

**SPECIAL MEETING & PUBLIC FORUM ON THE INITIAL BUDGET PROPOSAL  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**GBE approved 3/13/2023**

1. A special meeting & Public Forum on the initial budget proposal of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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; Martin Osga, Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, and Scott Freyer, BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT** Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Director, Teaching, Learning, and Innovation; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services and Griswold Alternative School; Katy Sawaryn, GPS Special Services & Family Engagement Coordinator; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Art Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Jeff Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal; and Thomas Verville, Director of Facilities.

**ABSENT** Stuart Norman, Jr., Griswold BOE Member; Deborah Martin, GPS Director of Fiscal and Personnel Services.

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

3. New Business

- A. Public Forum on the 2022-2023 Initial Budget Proposal - The Superintendent provided an overview of the proposed 2023/2024 initial budget proposal. After the presentation concluded, the BOE Chair opened the floor for public comment:

Dr. Jennifer Norman of 257 Norman Road in Griswold, Connecticut asked four questions pertaining to next year’s budget and the Superintendent provided answers but would have some to follow up on and then get back to her with answers.

The BOE Chair asked three times if there were any more audience members who wished to speak and there were none. The public comment section of the BOE meeting then concluded at 6:26 PM.

4. Unfinished Business

- A. Review and Discussion on the 2023/2024 Initial Budget Proposal – The Superintendent informed the Board that there would be a few budget changes to come. They will be included in the packet for the upcoming meeting on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Board had no further questions on the budget at this point and time.

5. Adjournment

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To adjourn the special BOE meeting at 6:29 PM.  
Motion was unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak