

**REGULAR MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,  
October 13, 2015**

**GBE approved with Correction 10/26/2015**

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at the GMS Library Media Center, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Griswold Middle School. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Elizabeth Dorff, Chairman of the Board.

**PRESENT** Elizabeth Dorff, Chairman; Stuart Norman, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Laurie Sorder, BOE Secretary; Yvonne Palasky, Valerie Grills and Mary Beth Malin, BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT** Paul K. Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Susan Rourke, GPS Curriculum Director; Michele Demicco, GPS Business Manager; Erin Palonen, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services; Marceline Macrino, GHS Associate Principal; Michele Raynor, GMS Principal; Glenn LaBossiere, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeaux, GES Principal; and Rita Quiles-Glover, GES Assistant Principal.

**ABSENT** **Frank Everett, BOE Member;** Dr. Mark Frizzell, GHS Principal and Stephen Cravinho, District Wide Activities & Athletic Director.

**MOTION** By Stuart Norman, Jr.  
Seconded by Valerie Grills  
To add under New Business, H – Sprague as a tuition town.  
Motion unanimously carried.

The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Laurie Sorder  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To approve the regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2015, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. GMS Fall Newsletter – The Board received a copy of the first GMS newsletter for Fall 2015.
- B. Thank You Note – Gayle Fontaine – The Board received a thank you note from Gayle Fontaine who retired at the end of the 2014/15 school year and who was honored at the September 28<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting. Best wishes in your retirement years!

**HEARINGS AND REQUESTS**

None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Honoring our GHS Alumni Wall of Fame Recipient for 2015 – The Board, administrators, and audience members were happy to honor Mary Rose Deveau who was chosen as this year’s recipient of the GHS Alumni Wall of Fame award. Mary graduated in the GHS class of 1951; she was a Griswold Public School’s secretary for 41 years, and the Griswold Historical Society President/Municipal Historian. Mary was presented with a plaque and bouquet of flowers for this honor. Congratulations!
- B. Recognition of GHS Student – Brianna Kinnie – This item was tabled because Brianna could not make this evening’s meeting.
- C. Recognition of GMS Student – Cheyenne Zvingilas – GMS student, Cheyenne Zvingilas, was recognized as the student at GMS who read the most books this summer – 47 books! Cheyenne was presented with a Griswold Distinguished Achiever award certificate for her reading efforts. Congratulations!
- D. Review of Official October 1 Enrollment Report – The Board received an annual October 1 official enrollment count for students in grades PK -12. As of October 1, 2015, we are currently at 1,882 students for students enrolled in the Griswold Public Schools.
- E. Review of October 1 Tuition Report – The Board received a tuition and projected revenue report based on enrollment as of October 1, 2015. The report includes tuition income for students attending Griswold Public Schools from our sending towns.
- F. Quarterly Review of Student Activity Internal Accounts for GES, GMS and GHS – The Board received its first quarterly review statements of internal activity accounts for GES, GMS and GHS. The Board reviews these reports in October, December, March and June of each year.
- G. Review and Approval of SERAC Survey – Griswold PRIDE is asking Griswold Public Schools to participate again in the SERAC survey. They have \$1,500 from a mentoring grant from Putnam PRIDE and \$500 from LPC money to cover the \$2,000 SERAC survey costs. The survey will not result in any district expense.

**MOTION**

By Stuart Norman, Jr.  
Seconded by Valerie Grills  
That we approve the facilitation of the SERAC survey in our district at no expense to the Griswold School District.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- H. Sprague as a Tuition Town – Superintendent Smith was delighted to inform the Board that last Wednesday, Dr. Mark Frizzell, GHS teacher Betsy Kowal, and himself attended a meeting of the Sprague Board of Education to begin the process of ascertaining whether or not they would like to have grade 8 students from Sayles School in Sprague attending Griswold High School. Mr. Smith noted that the Sprague Board voted to approve allowing students to attend GHS from Sprague. Mr. Smith asked the Board for their vote on accepting Sprague students beginning next fall.

**MOTION**

By Stuart Norman, Jr.  
Seconded by Mary Beth Malin  
That we accept tuition students from Sprague as a sending district next fall and direct administration to share necessary information with Sprague administration.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

- A. Overview of Griswold Public Schools Strategic Plan Griswold 2025 "From Vision to Action 2015-2020" – GPS administrators presented a strategic plan highlighting the components to implement the eight core values and beliefs of Griswold's vision statement. The plan has been completed for 2015-17. Later this year, the Board will receive details of implementation for 2017-2020.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board accepted the resignations of Jared Laflamme and Ryan Wells, GHS full/time custodians, as presented.

**MOTION**

By Stuart Norman, Jr.  
Seconded by Valerie Grills  
To accept the resignations of Jared Laflamme and Ryan Wells, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

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The Board approved the appointments of the following individuals: Jennifer Breault, GCDC Child Care Aide P/T; Jamie Chappell, GHS Football assistant coach; Melissa Moore, GPS Fun Run assistant coach; Megan Barnes, GHS Soccer assistant girls coach, and Jendelle Beckwith, GHS Cheerleading assistant coach for football and basketball.

**MOTION**

By Stuart Norman, Jr.

Seconded by Valerie Grills

To approve the appointments of Jennifer Breault, Jamie Chappell, Melissa Moore, Megan Barnes, and Jendelle Beckwith, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

B. Policy Update – The Superintendent presented the Board with a policy on drug sniffing dogs on school property. Mr. Smith would like to review the policy at the next upcoming Policy subcommittee meeting and invited the entire Board for feedback and/or participation in the next meeting of the Policy subcommittee.

C. Future Agenda Items – None.

**COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

A. Building Committee Update – Stuart Norman, Jr., Building Committee representative, had no report at this time but to say that the Building Committee is waiting on the audit process to be completed.

**OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY FORMERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

Yvonne Palasky reported that she and Mary Beth Malin will be participating in the Spooktopia Trunk or Treat event that will be taking place on Saturday evening. She asked for the Board's support and she invited BOE members to participate in the event if they wished to do so. The Board confirmed their support to Yvonne and Mary Beth.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MOTION**

By Stuart Norman, Jr.

Seconded by Valerie Grills

To adjourn the regular BOE meeting at 6:58 PM

Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by: Robin Drobiak