

**REGULAR MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
April 27, 2020**

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A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, April 27, 2020 via teleconference due to the Corona Virus at: [meet.google.com/fyy-gkos-kkx](https://meet.google.com/fyy-gkos-kkx) or Phone Number to call in (US) [+1 262-674-8579](tel:+12626748579) PIN: 581 104 467#. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mary Beth Malin, Griswold Board of Education Chair.

**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; Louis Zubek, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Katarina Bromkamp, GHS Student Representative to the Board.

**ABSENT** Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; and Jackie Love, GES Assistant Principal.

The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Martin Osga  
To approve the special meeting minutes of April 16, 2020, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**HEARINGS & REQUESTS**

None.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

- A. Katarina Bromkamp will Provide a Student Update to the Board – BOE student representative, Katarina Bromkamp, provided a brief update to the Board on behalf of GHS students.

- B. Review and Discussion with Participating GHS Seniors on the End of the 2019/2020 School Year – Several seniors at GHS, including Katarina Bromkamp, Kailey Ego, Taylor Czmyr, Cheyenne Zvingilas, and Jenna Beale spoke to the Board and shared their hopes for the Board to support celebrating end of year activities, including graduation, in some way that would be safe for everyone. Board members all agreed seniors deserve to be honored and celebrated. They all hope to support them if it is at all possible to do so in a safe way.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Review and Discussion on Revised Policy 4111/4211—Personnel Certified/Non-Certified - Recruitment and Selection, First Reading – The Board reviewed policy #4111/4211 as a first reading. There were a couple of suggestions for revisions. The Policy subcommittee will revisit this policy and will forward it to the full Board for a second reading at the next scheduled BOE meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 5112 – Students - Age of Attendance, Second Reading – The Board approved policy 5112, as presented.

### **MOTION**

By Jennifer Norman

Seconded by Shannon Webster

To pass revised policy #5112 – Students – Age of Attendance, as a second reading.

Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Revised Policy 3517 - Business/Non Instructional Operations - Security of Buildings and Grounds, Second Reading – The Board approved policy 3517 – Business/Non Instructional Operations – Security of Buildings and Grounds, as presented.

### **MOTION**

By Jennifer Norman

Seconded by Joyce Rice

To pass revised policy 3517 – Business/Non Instructional Operations – Security of Buildings and Grounds.

Motion unanimously carried.

## **ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

None.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Review and Discussion of District Response to School Closure – The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the district's continued response to the school closure due to the COVID-19 - Corona Virus.
- B. Review & Discussion of Town of Griswold Budget Development Process – The Superintendent provided the BOE with a 2020/2021 Budget Development Process meeting schedule from the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance.
- C. \*Personnel Matter as it Pertains to Employee Compensation per CGS 1-200 (6) – This item was referred to executive session following the regular business portion of this meeting.

## **COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

None.

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

Stuart Norman, Jr., asked our Superintendent to notify our state representatives on how many meals we are serving in Griswold. He felt this would be a good idea to share with them in the event that there is a proposal to cut funding in this area.

Yvonne Palasky shared that the Policy subcommittee would be meeting tomorrow at 4 PM.

Yvonne Palasky asked if the BOE would be interested in donating money to purchase a gift card for a family of families in need. If so, donations should be forwarded to her. She suggested that the Superintendent could provide her contact information if necessary.

BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin, shared that, following the regular business portion of the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the BOE will meet with Rebecca Adams and Nick Caruso from CABE, via teleconference, to review how we are conducting BOE meeting business and to ensure that we are conducting business correctly.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky

Seconded by Shannon Webster

To move into executive session at 6:50 PM for the purpose of discussing agenda item 10C, personnel matter per Connecticut General Statutes § 1-200 (6) as it pertains to a teacher leave request.



The Board came out of executive session at 7:20 PM with no action.

**MOTION**

By Jennifer Norman  
Seconded by Martin Osga  
To adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak