

**REGULAR MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
February 24, 2020**

**GBE approved with Correction 3/9/20**

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, February 24, 2020, at Griswold Middle School, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mary Beth Malin, Griswold Board of Education Chair. The meeting took place in the GMS Library Media Center, located on the second floor of Griswold Middle School.

**PRESENT** Mary Beth Malin, BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, BOE Vice Chair; Joyce Rice, BOE Secretary; Stuart Norman, Jr., Jennifer Norman, Martin Osga, and Shannon Webster, BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT** Sean McKenna, Superintendent of Schools; Susan Rourke, GPS Curriculum Director; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Special Education & Pupil Services, Alisha Stripling, GPS Business Manager; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Marceline Macrino, GHS Associate Principal; Glenn LaBossiere, GMS Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal; and Katarina Bromkamp, GHS Student Representative to the Board.

**ABSENT** Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; and Louis Zubek, GMS Assistant Principal.

The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Jennifer Norman  
To approve the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2020, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Griswold Middle School Winter Newsletter 2020
- B. Griswold High School News February 2020
- C. January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Letter to Sarah Schatz of Griswold High School, Thanking Ms. Schatz for Organizing a Fundraiser

- D. February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Letter to Griswold Public Schools Community Regarding the Switch from Rediker to Infinite Campus Student Information System

The Board received a copy of all communications listed above under A-D.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

- A. Katarina Bromkamp will Provide a Student Update to the Board – The Board received an update on student activities at Griswold High School from student representative, Katarina Bromkamp.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on K-12 Math Curriculum – The Board adopted the K-12 Math curriculum, as presented.

### **MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Joyce Rice  
To adopt the K-12 Math curriculum, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 3240 - Business and Non-Instructional Operations - Tuition Fees, First Reading – The Board had a first reading of policy 3240.
- C. Review, Discussion on Revised Regulation 3240 - Business and Non-Instructional Operations - Tuition Fees, First Reading – The Board had a first reading of regulation 3240.
- D. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 1120 - Community Relations - Public Participation of Education Meetings, First Reading – The Board had a first reading on policy 1120.
- D. Review and Discussion on New Policy 4118.211/4218.211- Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Retaliation and Whistle Blowing, First Reading -The Board had a first reading on policy 4118.211/4218.211.
- E. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Academic Subcommittee of the Griswold Board of Education - The Board had a discussion on the purpose and role of the Academic subcommittee and it was decided that the Superintendent and Board Chair would investigate the different models that other districts have and will report back their findings.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Initial Budget Proposal for the 2020-2021 School Year - The Board discussed the 2020/2021 school budget proposal and approved it to move forward to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance.

## MOTION

By Stuart Norman, Jr.

Seconded by Jennifer Norman

To move the 2020/2021 proposed Griswold Board of Education school budget, with a 3.98% increase, as presented, to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance.

Motion unanimously carried.

## ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

- A. Monthly Financial Update for 2019/2020 – Alisha Stripling, Business Manager – Alisha Stripling, GPS Business Manager, provided a monthly update on the current financial status of the 2019/2020 school budget.
- B. GHS NEASC Reaccreditation Visit Update – Erin Palonen, Principal of GHS – GHS principal, Erin Palonen, provided an informative update to the Board on the upcoming NEASC reaccreditation process, which will be taking place at Griswold High School from March 8<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a list of vacancies/appointments/resignations.
- B. Update on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, Board of Education Meeting and Quarterly Retreat – The Superintendent reported that he would be keeping the BOE agenda brief for the upcoming meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> because a portion of the meeting will be slated for a Board retreat with Rebecca Adams from CABE.

## COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

- A. Policy Subcommittee—Yvonne Palasky – Chair of the Policy subcommittee, Yvonne Palasky, provide an update to the Board on the work of the Policy subcommittee.
- B. Facilities Subcommittee—Martin Olga - Chair of the Facilities subcommittee, Martin Osga, provide an update to the Board on the work of the Facilities subcommittee.
- C. Academic Subcommittee – Jennifer Norman – Chair of the Academic subcommittee, Jennifer Norman, provided an update to the Board on the work of the Academic subcommittee.
- D. Public Relations Subcommittee – Joyce Rice – Chair of the Public Relations subcommittee, Joyce Rice, provided an update to the Board on the work of the Public Relations subcommittee.

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

Stuart Norman, Jr. asked how the responses have been from families who would return documentation to qualify for the competitive grant through the Department of Defense. He was informed that responses are filtering in as the district continues to monitor the progress.

The Board Chair asked members of the BOE if they would be okay with changing the time for the March 9<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education meeting, from 6 PM to 5 PM, and the Board confirmed that would be okay to change the time.

The Superintendent informed the Board that he will have curriculum binders in the Superintendent’s office for AP Statistics and Advanced Manufacturing courses if any members are interested in reviewing the documents before they move forward to the March 9<sup>th</sup>, Board of Education meeting, for review, discussion and possible approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MOTION**

By Martin Osga  
Seconded by Jennifer Norman  
To adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak