

**REGULAR EDUCATION MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**GBE approved 5/23/2022**

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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; 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; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services and Principal of Griswold Alternative School; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal; and Katy Sawaryn, GPS Special Services and Family Engagement Coordinator.

**ABSENT** Yvonne Palasky, BOE Vice-Chair; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Alisha Stripling, GPS Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services; and Marceline Dillon, GHS Associate Principal.

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

Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meeting – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**MOTION** By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Shannon Webster  
To approve the special meeting minutes of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Communications

A. GHS Invitation to End-of-the-Year Events - The Board received an invitation regarding year end activities for Griswold High School.

- B. Letter to Alex Grzelak, Chair, Town of Griswold, Board of Finance – the Board received a copy of a letter addressed to Chair of the Griswold Board of Finance, Alex Grzelak.

Student Representative Report

- A. GMS Student Representative Report – Natasha Ali, Gr. 7, and Hannah Service, Gr. 8, provided an update to the Board on student activities at GMS.
- B. Thank You to GMS Student Representatives for Serving as Student Representatives to the Griswold Board of Education – The Griswold Board of Education took a moment to thank both Natasha Ali and Hannah Service for serving as student representatives to the Griswold Board of Education on behalf of Griswold Middle School. They were both presented with a certificate for their service.
- C. GHS Student Representative Report – Sydney Hart, Gr. 12 at GHS provided a final update to the Board on student activities at GHS. Sydney will graduate in June and thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to be the student representative for the Griswold Board of Education.
- D. Thank You, Congratulations, and Well Wishes to our Graduating Student Representative to the Griswold Board of Education – The Griswold Board of Education took a moment to thank Sydney Hart for serving as the student representative to the Griswold Board of Education on behalf of Griswold High School and presented her with certificate for her service and a small gift as she graduates from Griswold High School next month.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Revise Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified-Personal Leaves, Family and Medical Leave Act, Second Reading
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Revise Policy 4118.112/4218.112 – Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified-Sexual Harassment, Second Reading
- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Revise Regulation 4118.112/4218.112 – Personnel -Certified/Non-Certified-Sexual Harassment, Second Reading

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Shannon Webster  
To approve all items listed under Consent Agenda, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

### New Business

- A. Honoring Griswold Educators for Teacher Appreciation Week
- B. Honoring our GMS CAFE Student Leaders – Naiya Patel, Addison Manigan
- C. Honoring our GMS CAS Middle Level Scholar Leaders – Hannah Service, Kameron Appold
- D. Honoring our GHS CAFE Student Leaders – Sydney Hart, Chancellor Walworth
- E. Honoring our GHS CAS Scholar Athletes – Hailey Eliasson, Nathan Moore
- F. Honoring our GHS CAS Performing Arts Recipient – Jenna Wesa
- G. Honoring our GHS CAS Visual Arts Recipient – Aryssa Smith
- H. Honoring our GHS “Voice4Change” Contest Winner - Jacob Skipper

All students listed above for items A – H were honored by the Board, the Superintendent, administrators and audience members.

- I. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Vote to Approve or Disapprove Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2022 -2023. This Resolution Authorizes Filing of Form 471 Applications for Funding Year 2022-23 and the Payment of the Applicant’s Share Upon Approval of Funding and Receipt of Services

### **MOTION**

By Joyce Rice

Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton

To approve resolution for schools and libraries universal services (E-RATE) for 2022-23. This resolution authorizes filing of the form 471 applications for funding year 2022-23 and the payment of the applicant’s share upon approval of funding and receipt of services.

Motion unanimously carried.

- J. \*Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Employee Extended Leave Request –  
This item was referred to executive session at the end of the Board meeting for review, discussion and possible action after completion of the regular business portion of this meeting.

### Unfinished Business

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Adjustments to the 2022/2023 Initial Budget Proposal – The Superintendent reviewed the outcome of the recent Board of Finance meeting, which took place on May 5<sup>th</sup>. He reported that there were no more requested changes to the budget. The Board then tabled this topic at this point and time.

### Administrators’ Reports

- A. Student Service Update – Chris Champlin, Director of Student Services – Chris Champlin, Director of Student Services for Griswold Public Schools, gave a presentation to the Griswold Board of Education on Student Services and thanked the Board for supporting Katy Sawaryn’s

position as GPS Special Services and Family Engagement Coordinator. Chris also provided an update on the number of tuition students attend GHS and GAHS and a number of special education students attending from our tuition partnerships. He lasty provided a quick update on the statewide transition to CT-SEDS software program and the new IEP.

Superintendent’s Report

- A. Vacancies, Appointments, Resignations/and Retirements – The Board was provided with a list of vacancies, appointments, resignations, and retirements.
- B. Review Search & Selection Process for Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services – The Superintendent provided a tentative timeline for the search and selection process for a new Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services. The BOE Chair asked BOE members to email her by Friday of this week if they have a desire to serve on the search committee.
- C. Progress Update on Renovations to Alternative School Project – Superintendent, Sean McKenna, invited Wes Greenleaf to provide an update to the Board on the conversion of the senior center to the newly renovated alternative school.

Committee/Board Reports

- A. 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.

Other Business That May Properly Come Before the Board - None.

**MOTION**

By Joyce Rice  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To move into executive session at 7:00 PM to discuss item 8J.  
Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:07 PM and no action took place.

Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Stuart Norman, Jr.  
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton  
To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 7:07 PM.  
Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak/Sean McKenna