

**REGULAR EDUCATION MEETING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
MARCH 28TH, 2022**

GBE approved 4/11/2022

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, March 28th, 2022, in the Griswold Middle School Cafeteria, located on the first floor, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mary Beth Malin, Chair of the Griswold Board of Education.

PRESENT Mary Beth Malin; BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, BOE Vice-Chair; Joyce Rice, BOE Secretary; Stuart Norman, Jr., Martin Osga, Shannon Webster, and Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services and Principal of Griswold Alternative School; Alisha Stripling, GPS Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; and Jill Curioso, GPS Director of Technology.

ABSENT Marceline Dillon, GHS Associate Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To add under New Business, Item 7F: Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Proposal for the “Master Plan for the Revitalization of Athletic Fields for Griswold Public Schools”.
Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 14th, 2022

MOTION By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Joyce Rice
To approve the regular meeting minutes of March 14 2022, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

Communications

- A. “The Griswold Times” – The Board was provided with a copy of a new district newsletter called “The Griswold Times”.

Public Comment: Mary Beth Malin, BOE Chair, read the ground rules for the public comment section of the BOE meeting and there were no citizens to speak this evening.

Consent Agenda

- A. Special Meeting - March 16th, 2022 (5:00 pm)
- B. Special Meeting - March 16th, 2022 (5:30 pm)

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To pass the consent agenda, as presented.
Ayes – Yvonne Palasky, Martin Osga, and Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
Nays –
Abstain – Stuart Norman, Jr., Joyce Rice, and Shannon Webster.
Motion carried.

New Business

- A. Honoring the Griswold Board of Education, National School Board Appreciation Month - The Superintendent took a moment to recognize and thank members of the Griswold Board of Education for all of their countless hours volunteering their time to support the Griswold Public Schools.
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on setting the Date for the 2022 Graduation Ceremony at Griswold High School

MOTION

By Joyce Rice
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky
To set the date for the 2022 Griswold High School graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 15th, 2022, at 5:30 PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on setting the Date for the 2022 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony at Griswold Middle School

MOTION

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To set the date for the 2022 - 8th grade promotion ceremony - at Griswold Middle School - for Tuesday, June 14th, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Motion unanimously carried.

D. *Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Renewal Contract between Griswold Public Schools and Sacred Heart University for Period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 – This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting for review, discussion and possible action.

E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Design for the Digital Campus Sign – The Board approved the design for the new digital campus sign to be installed on campus.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Shannon Webster

To approve the design for the Digital Campus Sign, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

F. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Proposal for the “Master Plan for the Revitalization of Athletic Fields for Griswold Public Schools”

MOTION

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To approve the proposal for the master plan for the revitalization of the athletic fields for Griswold Public Schools as a capital committee request.

Motion unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Initial Budget Proposal for the 2022-2023 School Year – The Board approved the revised budget proposal to be forwarded to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance.

MOTION

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Yvonne Palasky

To approve the initial budget proposal for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

Administrators' Reports

- A. Technology in Griswold – A joint presentation by Jill Curioso, Director of Technology and Glenn LaBossiere, Director of Teaching, Learning and Innovation – Technology Director, Mrs. Jill Curioso, and Director of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, Mr. Glenn LaBossiere, provided a presentation to the Board on Technology in Griswold.

Superintendent's Report

- A. Vacancies, Appointments, and Resignations – The Board was provided with a list of vacancies, appointments, and resignations.
- B. Update on Plans for the New Alternative School Location - The Superintendent provided an update to the Board on information about the Griswold Alternative School move.
- C. Update on Proposal for the Master Plan for the Revitalization of Athletic Fields for Griswold Public Schools – The Superintendent thanked the Board for approving the master plan for revitalizing athletic fields for GPS.
- D. Update on New Partnership with Franklin Public Schools – The Superintendent was pleased to formally announced that Franklin Public Schools signed a contract last week to become a tuition partner town with the Griswold Public Schools.

Committee/Board Reports

- A. Facilities Subcommittee Update - Marty Osga – An update on the work of the Facilities subcommittee was provided by Chair of the Facilities subcommittee, Marty Osga.
- B. Town of Griswold, Capital Committee Update - Marty Osga – An update on the work of the Capital Committee for the Town of Griswold was provided by BOE member, Marty Osga.
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee Update - Mary Beth Malin – Mary Beth Malin informed the Board that they would be discussing a topic related to Negotiations in executive session.

Other Business That May Properly Come Before the Board - The Superintendent was pleased to inform the Board that new exercise equipment for the high school work out area would be arriving soon.

MOTION

By Martin Osga
Seconded by Joyce Rice

To move into executive session at 6:37 PM to discuss item 7D – Review, Discussion and Possible Action on the renewal contract between Griswold Public Schools and Sacred Heart University for period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:43 PM.

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To approve the contract between the Griswold Public Schools and Sacred Heart University for period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Shannon Webster

To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 6:44 PM.

Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna