

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
September 10, 2026**

GBE approved with Correction 9/24/2026

1. Call to Order - A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 10, 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; Kimberly Neilson, BOE Secretary; Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, and Cathy Waselik, BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT Sean McKenna, Griswold Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Art Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Steven Bourque, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal and Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal; Patricia Feeney and Jessica Gillespie, GPS Directors of Teaching, Learning, and Instruction.

ABSENT Terry Cholewa, BOE Vice Chair; Yvonne Palasky and Eileen Ego, Griswold BOE Members; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Erik Christensen, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; and Katy Sawaryn, GPS Assistant Director of Student Services & Early Childhood.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Board, administration and audience members performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stuart Norman, Jr. requested a moment of silence to remember the lives lost from 911.

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. Special Meeting Minutes-August 10, 2026

MOTION By Cathy Waselik
Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton
To approve the special meeting minutes of August 10, 2026, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

B. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2026

MOTION By Kimberly Neilson
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To approve the regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2026, as presented.
Ayes – Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, Cathy Waselik and Kimberly Neilson
Nays –
Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr.
Motion carried.

C. Special Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2026

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik

Seconded by Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

To approve the regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2026, as presented.

Ayes – Stuart Norman, Jr., Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, and Cathy Waselik

Nays –

Abstain – Kimberly Neilson

Motion carried.

4. Communications

A. August 19, 2026, Back to School Letter to the GPS Community

B. August 28, 2026, Letter of Appreciation to Lisbon Public Schools

C. September 1, 2026, Annual Policy Notifications to GPS Community

The Board received copies of communications A - C listed above.

5. Student Representative Report

A. Anna Tessier and Donald Desrochers

B. Samantha Erardy and Olivia Henson

C. Ethan Blanchette and Amelia Davidson

The student representatives listed above introduced themselves as the new representatives for this school year to the Griswold Board of Education. They provided updates on student activities occurring in each building.

6. Recognitions

A. Recognizing and Honoring Meghan Davis - Teacher of the Year

B. Recognizing and Honoring Misty Perry - Paraeducator of the Year

C. Recognizing and Honoring Elaine Taylor - Griswold Forward Recipient

D. Recognizing and Honoring Kelly Barile - Griswold Elementary School Paraeducator as a GPS Retiree

The Board, the superintendent, administrators and audience members recognized Meghan Davis, GHS Special Education teacher, as Teacher of the Year; Misty Perry, GES Paraeducator, as GPS Paraeducator of the year; Elaine Taylor, Griswold Forward recipient for the month of September 2026; and Kelly Barile, a Paraeducator at GES, as a distinguished retiree.

The Board recessed at 6:25 PM for refreshments following the recognitions.

The Board re-convened at 6:31 PM.

7. Public Comment – None.

8. New Business

A. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 1312—Community Relations—Public Complaints—to the Full Board - First Reading

- B. Review and Discussion on New Policy 4222—Personnel - Non-Certified—Paraeducators/Title Paraeducators—to the Full Board - First Reading
- C. Review and Discussion on New Policy 5118.3—Students—Homeless Students—to the Full Board - First Reading
- D. Review and Discussion on New Policy 5124.1—Students—Reporting to Parents, District/School Report Cards—to the Full Board - First Reading

The Board had a first reading on revised and new policies listed above A – D and will bring them forward to the next BOE meeting for review, discussion, and action to approve.

- E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve New Social Studies Curriculum – The Board approved the new Social Studies curriculum, as presented.

MOTION

By Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To approve the new social studies curriculum, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

- F. Griswold 2.0 Accountability Tracking – The Superintendent took a moment to share with all including audience members where to find the new Griswold 2.0 goals on the district's website.

G. Review of Yearly Goals

1. District
2. GES
3. GMS
4. GHS

The GPS administrators took a moment to review the district annual goals, as well as the individual goals established for each school building. The review provided an overview of the priorities and objectives for the 2026/2027 school year and highlighted the alignment of each school building's goals with the district's overall strategic priorities.

9. Old Business – None.

10. Administrators' Reports

A. Department of Teaching, Learning & Innovation Semi-Annual Report

1. Department Initiatives
2. Other

The Board received an update from the TLI Department on initiatives for the upcoming 2026/2027 school year.

- B. Final Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, Erik Christensen, Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services – The Board received an update from Sean McKenna in Erik Christensen's absence on the closeout for the 2025/2026 school year.

11. Assistant Superintendent Update

- A. Strategic School Profile Report Update – The Board received an update from Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent, on the Strategic School Profile report for the 2024/2025 school year. The presentation provided an overview of key district and school-level data, including student enrollment, academic performance, attendance, graduation outcomes, and other measures of student and school performance.

12. Superintendent's Report

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

B. Superintendent Updates

1. Convocation
2. New Staff
3. School Opening
4. Open Architects
5. Capital Projects and Timeline
6. EFS
7. Update on Grasso Transportation

The Board received updates from the Superintendent on all topics listed above from 1-7.

13. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee Update - Yvonne Palasky – In the absence of Yvonne Palasky, the Board received an update on the recent Policy subcommittee meeting that took place from Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton.
- B. Facilities Subcommittee Update--Kim Neilson – The Board received an update from Kimberly Neilson, Chair of the Facilities subcommittee on the Facilities subcommittee meeting that took place prior to this Board of Education meeting.

14. Other Business that May Properly Come before the Board: Superintendent McKenna reminded the Board that September 21st was previously selected as the date for an upcoming Board retreat on Monday evening. He asked if 5 PM would work for everyone and will try to confirm this with the Board notes. Superintendent McKenna also wished to thank the Town Hall and first selectwoman, Tina Falck, for hosting Griswold Soule Street Academy students for community service hours and for opportunities for service learning for our students.

Jamiee O'Neill-Eaton shared that she was with a social worker who works with transition students and this social worker works with a lot of high schools and was very amazed by Griswold High School's ability to understand student needs from the front office staff to administration and that they fully support student needs.

15. Adjournment

MOTION

By Cathy Waselik

Seconded by Kimberly Neilson

To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 7:20 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak