

# GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

## Regular Meeting & Budget Workshop

January 21, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Green Hills School - Library

### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. FLAG SALUTE

#### B. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

“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

		Term	Roll Call
Mrs.	Marie Bilik	2026	
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke	2027	
Mrs.	Alyssa Eisner	2027	
Mrs.	Heather Ellersick	2027	
Mrs.	Amy Jones	2028	
Mrs.	Kristin Korpos	2028	
Mrs.	Maureen McGuire	2026	
Mrs.	Kristin Post	2028	
Dr.	Melissa Vela	2026	
Dr.	Jennifer Cenatiempo, Superintendent		
Mrs.	Karen Constantino, SBA		

#### D. Mission

Green Township School District educates every student to become a confident and caring life-long learner who communicates effectively and contributes positively to the evolving needs of society. The district, in partnership with the community, promotes academic excellence and equitable opportunities for all students.

**E. 2025-2026 District Goals**

Goal 1: Bolster student performance in Mathematics through an efficient use of intervention and support, data collection and analysis, and grade level attention to skill development for all students.

Goal 2: Bolster student performance in English Language Arts through an efficient use of intervention and support, data collection and analysis, and grade level attention to skill development for all students.

Goal 3: Amplify the good through connectivity and belonging for all students by focusing attention on positive attributes, understanding challenges through the student lens, and empowering student voices and perspectives.

Goal 4: Analyze current and projected trajectory of fixed and known budget related data and develop a strategic plan to address short term financial stability in the district and longitudinal analysis to generate a financial forecast.

**II. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation from Mr. Kyle Sweepenhiser-Tremco Construction Products Group
- B. Presentation from Mr. Bollette on the SSDS report for July 2025 - December 2025
- C. Presentation from Mr. Bollette on HIB report for July 2025 to December 2025
- D. Presentation from Mr. Bollette on DLM Results from NJSLA 2025
- E. Preliminary Budget Workshop presented by Dr. Cenatiempo

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

**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 is 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.

**V. VARIOUS REPORTS**

- A. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE - Mrs. Cooke

B. PTA UPDATE - Mrs. Post

C. SCESC UPDATE - Mrs. Bilik

D. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Mrs. Eisner

E. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Mrs. Bilik

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Dr. Cenatiempo

HIB: There are 0 founded HIB to report since the last BOE meeting.

Drills: Fire Drill - 1/8/26

Security Drill - 12/18/25

G. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT - Mrs. Constantino

**VI. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS**

**VII. BOARD BUSINESS - Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke**

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

- 1. Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2026. (Attachment)

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

- 2. Executive Session of the Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2026.

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

B. Motion to accept the HIB report from the January 5, 2026 agenda.

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

C. Motion to accept the following motion in honor of the NJSBA Board Recognition Month for the Green Township Board of Education.

**School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey, January 2026**

**WHEREAS,** The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2026 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS,** The Green Township Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS,** The Green Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

**WHEREAS,** School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Green Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2026 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Green Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the advancement of our children’s education.

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

D. Motion to accept the following Board of Education Committee appointments for the 2026 school year.

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

**Curriculum Committee**

Alyssa Eisner (chair)  
Kristin Korpos  
Maureen McGuire

**Operations Committee**

Maureen McGuire (chair)  
Amy Jones  
Dr. Melissa Vela

**Finance Committee**

Ann Marie Cooke (chair)  
Heather Ellersick  
Kristin Post

**Personnel Committee**

Kristin Post (chair)  
Ann Marie Cooke  
Dr. Melissa Vela

**Policy Committee**

Amy Jones (chair)  
Heather Ellersick  
Kristin Korpos

**Negotiations Committee**

Ann Marie Cooke (chair)  
Marie Bilik  
Heather Ellersick  
Maureen McGuire

**Sick Bank (Ad-hoc)**

Marie Bilik  
Ann Marie Cooke  
Dr. Melissa Vela

**Tri-District Committee**

Ann Marie Cooke (chair)  
Marie Bilik  
Maureen McGuire  
Kristin Post

**Tuition Committee (Ad-hoc)**

Marie Bilik  
Ann Marie Cooke  
Heather Ellersick  
Kristin Post

New Jersey School Boards Legislative Chairperson: Alyssa Eisner  
New Jersey School Boards Representative: Ann Marie Cooke  
Newton Board of Education Representative: Ann Marie Cooke  
Sussex County School Boards Representative: Dr. Melissa Vela  
Educational Services Commission of Morris County: Amy Jones  
Educational Services Commission of Sussex County: Marie Bilik (Amy Jones-alternate)  
PTA Liaison: Rotating (Ellersick, Jones, Post)  
Representatives to Township Committee: Rotating to Appropriate Chair

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

E. Motion to approve the Revised Board Meeting Schedule (attachment).

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

F. Motion to approve the online NJSBA LEAD Master Class Series Bundle at a cost of \$249/per board member for the following individuals:

Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke  
Mrs. Heather Ellersick

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **CURRICULUM** - Mrs. Alyssa Eisner, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the following professional development request(s):

<b><u>Staff Member</u></b>	<b><u>Conference Name</u></b>	<b><u>Provider/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Costs</u></b>
Mike Housel	NJSBGA Annual Conference	Harrah’s Resort 777 Harrah’s Blvd Atlantic City, NJ	3/23/26- 3/24/26	Registration Fee \$350.00 Accommodations \$100.00 Miles/Tolls/Park \$131.60 Total Cost \$581.60

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve the following field trips:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Trip</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Kelli McKeown Amanda DiSanti Karen Smith	2nd	Fairy Tale Forest	140 Oak Ridge Road Oak Ridge NJ	5/21/26	No cost to the BOE
Beth Denuto	8th	Government Day	Green Tsp Municipal Bldg 150 Kennedy Road Green Tsp, NJ	4/20/26	Transportation \$350.00
Sandy Franciosi Sue Miller	5th	Mesmerized The Ben Franklin Story	The Growing Stage 7 Ledgewood Ave Netcong, NJ 07857	3/18/26	F&R \$72.87

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

3. Motion to approve Newton High School Theater’s preview of Shrek the Musical to perform at Green Hills School on March 13, 2026.

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

**B. FINANCE - Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke, Chairperson**

**December 2025 Financial Reports (attachment)**

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for December 11, 2025 through January 21, 2026 for a total of \$2,030,563.54 (attachment)

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

2. Motion to accept the Board Secretary’s monthly certification, as attached, and that as of December 31, 2025, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)3.

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 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, 2025 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:23-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

4. Motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December, 2025.

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

5. Motion to approve transfers for December, 2025.

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

6. Motion to approve the disbursements from December 11, 2025 through January 21, 2026 for the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$492.00, Cafeteria Account of \$0.00, and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$0.00. (Attachment)

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

7. Motion to approve a one time, five hundred dollar (\$500.00) payment, to The Art Project LLC in Sparta, New Jersey, using Title IA Homeless Reserve funds for services to be rendered.

Motion..... Second.....  
/Roll Call/

**C. OPERATIONS - Mrs. Maureen McGuire, Chairperson**

**D. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Kristin Post, Chairperson**

1. Motion to approve the revised the maternity disability leave for employee #1132, beginning January 5, 2026. The leave will utilize zero sick days, and will be unpaid. The employee is eligible for up to 12 weeks of NJFLA, which will be based on the date of birth. The return to work date is anticipated to be June 1, 2026.

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve the leave of absence for employee #0707, unpaid, beginning January 5, 2026 with a return date of March 30, 2026. The leave will utilize zero sick days. FMLA and NJFLA will run concurrently starting January 5, 2026.

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

3. Motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Deanna Livigne, effective December 14, 2025,

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

4. Motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Scott Rosselli, effective January 9, 2026

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

5. Motion to approve Patrick Elliott as a per diem substitute custodian, for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$20.00 an hour with no medical benefits, pending criminal history, background check and paperwork, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

6. Motion to retroactively approve the transfer for Sheridan Runne from part-time Special

Education Elementary School teacher, at an annual salary of \$53,003.97, (FTE .81 of \$65,437) prorated, 29.75 hours a week, without benefits, January 5, 2026 to January 11, 2026, to Full-Time Kindergarten teacher, with benefits effective January 12, 2026 through the end of the 25-26 school year at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion . . . . . Second . . . . .  
/Roll Call/

- 7. Motion to approve Chris Spiegler as a substitute School Security Officer, for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$37.38/hour with no medical benefits, pending criminal history, background check and paperwork, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion . . . . . Second . . . . .  
/Roll Call/

- 8. Motion to approve Mr. Rick Van Haste to enroll in the CDL Class C-School Bus driving course through EZ Wheels Driving School Inc., at a course cost of \$2,500, payable by the GTBOE.

Motion . . . . . Second . . . . .  
/Roll Call/

- 9. Motion to approve Rebecca Monahan as part time paraprofessional for the 25/26 school year at a rate of \$15.92 an hour plus \$.50 per hour for substitute credential plus \$1.00 per hour due to the required use of specified training techniques for students with significant needs at the discretion of the superintendent as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement for a final rate of \$17.42 an hour at the recommendation of the superintendent.

Motion . . . . . Second . . . . .  
/Roll Call/

- 10. Motion to approve the transfer of Samantha Jennings from full time evening custodian to full time day custodian effective Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the recommendation of the superintendent.

Motion . . . . . Second . . . . .  
/Roll Call/

- 11. Motion to approve Joan Dolan as part-time K/1/2 special education teacher for the 25/26 school year at a rate of \$65,437, prorated based on time worked at the recommendation of the superintendent. This position is not tenure-track and does not include benefits.

Motion ..... Second .....  
/Roll Call/

**E. POLICY - Mrs. Amy Jones, Chairperson**

1. Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies.

P & R 7510 Facility Use  
P 0142.1 Nepotism

Motion ..... Second .....  
/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve the Facility Use Application for the 25/26 school year.

Motion ..... Second .....  
/Roll Call/

**F. NEWTON TUITION COMMITTEE**

**XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS**

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**XII. CLOSED MEETING**

Closed Meeting Motion was read by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Motion..... Second.....

Roll Call/

**XIII. RECONVENE**

Motion to reconvene into public session at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

**XIV. BOARD COMMENTS**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion that the Board of Education shall adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

Motion..... Second.....

/Roll Call/

**Next Meeting Date:**

February 18, 2026

**Vision**

Empower students and staff to embrace their individual strengths in a safe, supportive environment that fosters a love of learning while pursuing their full potential.