

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Regular Meeting & Budget Workshop

February 18, 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 and budget workshop 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. Finance Training - Kelly Mitchell, NJSBA Field Services Representative

III. CLOSED MEETING

Closed Meeting Motion was read by _____ at _____ pm.

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Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing _____

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

Roll Call/

IV. RECONVENE

Motion to reconvene into public session at _____pm.

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

/Roll Call/

V. PRESENTATIONS

Budget Presentation presented by Dr. Cenatiempo

Mid-Year District Goals Update presented by Dr. Cenatiempo

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS

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VIII. 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 1 unfounded HIB to report since the last BOE meeting.

Drills: Fire Drill - None to Report at this time

Security Drill - 1/23/26, 2/17/26

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

IX. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

X. BOARD BUSINESS - Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

- 1. Regular and Budget Workshop Meeting of January 21, 2026. (Attachment)

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

/Roll Call/

- 2. Executive Session of the Regular and Budget Workshop Meeting of January 21, 2026.

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

/Roll Call/

B. Motion to accept the HIB report of 0 HIB from the January 21, 2026 agenda.

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

/Roll Call/

- C. Motion to approve the rates from the Sussex County Educational Services Commission for the 2026-2027 school year, reflecting a 3% increase from 2025-2026 school year (attachment).

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

/Roll Call/

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Alyssa Eisner, Chairperson

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

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Costs</u>
Tiffany Lutz	Understanding Non-Suicidal Self Injury	Virtual	2/4/26	Conference: \$60.00
Cori Harrington Marlene Sobczak	NJSLA Mandatory Training	Virtual	2/12/26	No Cost to the BOE
Patti Hannemann	NJSLA Training FAQ Review, ID Mgmt., and Validations	Virtual	2/18/26 2/24/26 4/29/26	No Cost to the BOE
Meganne Secola	BIG 5 Pyramid Model Practices & Integrating Related Services in Pre-K Gen Ed Classrooms	Virtual	3/24/26 and 3/27/26	No Cost to the BOE

Tiffany Lutz	Preschool Inclusion Leadership Conference	Mercer County Community College	4/23/26	Conference Mileage/Tolls	\$45.00 \$66.28
Kathleen Wolfe	Treatment of Childhood Apraxia: A Practical Guide	Warren County Speech Language Hearing Assoc Farmstead Golf & Country Club 88 Lawrence Road Lafayette, NJ	5/12/26	Workshop Mileage	\$100.00 \$3.76
Lori Homentosky	Increasing ELA Learning, GR 6 - 12	BER - Remote	3/9 & 10/26	Workshop To be paid through Title I	\$595.00

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>
Kyle Mirena Kristen Grzymko	7th & 8th SOAR	Drone Competition Practice with Sussex Tech High School's team	Sussex Tech 105 N. Church Rd Sparta, NJ	3/5/26	Transportation \$200.00
Christine Malloy Ashley Van Haste Casey Kayser Lori Homentosky	7th	Alegrias La Nacional Spanish Food and Cultural Immersion	239 W. 14th Street NYC, NY	3/10/26	Transportation \$2,015.00
Justin Wynne Kyle Mirena Diana Minervini Jen Richardson	8th	Teen Arts Trip	SCCC 1 College Hill Rd Newton, NJ	3/10/26	Transportation \$235.00
Kyle Mirena Kristen Grzymko	7th & 8th SOAR	Skills USA Drone Competition	Sussex Tech 105 N. Church Rd Sparta, NJ	3/14/26	No Cost to BOE
Lori Homentoski	8th NJHS	Weekend Bag Warehouse	248 Brighton Rd Andover, NJ	3/18/26	Transportation \$350.00
Christine Malloy Brian Martin Beth Denuto	8th	Riviera Maya Restaurant	116 Route 46 Rockaway, NJ	3/19/26	Transportation \$225.00
Christine Malloy Catherine Nowaczyk Alison Weatherwalks	6th	Riviera Maya Restaurant	116 Route 46 Rockaway, NJ	3/25/26	Transportation \$450.00

Tara LaValley Lisa Sprofera Ashley Van Haste	1st	Sussex County Fair Grounds	37 Plains Road Augusta, NJ	4/21/26	Transportation \$550.00
Tara LaValley Lisa Sprofera Ashley Van Haste	1st	Turtle Back Zoo	560 Northfield Ave West Orange, NJ	5/11/26	Transportation \$900.00
Kelli McKeown Amanda DiSanti Karen Smith	2nd				
Kyle Mirena Kristen Grzymko	Select 8th	Solar Sprint Races	Hershfield Park Pompton Lakes, NJ	5/19/26	Transportation \$495.00
Marybeth Stiles Lori Homentosky	7th	Newton High School	44 Ryerson Ave Newton, NJ	6/11/26	Transportation \$250.00
Beth Holley Jessica Giller Brianna Colianni	4th	Sterling Mine	30 Plant Street Ogdensburg, NJ	6/11/26	Transportation \$300.00
Alison Weatherwalks Catherine Nowaczyk Justin Wynne Amy Cole Kimberly Pennington	6th	Camp Mason	23 Birch Ridge Rd Hardwick, NJ	10/27-29/26	Transportation \$1,000.00

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

/Roll Call/

- Motion to approve the revised Math Curriculum (attached).

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

/Roll Call/

- Motion to approve Newton High School Theatre’s preview of Shrek, The Musical to be performed at Green Hills School on Friday, March 13, 2026.

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

/Roll Call/

- Motion to approve the Sussex County Miner's Baseball Reading Assembly for Prek-5th grade students date TBD in the 2025-2026 school year..

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

- 6. Motion to approve the Extended School Year Program for the 26/27 school year for identified learners on the following dates from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

7/6/26, 7/7/26, 7/8/26, 7/9/26, 7/10/26
7/13/26, 7/14/26, 7/15/26, 7/16/26, 7/17/26
7/20/26, 7/21/26, 7/22/26, 7/23/26, 7/24/26
7/27/26, 7/28/26, 7/29/26, 7/30/26, 7/31/26

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

- 7. Motion to approve the Preschool Integrated Program for the 26/27 school year at a rate of \$7,500 per general education student. Preschool will run from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm.

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

- 8. Motion to approve the Preschool Disabilities Program for the 26/27 school year. Preschool Disabilities Program will run from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm.

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

B. FINANCE - Mrs. Kristin Post, Chairperson

January 2026 Financial Reports (attachment)

- 1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for January 22, 2026 through February 18, 2026 for a total of \$1,316,031.59 (attachment)

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

- Motion to accept the Board Secretary’s monthly certification, as attached, and that as of January 31, 2026, 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/

- 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 January 31, 2026 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/

- Motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January, 2026.

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

- Motion to approve transfers for January , 2026.

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

- Motion to approve the disbursements from January 22, 2026 through February 18, 2026 for the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$659.68, Cafeteria Account of \$0.00, and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$0.00. (Attachment)

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

- Motion to approve the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides for school district participation requirements related to the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) and permits districts to request a waiver of the requirement to optimize SEMI participation under specified circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has provided the District with its SEMI projection for the subsequent school year; and

WHEREAS, based upon the NJDOE projection, the District is projected to have forty (40) or fewer Medicaid-eligible classified students for the subsequent school year; and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the anticipated SEMI reimbursement relative to administrative and operational requirements and has determined that submission of a waiver request is appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Green Township authorizes the Chief School Administrator and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to prepare and submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools a written request for waiver of the requirement to optimize SEMI participation for School Year 2026-2027, consistent with NJDOE guidance and applicable regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the administration to submit all supporting documentation required for ECS review, including this resolution, the NJDOE projection information, and any cost-benefit analysis or other reliable evidence used to support the request.

FY 2027 Reimbursement Revenue Projection

Medicaid-Eligible/Special Education Student Count per NJSLEDS 10/15/25 snapshot	15
District Projected Reimbursement Revenue:	\$6,382.80
District Budgeted Reimbursement Revenue Requirement:	\$5,744.52

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

8. Motion to approve the revisions of the Title grants as follows.

Title IA - Staff to be compensated at their hourly rate of pay for the extended day learning instruction.

Title IA - Reassign funds to pay for \$600 staff professional development request in ELA

Title IA - Non-Public - Funds to be used to support the hire of a paraprofessional.

Title IV A - Additional \$931 in materials to support well rounded instruction in art, music, library and STEM.

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

9. Motion to approve the extraordinary services for student id #2353 attending Windsor School at a rate of \$270/day for a 1:1 paraprofessional, for 86 days, through the end of the 25-26SY, a total cost of \$23,220.00

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

10. Motion to approve the contract renewal with the Health Source Group for the 2026-2027 school year. HSG provides nurses, office staff, float staffing, bus runs, resource rooms teachers, paraprofessionals, PT and OT services; contract, rates and terms attached.

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

11. Motion to approve \$1,000 to be used from cafeteria enterprise fund for the purpose of providing a free fruit basket to all students in the cafeteria daily through the end of the 25/26 school year.

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

12. Motion to revise the IDEA grant for Non Public Carryover funds:

Basic: \$3,927 of funds to be used to support the hire of a paraprofessional for students with ISPs.

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

- 13. Motion to withdraw funds from the maintenance reserve for required maintenance of the school roofs for the following:

Roof Drain Replacement - \$23,050.03
TremCare Roof Maintenance Program - \$6,315.36
Infrared Scan of Roof areas 1,2,3,7,9,10,11 - \$4,940.87

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

C. OPERATIONS - Mrs. Maureen McGuire, Chairperson

- 1. Motion to approve Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI), a subsidiary of Tremco, Incorporated, to provide a fully documented infrared scan of roof areas 1,2,3,7,9,10 & 11 at Green Hills School (area is 28,572 square feet). The project cost is \$4,940.87, bid under ESCNJ Contract# Roofing & Envelope Service Bid-ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op #65MCESCCPS). Funds to be paid out of the maintenance reserve. (Attachment)

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

- 2. Motion to approve Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.’s quote 5071191 to replace four complete roof drains. The project cost is \$23,050.03, bid under ESCNJ Contract# Roofing & Envelope Service Bid-ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op #65MCESCCPS). Funds to be paid out of the maintenance reserve.(Attachment)

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

- 3. Motion to approve Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.’s TremCare Gold roof management program which includes:Annual Roof Inspection, 24-hour Emergency Leak Response, Preventative Maintenance, Periodic Housekeeping, Reporting of Leaks into the Database, Historical Data Upload, and Yearly Roof, Facade and Exterior Building Budget, bid under ESCNJ Contract# Roofing & Envelope Service Bid-ESCNJ 23/24-30, Co-op #65MCESCCPS, at an annual cost of \$6,315.36/year for 14 roofs (78,942 sq ft.) Funds to be paid out of the maintenance reserve. (Attachment)

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

D. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Kristin Post, Chairperson

1. Motion to accept, with regrets, the retirement resignation of Beth Denuto, teacher, effective June 30, 2026, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve Caldwell University student, Katielynn Golder-Ryan, to shadow and observe elementary school teacher and speech pathologist as part of the CU communications disorders program, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

3. Motion to approve Rick VanHaste as a CDL Driver for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, with subsequent time paid in 15 minute increments, pending training, paperwork and drug testing, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

4. Motion to approve Kenneth DeGraw as a full time evening custodian for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$42,000 annually, prorated, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

5. Motion to approve Melissa Jablonski-Rosania as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2025 - 2026 school year, at a rate of \$15.92 per hour plus \$1.00 an hour for diapering, with no medical benefits, pending criminal history, background check and paperwork, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

- 6. Motion to approve the following staff members a 7th period of instruction for the 25/26 school year pro-rated to the actual number of days worked at a rate of 1/180 of the full \$5,000 annual stipend.

Mike Scott, Effective, 2/19/26
Steve Bird, Effective 2/6/26

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

- 7. Motion to approve Monerh Shaabneh’s retro pay due to substitute certification recognition:
Retro Pay (9/18/25-1/31/26) \$280.00
Adjusted Salary: \$18,390.40
Adjusted Hourly Rate: \$16.42

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

- 8. Motion to approve J&B Therapy for Social Work Services two days a week from February 19, 2026 through May 29, 2026 at a flat rate of \$86.50/hour.

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

- 9. Motion to approve Jennie Ayers, RN as substitute school nurse at the recommendation of the superintendent pending all paperwork at the nurse approved rate of \$350 a day.

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

- 10. Motion to approve Caitlyn Scrimo as preschool paraprofessional at the recommendation of the superintendent pending all paperwork at a rate of \$15.92 + \$.50 (as per CBA for certification) equaling \$16.42 an hour, for the 2025-2026 school year, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

- 11. Motion to approve Jocelyn Keppler as substitute teacher pending all required paperwork and clearances at the recommendation of the Superintendent for the 25/26 school year.

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

12. Motion to approve the Title I Extended Day Learning Program to support identified students in the Title I program to be paid from Title IA funds.

Student Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm
Dates of instruction: 3/3, 3/5, 3/10, 3/12, 3/17, 3/19, 3/24, 3/26
Staff Prep Time: 1 hour per week for planning and data analysis = 4 total hours
Total Staff Instruction and Planning Hours = 14 hours
Salary: Staff to be compensated at their hourly rate.

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

13. Motion to approve the following staff to instruct in the Title I Extended Day Learning Program at their hourly rate for a total of 14 hours per staff member.

Beth Denuto
Amanda DiSanti
Lori Homentosky
Erin Moles
Karen Smith
Alison Weatherwalks

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

E. POLICY - Mrs. Amy Jones, Chairperson

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

P 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator
P & R 1552 Sexual Harassment - Staff

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies.

P & R 7510 Facility Use
P 0142.1 Nepotism

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

F. NEWTON TUITION COMMITTEE

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

/Roll Call/

XVII. BOARD COMMENTS

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion that the Board of Education shall adjourn at _____pm.

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

/Roll Call/

Next Meeting Date:

March 4, 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.