

**REGULAR MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
October 8th, 2026**

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1. Call to Order - A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 8th, 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, BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT

Sean McKenna, Griswold Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Patricia Feeney, GPS Director of TLI; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Katy Sawaryn, GPS Assistant Director of Student Services & Early Childhood; 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.

ABSENT

Erik Christensen, GPS Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; and Jessica Gillespie, GPS Director of Teaching, Learning and Instruction,

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Board, the superintendent, administration, and audience members performed the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Special Meeting Minutes-September 21, 2026

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Eileen Ego
To approve the special meeting minutes of September 21, 2026, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2026

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Kimberly Neilson
To approve the regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2026, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

4. Communications

- A. September 30, 2026, Notice to All GPS Employees Regarding Electronic Monitoring and Security Camera Usage (P.A. 26-73)
- B. September 29, 2026, Notice to All GPS Employees Regarding Pay-Guide Requirement for Larger Employers
- C. September 22, 2026, EASTCONN Request to Appoint a Representative to the EASTCONN Board of Directors

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

5. Awards/Recognitions

- A. Recognizing and Honoring our Griswold Forward Recipient for October 2026 – Samantha Rizer – The Board, the superintendent, administrators and audience members recognized Samantha Rizer, GMS Art Teacher, as Griswold's choice for the Griswold Forward award recognition for the month of October 2026.

6. Student Representative Reports

- A. Anna Tessier and Donald Desrochers – GES
- B. Samantha Erardy and Olivia Henson – GMS
- C. Ethan Blanchette and Amelia Davidson – GHS

The Board received an update from student representatives from GES, GMS and GHS on the student activities occurring in each building.

7. Public Comment

Matthew Danieluk of 12 Tyler Terrace in Griswold, Connecticut, addressed two matters that concern transparency, accountability, and the responsibilities of district leadership. The first was Freedom of Information requests and the second was about district communication to students regarding an arrest.

Wayne Malin, of 11 Pequot Trail, Griswold, Connecticut, wished to clarify the statements recently made by his fellow Selectman, Matthew Danieluk. Mr. Malin addressed the Freedom of Information (FOI) request submitted by Mr. Danieluk to the Griswold Public Schools and the significant amount of time and effort required by district personnel to gather the requested information. Mr. Malin expressed his support for GPS administration and emphasized that, speaking on his own behalf, he does not support this type of conduct. He stated that he is here to support the schools, the Borough, and the residents of Griswold, and to work in the best interests of the community.

8. Consent Agenda (All routine items can be approved with one motion and without discussion. Points of clarification and discussion requests can be allowed.) – None.

9. New Business

- A. Review and Discussion on Official October 1 Enrollment Count – The Board was provided with the official October 1 student enrollment count for the Griswold Public Schools.
- B. Review and Discussion on Tuition Revenue Projections Based on October 1 Enrollment – The Board received an update on the tuition revenue projections based on the official October 1 enrollment. This

report included the number of regular education tuition students, special education tuition students, and students enrolled in the Griswold Soule Street Academy.

C. Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Donation from the Exxon Mobil Alliance Program in the Amount of \$500 to Griswold Middle School

MOTION

By Kimberly Neilson

Seconded by Eileen Ego

To accept the generous donation from the Exxon Mobil Alliance Program in the amount of \$500 to Griswold Middle School.

Motion unanimously carried.

10. Old Business – None.

11. Administrators' Reports

A. School Wide Data and Metrics Report – Building Administrators – The Board received an update from administrators at GES, GMS and GHS regarding school wide data and metrics reports. The presentations provided an overview of each school's current performance indicators, student achievement data, and progress toward established academic goals. Administrators discussed key data trends, areas of strength, and opportunities for improvement, as well as the strategies being implemented to support student growth and achievement. The reports provided the Board with an update on school-level progress and ongoing efforts to monitor student outcomes and support continuous improvement across the district.

B. Technology Department Report – Kyle Gunderman, Director of Technology – The Board received an update from Kyle Gunderman, GPS Director of Technology, regarding ongoing maintenance, collaboration, and innovation throughout the district. The report included an overview of Incident IQ tickets, highlighting the department's efforts to respond to and resolve technology-related requests and maintain the district's technology infrastructure. He also provided an update on summer technology projects and maintenance activities completed in preparation for the 2026–2027 school year. Additionally, the presentation highlighted collaboration between the Technology and Learning Innovation (TLI) team and school administration to support instructional needs, enhance technology integration, and identify opportunities for innovation across the district.

12. Assistant Superintendent's Report

A. Professional Learning Schedule for October 9, 2026 – Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent, provided an update to the Board on the upcoming professional development learning schedule for Friday, October 9th, 2026.

13. Superintendent's Report

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

B. Superintendent Updates

1. Tuition Town Meeting

2. Labor Relations Meeting

Superintendent Sean McKenna provided the Board with an update on the tuition town meeting held on October 7, 2026. These meetings are held four times per year with our tuition town partners. He also reported on the recent labor relations meeting with union representatives. The Superintendent noted that the Labor Relations meetings are held monthly to facilitate ongoing communication, collaboration, and discussion of matters relevant to the district and its stakeholders.

- C. Discussion of Strategy with Respect to Pending FOIA Claim, Docket No. 2026-0589* - This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting.

14. Committee/Board Reports

- A. Policy Subcommittee Update – Yvonne Palasky - The Board received an update from Yvonne Palasky, Chair of the Policy subcommittee, on the recent meeting that took place.
- B. Facilities Subcommittee Update – Kimberly Neilson – The Board received an update from Kimberly Neilson, Chair of the Facilities subcommittee, on the recent meeting that took place.

14. Other Business that May Properly Come before the Board – None.

MOTION

By Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

Seconded by Eileen Ego

To move into executive session at 7:15 PM for the purpose of reviewing 13. Superintendent’s Report, item C, Discussion of Strategy with Respect to Pending FOIA Claim, Docket No. 2026-0589, inviting Superintendent Sean McKenna into executive session.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:50 PM with no further action.

15. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Cathy Waselik

To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 7:50 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna