

**SPECIAL MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
GRISWOLD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
February 29th, 2024**

DRAFT

1. Call to Order: A special meeting of the Griswold Board of Education took place on Thursday, February 29th, 2024, at Griswold Middle School in the Cafeteria, located at 211 Slater Avenue, Griswold, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin.

PRESENT Mary Beth Malin, Griswold BOE Chair; Yvonne Palasky, Griswold BOE Vice Chair; Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton, Griswold BOE Secretary; Martin Osga, Jennifer Norman, and Cathy Waselik, Griswold BOE Members.

ALSO PRESENT Sean McKenna, GPS Superintendent of Schools; Glenn LaBossiere, GPS Assistant Superintendent; Christopher Champlin, GPS Director of Student Services; Deb Martin, Director of Fiscal & Personnel Services; Erin Palonen, GHS Principal; Art Howe, GHS Associate Principal; Louis Zubek, GMS Principal; Jacqueline Love, GES Assistant Principal; Katy Sawaryn, GPS Special Services & Family Engagement Coordinator; Jessica Gillespie and Patricia Feeney, GPS TLI Coordinators; and Thomas Verville, GPS Facilities Director.

ABSENT Stuart Norman, Jr., BOE Member; Steve Cravinho, GPS Campus Wide Activities & Athletic Director; Joseph Bordeau, GES Principal; and Jeffrey Parkinson, GMS Assistant Principal.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Board and the audience performed the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Hearing on the Initial Budget Proposal for the 2024-2025 School Year – The GPS Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Sean McKenna, presented details on the initial school budget proposal, which has been created for the 2024/2025 school year. This evening’s meeting was conducted and considered the Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

Following the presentation by Mr. McKenna, he turned the meeting over to BOE Chair, Mary Beth Malin, who asked the audience three times if there were any requests to speak during the public comment section of this meeting. There were no requests for comment and so Mrs. Malin closed out the public comment section of the meeting.

4. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting, February 22nd, 2024—Minutes

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton
To approve the February 22, 2024, regular meeting minutes, as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

5. Communications

- A. February 22nd, 2024, Letter from Commissioner of Education, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker – The Superintendent share a copy of a letter he received from the Commissioner of Education.

6. Unfinished Business

- A. Continuation of Review and Discussion on Griswold Board of Education Initial Budget Proposal for SY 2024/2025 – The Board was asked if they had questions related to the initial budget proposal and there were not requests to discuss the budget further at this time.

The Superintendent stated that he is hoping to adopt a budget at the March 14th, 2024, meeting, so that it can be presented to the Town of Griswold, Board of Finance, at their April 2nd, 2024, meeting.

7. Adjournment

MOTION

By Yvonne Palasky
Seconded by Cathy Waselik
To adjourn the special meeting at 6:23 PM.
Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Robin Drobiak