final Quarter - Financial Update - for the 2025/2026 School Year - Erik Christensen – Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, Mr. Erik Christensen, provided a final quarter financial update to the Board for the close out of the 2025/2026 school year.

   C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Line Item Transfers from the 2025/2026 School Year - Erik Christensen – Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, Mr. Erik Christensen, reviewed a list of line-item transfers for Board approval to close out the 2025/2026 school year. These transfers will allow the District to properly close the fiscal year while remaining within the approved overall budget.

MOTION
By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill
To approve the line item transfers from the 2025/2026 school year, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

   D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Regular Board of Education Meeting Schedule and Subcommittee Meeting Schedule – The Board approved the regular board of education meeting schedule and the subcommittee schedule for the 2026/2027 school year.

MOTION
By Kimberly Neilson
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
To approve the regular board of education meeting schedule and subcommittee schedule, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Regular Board of Education Meeting Schedule of Regular Meeting Topics - The Board approved the regular board of education schedule and meeting topics for the 2026/2027 school year.

MOTION

By Kimberly Neilson
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the regular board of education meeting schedule of regular meeting topics, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Tentative Agreement between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Administrators Association* - This item will be referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for review.

G. Gifts/Donations
1. Gift from Cromwell Growers, Ally Petrie, and Home Depot for Flowers, Plants, and 300 Bags of Mulch to Griswold High School

MOTION

By Kimberly Neilson
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To accept the generous donations from Cromwell Growers, Ally Petrie, and Home Depot of flowers, plants, and 300 bags of mulch to GHS.
Motion unanimously carried.

7. Old Business – None.

8. Administrators' Reports

A. BOE Audit--Erik Christensen, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services – The Board received an update from Erik Christensen, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, on the Town of Griswold, Annual Financial Report for 2025 and the Town of Griswold, Federal Single and State Audit Report for 2025.

B. EFS Annual Report--Erik Christensen, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services – The Board received an update from Erik Christensen, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, on the Connecticut Education Financial System (EFS) annual report, that Connecticut school districts are required to submit to the Connecticut State Department of Education each year.

9. Superintendent's Report
A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations/Retirements – The Board received a list of vacancies, appointments, resignations and retirements.

B. Superintendent Updates
1. School Opening, 2026/2027

a. 8/20--New Faculty and Staff Orientation
b. 8/24--Convocation
c. 8/27--First Day of School

2. Administrator Institute
3. Facilities Updates
   a. Softball Scoreboard
   b. New, Electronic Whiteboards
   c. GHS Scoreboards--on order
4. Update Athletic Boosters & Fundraising
5. Community Outreach--Farmers' Market
6. BOE Retreat & Development Needs

The Board received updates from the Superintendent on all topics listed above from 1-6.

9. Committee/Board Reports

A. Negotiations Subcommittee Update – Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton - The Board received an update from Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, Chair of the Negotiations subcommittee, regarding the recent negotiations with the Griswold Administrators Union.

11. Other Business that May Properly Come before the Board

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To move into executive session at 6:45 PM for the purpose of reviewing New Business, F, Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Tentative Agreement between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Administrators Association, inviting Superintendent Sean McKenna, and Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services, Erik Christensen, to participate in executive session.
Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:58 PM with the following action:

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MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Kimberly Neilson
To approve the agreement between the Griswold Board of Education and the Griswold Administrators Association for period July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2030.
Motion unanimously carried.

12. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 6:58 PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna