

**REGULAR MEETING  
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
June 10, 2019**

**GBE approved 6/24/19**

A regular meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Monday, June 10, 2019, at Griswold Middle School, 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman, Stuart Norman, Jr., and the meeting was held in the GMS Library Media Center.

**PRESENT** Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Chairman; Frank Everett, BOE Vice-Chairman (entered at 6:08 PM); Yvonne Palasky, BOE Secretary; Mary Beth Malin, Dr. Theresa Madonna, Jennifer Norman, and Martin Osga, BOE Members.

**ALSO PRESENT** Sean McKenna, Superintendent of Schools; Susan Rourke, GPS Curriculum Director; Alisha Stripling, GPS Business Manager; Stephen Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Christopher Champlin, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Glenn LaBossiere, GMS Principal; Chris Vamvakides, GMS Assistant Principal; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal.

**ABSENT** Marceline Macrino, GHS Associate Principal.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Yvonne Palasky  
Seconded by Mary Beth Malin  
To approve the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2019, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Letter to Town Officials re: Increase in ECS Funding – The Board received a letter addressed to Town of Griswold officials, informing them of an increase in ECS funding for next school year.
- B. Letter to Town Officials re: Increase in Tuition Revenue & ECS Funding – The Board received a letter addressed to Town of Griswold officials, informing them of an increase in tuition revenue projections and ECS funding for next school year.

**HEARINGS AND REQUESTS**

Lauren Anthony, a resident of Griswold and a teacher at Griswold High School, provided a letter of support on behalf of Kevin Kinsall, who will be transferred as a music teacher from GHS to GES next school year.

Justyna Poznanski, a Griswold graduate, provided a statement in support of Mr. Kevin Kinsall remaining at GHS as a music teacher.

Monique Gammardella, a junior at Griswold High School, provided a statement in support of Mr. Kevin Kinsall remaining at GHS as a music teacher.

Daniel Duckworth-Ranson, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Griswold High School, provided a statement in support of Mr. Kevin Kinsall remaining at GHS as a music teacher.

Skyla Waters, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at GHS, read a statement on behalf of Ayla Taylor-Robichaud, who was unable to attend this evening's BOE meeting, in support of Mr. Kevin Kinsall remaining as a music teacher at GHS. Skyla then provided a statement of support on behalf of herself for Mr. Kevin Kinsall to remain as a music teacher at GHS.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Honoring GPS Retiree for the 2018/19 School Year – Susan Bjornberg – The Board, the superintendent, administrators, and audience members were pleased to recognize Susan Bjornberg as a distinguished retiree for the 2018/19 school year.
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Regulation #5118.111 – Students, Tuition for Children of Staff, First Reading - The Board had a first reading of regulation #5118.111 with no action. It will be brought forward to the next Board of Education meeting for a second reading and for action to approve.
- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Policy and Regulation #6146 – Instruction – Graduation Requirements, First Reading – The Board had a first reading of revised policy and regulation #6146 with no action. It will be brought forward to the next Board of Education meeting for a second reading and for action to approve.
- D. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Revisions to Job Description for Board Certified Behavior Analyst – The Board approved a revised job description for the position of Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

### **MOTION**

By Dr. Theresa Madonna

Seconded by Mary Beth Malin

To approve the proposed job description for Board Certified Behavior Analyst, as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

- E. Quarterly Review of GPS Student Activity Accounts – The Board received a quarterly update on the balances of student activity accounts for GES, GMS, and GHS.
- F. Update on Gerard & Wanda Brunet Foundation Scholarship Recipients for Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III – The Board received a list of all Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III recipients of the Gerard and Wanda Brunet Foundation scholarships.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on 2019/2020 Budget Proposal – The Board approved an adjusted increase in projected tuition revenue to the Town of Griswold for 2019/2020 from 1.92 million dollars to 2 million dollars.

**MOTION**

By Dr. Theresa Madonna  
Seconded by Mary Beth Malin  
To approve the projected tuition revenue increase for 2019/2020 to two million dollars.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- B. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Regulation #5118 – Students – Non Resident Students – Second Reading – The Board approved revisions to regulation #5118, as presented.

**MOTION**

By Frank Everett  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To approve Regulation #5118 – Students – Non Resident Students, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Series 9000 – Bylaws of the Board – Second Reading – The Board approved the revisions to series 9000 policies and regulations, as presented.

**MOTION**

By Dr. Theresa Madonna  
Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
To approve Series 9000 policies and regulations, as presented.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. Vacancies/Appointments/Resignations – The Board received a copy of the vacancies/appointments/resignations.

- B. \*Superintendent’s 2018/19 Year End Evaluation Review of Professional Goals – The Board tabled this item and will review at the next Board of Education meeting.
- C. \*Executive Session for Purposes of Board of Education Self-Evaluation, Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(A) – This item was referred to executive session following the regular portion of this meeting for discussion.

**COMMUNITY /BOARD REPORTS**

- A. Public Relations Subcommittee Update – J. Norman – The Board tabled this item and will review at the next Board of Education meeting.
- B. \*Negotiation & Budget Subcommittee Update – M. Malin – The Board tabled this item and will review at the next Board of Education meeting.
- C. Municipal Gas Line Project Update – The Board tabled this item and will review at the next Board of Education meeting.

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

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MOTION**

By Dr. Theresa Madonna  
 Seconded by Yvonne Palasky  
 To move into executive session at 6:32 PM for the purposes of Board of Education Self-Evaluation, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(A), and invited Rebecca Adams from CAFE to join them.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 pm.

**MOTION**

By Yvonne Palasky  
 Seconded by Dr. Theresa Madonna  
 To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.  
 Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak