

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

February 15, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Ernst, President, called the meeting to order at 7:32pm in the music room at Green Hills School.

B. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

“This is a regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Education held for the purpose of transacting appropriate Board business. In compliance with Chapter 31, Laws of 1975, the New Jersey Herald was properly notified and copies of the agenda of this meeting were appropriately posted and made available for the public.

C. ROLL CALL

Mr.	Jonathan Ernst, President	JE	present
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke, Vice-President	AMC	present
Dr.	Joseph Cercone	Dr. C	present
Mrs.	Jennifer Cinotti	JC	present
Mr.	Matthew Fox	MRF	arrived @7:34pm
Mrs.	Denise Kelly-Jones	DKJ	present
Mr.	John O’Gorman	JOG	absent
Mr.	Noah Haiduc-Dale	NHD	present
Mr.	Michael Rose	MPR	present
Mr.	John Nittolo, Superintendent		present
Mrs.	Sallyann McCarty, SBA		present

D. MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Green is to educate every student in a safe and secure environment to become a confident and caring life-long learner, who can communicate and contribute positively to the changing needs of society. The district, in cooperation with the community, will provide an academic environment that values excellence, initiative, and diversity of our students and community, while supporting a program of studies that is congruent with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

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II. REFERENDUM PRESENTATION -

Presentation by Henry B. Ossi – DMR Architects

III. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION -

Design & Overview of Playground – Mr. Scott Guzzo

IV. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. McCarty

None

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS

This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on this evening's agenda topics. By law, the Board of Education is under no obligation to respond to public comment. If the Board of Education chooses to respond, it does not waive its right thereafter not to respond. Length of comments may be limited to three minutes to the individual who has been recognized by the board president. Each individual may be limited to one opportunity to speak per topic. Members of the public are asked to state their name and address for the record.

1) Mr. Noah Haiduc-Dale commented: Century Go Rethinking Documentary presentation on April 3, 2017 at 6:30pm in the main theater at Centenary University

2) A teacher asked about the wording of the stipend positions; Mr. John Nittolo said they would be re-worded.

VI. VARIOUS REPORTS

A. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE – Mrs. Cooke

**January 24, 2017
Newton BOE Office**

Superintendent's Report / Educational Highlights:

-Presentation by EI Associates – presented two (2) concepts for Halsted student relocation. NHS concept eliminated. Refinement of Merriam expansion recommended.

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-Educators of the Year and School Board Recognition postponed to late February due to weather.

-Community Schools Model discussion.

Board Business:

-Adopted Resolution on Underfunding in State Aid to Schools.

-Approved 2017-2018 School Calendar.

-Approved tuition rates for 2017-2018:

Grades 9-12 \$15,488 (2% increase over 16-17)

MD \$18,000

LLD \$16,320

PSD \$12,000

-Ratified MOA between Newton Administrators Association (NAA) and Newton BOE effective 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2020.

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Finance Committee Meeting:

-Review of 2016-2017 Revenue status.

-Projected purchases: School Bus and BOE office AC

-2017-2018 Revenues

-Review of Capital Reserves

-Recommended projects based on Facility Plan Priority List:

NHS auditorium lighting \$350,000

House demolition \$171,421 (K-12 expense)

NHS Nurses office upgrade \$ 80,000 (ADA compliant)

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Special Meeting**

Special Meeting held for the purpose of conducting an HIB appeal.

Public Session:

-School Funding Update (Kingsway, East Greenwich)

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-Facilities – reviewed revised Merriam Concept Plan.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

B. PTA UPDATE – Mrs. Jones

- Old business: Nicole Vidal will be solicitation chair. Still looking for more on-foot solicitors. Mass mailing has gone out, donations are coming in.
- New business: Jen Eisenmenger presented a notice from NJ State about fraud protection during the event, most of which is done already.
- Packet will be going out to students soon and will include presale order form, basket info, grand raffle booklet.
- Final tier colors determined.
- Still need a Chair person for wrapping – Jen Eisenmenger and Claudia Ernst volunteered
- Discussed callers-Mr. Cohen will be contacted for a list of names.
- Class baskets were discussed-room parents will be notified. The 7th grade does refreshments; a menu from last year was given to Melissa Lewandowski for reference.
- Next meeting: February 22nd at 6:30pm

C. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Ernst

The MOA is on tonight’s agenda and we look forward to its approval by the Board of Education. To reiterate my comments last month we would like to thank the Teachers Association, the Negotiations Committee, Sallyann McCarty and John Nittolo for their efforts in getting this agreement across the finish line.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of Scott Guzzo for his efforts with the playground. While it’s been a struggle at times it should be noted that because of Mr. Guzzo’s efforts, the big winners in this project are the students of Green Hills School. Your tireless efforts in fund raising and project management are greatly appreciated.

D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Nittolo

School:

- Beginning the Comprehensive Building list and evaluation tool to determine GHS needs
- Created PSD (pre-school disabled) spreadsheet for the years 2013-present

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- Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS), and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying – Investigations, Trainings and Programs (HIB-ITP) data for report period 1 completed by Mr. Cohen
- Completed the Shadow a student challenge on Feb. 2 as a 5th grade student
- Policy meeting held on Feb 8: continued consultation with Pat Donahue regarding Narcam policy and Nancy Usinowicz regarding Transportation
- School closed 2/9 for storm
- Love of reading week will begin Feb. 27
- Survey sent to teachers regarding math resources and also decoding resources (Bev Meyers and Aimee Castellana)
- New Sadlier Math resources being utilized. Purchased after PD. Teachers identified needs and the appropriate resources.
- HIB: 2 unfounded incidents (peer conflict)
- Performance at school: George Street Players- won by Debbie Simmons
- Cyber-safety parent meeting March 14 at 7:00 pm
- Conflicting dates for Spring musical and tricky tray...looking to switch the date of the musical (April. 6 and 7)

Community:

- Received letter from Project Self-Sufficiency regarding the Stuff the Stocking victory for GHS
- Re:Thinking documentary to be shown at Centenary University on April 3 at 6:30 pm.
- Presenting to the GHS seniors on Feb. 14
- Received Student Gov't Day invitation for May 1, 2017.
- Met with Scott Guzzo regarding playground update- Feb. 14

Actions:

NJDOE:

- letter from Kimberly Harrington, Acting Commissioner of education, regarding Newton switching form of tuition calculation

Meetings:

- Policy meeting on Feb 8
- Personnel meeting on Feb. 15
- Operations meeting- Feb. 16

E. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs. McCarty

No report

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VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Ernst stated the committees will be re-vamped.
Discussion regarding an Ad Hoc Committee

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Cooke asked about the status of the new website.

IX. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular meeting of January 18, 2017.
2. Executive session meeting of January 18, 2017.

B. Motion to affirm the Superintendent's decisions regarding HIB incidents as reported to the Board of Education on January 18, 2017.

C. Motion to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution
Waiver of Requirements
Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program**

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2017-2018 school year, and

Whereas, the Green Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Green Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2017-2018 school year.

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D. Motion to approve the following Resolution on Underfunding in State Aid to Schools:

WHEREAS, state leaders are currently preparing the fiscal year spending plan for 2017-2018 (FY18) in the form of budget proposals in which school aid amounts will be announced; and

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA) remains the current law to provide state aid to public school districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SFRA, the Green Township Public Schools have a deficit in state aid of \$1,461,111 for 2016-2017 (FY17) alone and \$2,114 per student; and

WHEREAS, in FY17, the Green Township Public Schools and 239 other New Jersey school districts received less than 63.1% of their uncapped SFRA funding; and

WHEREAS, in FY17, 212 New Jersey school districts received more than 100% of their uncapped SFRA funding, largely through Adjustment Aid that was intended to be phased out years ago; and

WHEREAS, past efforts to address under adequacy to districts such as Green totals only \$16,763,431 statewide, two-tenths of one percent of the total distribution in state aid to schools; and

WHEREAS, the failure to fully fund the SFRA, or to fairly distribute available state aid to schools, or to increase the amount of Under adequacy Aid has denied the students of the Green Township Public Schools the resources needed for their educational success; and

WHEREAS, the Green Township Board of Education has held regular, public discussions about the ongoing, severe underfunding in state aid to the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Green Township Board of Education has informed citizens about the lack of equity in state aid distribution through newsletters, web pages, and social media posts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green Township Board of Education does appeal to the New Jersey Commissioner of Education and the

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Governor of the State of New Jersey to put forth a spending plan that fully funds the SFRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the SFRA cannot be fully funded due to fiscal conditions, that the funds available for state aid to schools be fairly and proportionally divided per the SFRA formula; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if full redistribution is not possible this year, that sufficient additional monies be allocated to Under adequacy Aid to close the adequacy gap; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the New Jersey Commissioner of Education, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and the State Senator and State Assembly persons from Legislative District 24.

- E. Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Green Township School Calendar. (attachment)
- F. Motion to approve a donation from the Green Township Board of Education, to the PTA Playground Project of \$5,000.00.
- G. Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies and approves the collective negotiations Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated January 12, 2017 between the Board and the Green Township Education Association for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 (attached). The MOA is inclusive of Schedule A – Extra Curricular Activities, but exclusive of the salary guides. This MOA, was previously ratified by the Association and which is on file in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Board authorizes its Board President to execute an appropriate successor collective negotiations agreement upon approval of the form of same by the Board's Labor Counsel.

**Motion to approve Board Business items A thru G made by Mr. Ernst, second by Mrs. Cooke.
Motion carried as follows:**

	Dr. C	JC	AMC	MRF	JOG	MPR	JE	DKJ	NHD
Yes	X	X	A-E,G	X		X	X	A1,B-F	X
No			F						

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Abstain								A2 & G	
Absent					X				

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CURRICULUM – Mr. O’Gorman, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve proposed field trip(s) for the 2016-2017 school year as per the attached schedule. (attachment)
2. Motion to approve the following request(s) to attend a professional conference:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Costs</u>	
Michael Scott	Introduction to Personalized Learning in Phys. Ed.	PE Central Professional Development / Online Course	Spring 2017	Registration Mileage Total	\$99.00 N/A \$99.00
Beverly Meyer	DOE Mandatory Training for PARCC Assessment	NJ Dept. of Education / Whippany, NJ	2/17/17	Registration Mileage Total	None \$17.05 \$17.05

**Motion to approve Curriculum items 1 & 2 made by Dr. Cercone, second by Mr. Fox.
Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote with Mr. Gorman being absent.**

B. OPERATIONS – Mr. Fox, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 for a total of \$1,143,293.82. (attachment)
2. Motion to approve the attached disbursements for February 2017 from the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$1,275.00 and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$26.35. (attachment)

January 2017 Financial Reports (attachment)

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3. Motion to accept the Board Secretary's monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d) that as of January 31, 2017 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A-22-8 and 18A-22-8.1.
4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 the Green Township School District Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports certify that as of January 31, 2017 and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2. and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
5. Motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January 2017
6. Motion to approve transfers for January 2017
7. Motion to acknowledge that the water testing has been done and we are working with RK Occupational & Environmental Analysis for the sampling, testing and flushing of the water system. Report to follow.
8. Motion to retroactively approve a new bus stop on GHS Bus Route #18 at 21 Sutton Road.
9. Motion to approve the school related activities quoted contract, QFTLAK17, with Lakeland Bus Lines for the field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art as follows:

Route	Destination	Basis of the quote	Cost per bus	Total Cost
FTLK1	Museum of Art	2-55 passngr.busses	\$825.00	\$1,650.00

Note: This motion is only necessary if the corresponding field trip on this agenda is approved.
10. Motion to retroactively approve the following out-of-district tuitions for the 2016-2017 school year:

Student #010412: PSD class, Merriam Avenue School, Newton, NJ. Tuition is \$3,340.20, and additional services will be \$150.00.

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Student #090712: PSD class, Merriam Avenue School, Newton, NJ. Tuition is \$11,134.00 and additional services will be \$500.00.

Student #061912: PSD class, Merriam Avenue School, Newton, NJ. Tuition is \$11,134.00 and additional services will be \$1,000.00.

11. Motion to accept donation from RoNetco ShopRite in the amount of \$250.00 as a thank you for participating in the 2016 Holiday Music Program to be allocated to student activities account for the music program.
12. Motion to retroactively approve the following extended school year program tuitions for the summer of 2016:

Student #010412: Merriam Avenue School, Newton, NJ. PSD program runs from 7/5/16 to 8/4/16 from 8:00 until 10:00. Tuition is \$1,091.60.

Students #061912: Merriam Avenue School, Newton, NJ. PSD program runs from 7/5/16 to 8/4/16 from 8:00 until 10:00. Tuition is \$1,091.60 and additional services will be \$75.00

Student #120798: Newton High School, Newton, NJ. Tuition is \$900.00.

Student #052097: Newton High School, Newton, NJ. Tuition is \$1,800.00 and additional services will be \$850.27.

Student #041700: Newton High School, Newton, NJ. Tuition is \$1,800.00

13. Motion to approve Michael Hayes' attendance at the Basic Supervision seminar in Morristown, New Jersey on March 3, 2017. Registration will be \$119.00. Reimbursement for round trip mileage will be at \$.31/mile.
14. Motion to approve the attached resolution authorizing application for approval of educational plans, schematic plans and school facilities projects for the 2017 referendum. (attachment)

Motion Tabled

15. Motion to approve the attached proposal of services from DMR architects. (attachment)

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Motion Tabled

**Motion to approve Operations items 1 thru 13 made by Mr. Fox, second by Mr. Rose.
Motion carried as follows:**

	Dr. C	JC	AMC	MRF	JOG	MPR	JE	DKJ	NHD
Yes	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
No			AIL Checks						
Abstain									
Absent					X				

Operations items 14 & 15 were tabled.

C. PERSONNEL – Jonathan Ernst, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve Mrs. Kelli McKeown as the Assistant Drama Director for the 2016-2017 school year as per the 2016-2019 contract rate, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion to approve Personnel item 1 made by Mrs. Cooke, second by Mr. Ernst. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote with Mr. Gorman being absent.

2. Motion to approve Ms. Sarah Franchino as the Computer Club Advisor for the 2016-2017 school year as per the 2016-2019 contract rate, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion to approve Personnel item 2 made by Mrs. Cooke, second by Mr. Ernst. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote with Mr. Gorman being absent.

3. Motion to approve Mrs. Janis Martz as the Track & Field Assistant Coach for the 2017 spring season as per the 2016-2019 contract rate, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion to approve Personnel item 3 made by Mrs. Cooke, second by Mr. Ernst. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote with Mr. Gorman being absent.

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4. Motion to approve Wendy Kaplan and Kristen Kondratick as Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year pending receipt of their Criminal History Background Check transfer approvals, as recommended by the Superintendent.
5. Motion to approve Amanda Donner-Russinko as a Part-Time Teacher Assistant for the 2016-2017 school year at the rate of \$14.00 per hour to begin as soon as possible, pending receipt of her Criminal History Background Check Approval, as recommended by the Superintendent.
6. Motion to approve Jason Saavedra as a Substitute Custodian for the 2016-2017 school year at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, pending receipt of his Criminal History Background Check approval, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion to approve Personnel items 4 thru 6 made by Mrs. Cooke, second by Mr. Ernst. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote with Mr. Gorman being absent.

D. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – Jennifer Cinotti, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the following revised policy and regulation:

P1510	Americans with Disabilities Act
R1510	Americans with Disabilities Act

Motion to approve revisions to Policy and Regulation item 1 made by Mrs. Cinotti, second by Mrs. Jones. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote with Mr. Gorman being absent.

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS

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Mr. Scott Guzzo thanked the Board of Education for their support of the playground.

XII. CLOSED MEETING MOTION

There was no closed session.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Ernst, second by Mrs. Cooke. Motion verbally approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sallyann McCarty
Board Secretary