

**GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Ernst, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm 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	present
Mrs.	Denise Kelly-Jones	DKJ	present
Mr.	John O’Gorman	JOG	present
Mr.	Noah Haiduc-Dale	NHD	arrived @7:40pm
Mr.	Michael Rose	MPR	absent
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. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION – Mr. Cohen

Mr. Cohen reported that he attended the NJ State Police Bomb Squad presentation and recommended that the district revise its policy.

III. CORRESPONDENCE – Mrs. McCarty

We received two letters regarding confidential student investigations.

IV. 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.

Playground update: meeting with playground committee with a list of items; will present to Board of Education. We have check coming from Green Township Seniors.

V. VARIOUS REPORTS

A. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE – Mrs. Cooke

**January 3, 2017
Newton BOE Office**

Reorganization Meeting:

Oath to Elected/Re-elected Members: Edward Caffrey
Raymond Morris
Anthony Neggers II

Election of Officers: Stella Dunn – President
Jessica Egner – Vice-President

Superintendent's Report:

Introduced proposed *Resolution on Underfunding in State Aid to Schools* for consideration on future agenda.

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Meeting with County Crisis Team on February 1 regarding county plan update.

SBA/Board Secretary's Report: Additional access points purchased, awaiting installation.

Board Business: Authorized the BA to execute all documents necessary required to install an antenna at the Newton Police Station to improve communications between police and school district at a cost of \$4,285.

Committee of the Whole: Completed Board Certification Program, *Strength Finders 2.0*, with NJSBA Field Representatives Jane Kershner and Kathleen Helewa.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7 pm.

B. PTA UPDATE – Mrs. Jones

- Tricky tray donations coming in
- Three positions open for new year
- Valentine Day dance on February 10th

C. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Ernst

Mr. Ernst had a brief update on negotiations.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Nittolo

School:

- On Jan. 6th an Inspirational concert for 20Time performed by Luna Xu and Jenna Scerbo
- Jan. 9th professional development with Ann Marie Van Sickle for K-4 and 5-8 for Math (resources and standards).
- Financial literacy standards are being addressed and revisited (21st Century Life and Careers)
- Cyber safety presentation to our staff on Jan. 16th, parent meeting tentatively set for Feb. 13th and student meetings on Thursday, Feb. 16th
- **NJECC: Eight faculty members attended: "Are You Ready for the Future of Education?"** - January 10, 2017, there will be over 100 presentations and workshops.
- Met with two students regarding their 20time project on creating a game of the history of GHS
- Coaches attended financial literacy workshop on Jan. 13th at LVRHS

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- -Kdg. Orientation to be held Jan. 18th and 19th
- MLK Jr. PD in-service day: 18 offerings
- Crossfit kids begins in March (first posting in News and Notes)
- 3 HIB investigation: 2 founded regarding perceived characteristics (appearance/behavior) and 1 unfounded

Community:

- Green Twp. Senior Citizen meet and greet- GHS state of the union and vision with a donation to the playground project-Jan. 24
- New website for Re: Thinking movie www.rethinkingmovie.com

NJDOE:

- Final nonpublic security program sent to county office for final approval
- Certified school choice numbers for next year on NJ Homeroom: 49 students- an increase of 3
- Mid-year budget review with County Supt. and County BA on Jan. 5th
- Personal/relative financial disclosure statement due to NJDOE by April 30th of each year completed
- Embargoed Anti-bullying Bill of rights information delivered- - once cleared, must be shared at BOE meeting and posted on our website (cleared and will be posted prior to Jan. 25th and presented at BOE meeting)
- IDEA-B GREEN TOWNSHIP -- 2017 IDEA Consolidated Application/Amendment has received final approval from the Office of Grants Management.

Building:

- Orange safety bars distributed around the building for lockdown purposes
- Additional Shatter resistant film being applied

NJDOE:

- Preparing the Special Education Medicaid Initiative Fiscal Year 2018 Revenue Projections (SEMI)- we request a waiver as we do not have 40 eligible students
- Completed the School ethics commission's financial disclosure statement
- SEPAC: Spec Ed Parent Advisory Comm. to meet Jan 19th (also meets our requirement for ESEA accountability plan)
- The 2017 NCLB Consolidated application for your school district has been approved by the New Jersey Department of Education on 1/19/2017 12:27:05 PM
- Evaluation Score certification tool completed 1/20/17

Meetings:

- Attended Supt. Roundtable meeting Jan. 20

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

- Roof leaks above Child Study and Building & Grounds rooms, also the hallway,
- Will have to go out for referendum this year for funding these repairs,
- New phone system – money left in lease/purchase to proceed,
- Nothing that requires finger-printing for re-elected board members.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VIII. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular meeting of December 21, 2016.
2. Executive session meeting of December 21, 2016.
3. Reorganization meeting of January 4, 2017.

B. Motion to affirm the Superintendent's decisions regarding HIB incidents as reported to the Board of Education on December 21, 2016.

C. Motion to approve official release of the 2015-2016 Self-Assessment School Grade Report for Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. (attachment)

**Motion to approve Board Business items A thru C made by Mrs. Cooke, second by Mr. Fox.
Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote with Mr. Rose being absent.**

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CURRICULUM – Mr. O’Gorman, Chairperson

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1. Motion to approve proposed field trips for the 2016-2017 school year as per the attached schedule. (attachment)
2. Motion to retroactively approve a field trip from January 10, 2017. (attachment)
3. 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>	
Debbie Ronsini	SHAPE America National Convention & Expo	Society of Health & Physical Educators / Boston, MA	3/16/17 & 3/17/17	Registration	\$360.00
				Mileage	\$163.68
				Total	\$523.68

Motion to approve Curriculum items 1 thru 3 made by Mr. O’Gorman, second by Mrs. Cinotti. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote with Mr. Rose being absent.

B. OPERATIONS – Mr. Fox, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017 for a total of \$1,794,992.66. (attachment)
2. Motion to approve the attached disbursements for January 2017 from the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$9,924.59 and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$24.80. (attachment)

December 2016 Financial Reports (attachment)

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 December 31, 2016 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 December 31, 2016 and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund

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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 December 2016.
6. Motion to approve transfers for December 2016
7. Motion to accept donation of \$500 from ExxonMobil volunteer George Fajvan to be allocated to the Class of 2018.

The Board thanked Mr. Fajvan for his donation.

8. Motion to approve David H. Miller, Jr. to attend the New Jersey School Buildings and Grounds Expo 2017 in Atlantic City on March 13th thru 15th 2017. Reimbursement for overnight lodging, (State Waiver) on March 13 and 14 only; mileage and tolls with receipts.

Registration	\$200.00
*Lodging Federal per diem rate not to exceed \$99/night for 2 nights	\$198.00
Food & Misc. (1 full, 2 partial) (federal per diem rate for meals & incidental expenses –\$64.00 for full day, \$48.00 for the first and last day of travel)	\$160.00

Mileage reimbursement round trip to Atlantic City will be paid at the rate of \$.31 per mile. Parking and tolls will be reimbursed with a receipt.

*Lodging can exceed the federal per diem rate if the presenting association selects a hotel that they deem to be the conference hotel/headquarters.

9. Motion to retroactively approve the 16-17 tuition contract from July 1, 2016 for multiple disabled student #120798 as follows; Teacher Assistant Services \$47,914.12; ABA Services \$7,700.00 and Speech Services \$500.00 for total of \$56,114.12. Extended Year and social skills to be determined and billed separately. Tuition for this student is billed as regular education.
10. Motion to retroactively approve the 16-17 tuition contract from July 1, 2016 for

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multiple disabled student #041700 as follows; Tuition \$18,000.00; Teacher Assistant Services \$8,761.15; Occupational Therapy \$2,250.00; Physical Therapy Services \$2,975.00 and Speech Services \$1,000.00 for a total of \$32,986.15. Extended Year to be determined and billed separately.

11. Motion to retroactively approve the 16-17 tuition contract from July 1, 2016 for multiple disabled student #052097 as follows; Tuition \$18,000.00; Teacher Assistant Services \$24,487.68; Occupational Therapy \$1,125.00; ABA Services \$733.33 and Speech Services \$2,000.00 for a total of \$46,346.01. Extended Year and translation into Spanish to be determined and billed separately.
12. Motion to accept the donation of \$6,761.80 from the PTA for the purchase of 24 chromebooks, licenses and chromebook cart.
13. Motion to approve the IDEA Consolidated 16-17 amended application to include Basic carry over amounts for 14-15 and 15-16 as follows:

Original 16-17 Basic award	\$123,646.00
Non Public 14-15 Basic carry over	\$ 4,261.00
Non Public 15-16 Basic carry over	\$ 2,299.00
Total for 16-17 Basic	\$130,206.00

Note: Non Public 14-15 becomes public funds. Non Public 15-16 remain as Non Public funds.

14. Motion to approve district professional development travel and expenditure/ reimbursement for Diana Minervini-Hayde to attend the Broadway Teachers' Workshop July 6th – 8th, 2017 located in New York, NY, in accordance with Green Township Board of Education Expense Policy #6471 and A-5 for the following amounts:

Registration	\$699.00
Lodging Federal per diem rate not to exceed \$239/night for 3 nights	\$717.00
Food & Misc. Expenses \$185.00 each(1 full, 2 partial) (federal per diem rate for meals & incidental expenses –\$74.00 for full day, \$55.50 for the first and last day of travel)	\$172.50

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Mileage reimbursement round trip to New York City or train station will be paid at the rate of \$.31 per mile. Train fare, parking and tolls will be reimbursed with a receipt.

15. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Green Township Education Association and the Green Township Board of Education dated 1/12/17.
Motion tabled.

**Motion to approve Operations items 1 thru 14 made by Mr. Fox, second by Mrs. Cinotti.
Motion carried as follows:**

	Dr. C	JC	AMC	MRF	JOG	MPR	JE	DKJ	NHD
Yes	X	X	2-14	X	X		X	X	X
No			to multiple household AIL checks						
Abstain									
Absent						X			

C. PERSONNEL – Jonathan Ernst, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve a long-term replacement, non-tenure track Substitute Teacher beginning January 30th or later TBD for either Lisa Guzzo and/or Nichole Petrillo upon recommendation by the Superintendent.
2. Motion to approve Terrie Rosania as a Substitute Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year, pending approval of her Criminal History Background Check Transfer Request, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**Motion to approve Personnel items 1 and 2 made by Mr. Ernst, second by Mrs. Kelly-Jones.
Motion carried as follows:**

	Dr. C	JC	AMC	MRF	JOG	MPR	JE	DKJ	NHD
Yes	X	X	1	X	X		X	X	X
No									
Abstain			2						

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Absent						X			
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D. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – Jennifer Cinotti, Chairperson

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 2/1/2017 at 6pm.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS

This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on issues for Board consideration. 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. Members of the public are asked to state their name and address for the record.

Mr. Haiduc-Dale working on getting Centenary College to do a presentation on the “Rethinking” documentary.

XI. CLOSED MEETING MOTION

The Board of Education of the Green Township School District in the County of Sussex will adjourn into closed meeting to discuss item(s) which fall within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits the Board to have private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in

- a. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule
- b. Individual privacy
- c. Collective bargaining agreements
- d. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- f. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- g. Pending or anticipated litigation
- h. Attorney-client privilege
- i. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential due to the nature of pending or anticipated litigation, attorney-client privilege and personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee privilege. Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be

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made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing item (b) individual privacy; item (c) collective bargaining agreement; item (e) investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected; and item (h) attorney-client privilege made by Mr. Ernst, second by Mrs. Cooke.

Motion verbally approved by all.

Board entered into executive session at 8:21pm.

XII. RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT

The Board came out of Executive session and adjourned the meeting at 9:19pm. Motion made by Mr. Ernst, second by Mrs. Cooke.

Motion verbally approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sallyann McCarty
Board Secretary