

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Regular Meeting & Budget Workshop

March 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 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 of the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget by Dr. Jennifer Cenatiempo

B. Mid Year Update on District Goals by Dr. Jennifer Cenatiempo

III. INTRODUCE THE PRELIMINARY 2026-2027 BUDGET

ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET

2026-2027

DISTRICT NAME: Green Township School District

BOE MTG DATE: March 18, 2026

Adoption of Tentative Budget

2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2026-2027 Total Expenditures	\$14,886,206	\$170,021	\$143,931	\$15,200,158
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 2,948,275	\$170,021	\$ 48,934	\$ 3,167,230
Taxes to be Raised	\$11,937,931	\$ 0	\$94,997	\$12,032,928

And to advertise said tentative budget in the NJ Herald in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in the library at Green Hills School, New Jersey on April 29, 2026 at 7:00pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Green Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$20,000 for all staff and board members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Township School District Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the use of the Health Care Cost Adjustment of \$120,000. The purpose of this use will be to support the operations and programs of the school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Township School District Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the use of an Enrollment Adjustment of \$61,521. The purpose of this use will be to support the operations and programs of the school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Township School District Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from the maintenance reserve in the amount of \$40,000 for required maintenance items; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Township School District Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$285,000. The purpose of this withdrawal is to fund the septic tank repairs (\$100,000), roof repairs (\$150,000), and phone system upgrade (\$35,000).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the district’s maximum taxing authority is composed of:

\$ 61,521	Enrollment Adjustment
\$11,524,686	Prior Year 2025 - 2026 Current Expense Tax Levy
\$ 231,724	2% Current Expense Tax Levy Increase
\$ 120,000	Increase in Health Care Costs
\$11,937,931	Maximum District Tax Levy 2026-2027

Motion to adopt the Preliminary Budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Dr. Robert Koroski, President, Andover BOE

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 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.

VI. 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 2 unfounded HIB to report since the last BOE meeting.

Drills: Fire Drill - 2/26/26

Security Drill - 2/17/26

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

VII. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

VIII. BOARD BUSINESS - Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

- 1. Regular and Budget Workshop Meeting of February 18, 2026. (Attachment)

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

- 2. Executive Session of the Regular and Budget Workshop Meeting of February 18, 2026.

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

B. Motion to accept the HIB report from the February 18, 2026 agenda.

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

- C. 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/

- D. Motion to approve the following professional development courses for Board of Education Members:

Board Member Name	Course	Cost	Date
Alyssa Eisner	Women’s Leadership Conference	\$129	March 20, 2026
Heather Ellersick	Spring Virtual Conference	\$129	May 8, 2026
Heather Ellersick	Spring School Law Forum	\$299	June 11, 2026

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. 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>
Catherine Nowaczyk Lori Homentosky	The Art & Science of Teaching Reading	Centenary University 715 Grand Ave Hackettstown, NJ	3/27/26	No Cost to the BOE
Rebecca Monahan	Handle with Care Training	Leif Ruschmeyer ERI Sp Ed Teacher Stanhope School District 24 Valley Road Stanhope, NJ 07874	3/30, 3/31, or 4/1	Not to exceed \$500
Karen Constantino	NJASBO-Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	6/2, 6/3, 6/4	Mileage: OMB Rate Hotel:\$119.42/night Meals:OMB Rate Conference: \$500
Kristen Sylvester	2026 Literacy Conference	Centenary University	3/27/26	\$99

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

- Motion to approve the disbursement from the 8th grade Student Activities account for the 8th grade dance on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at a cost of \$32.00 per person, plus 20% gratuity, The \$200.00 deposit is due upon approval, payable to Farmstead Golf and Country Club/28th Hole, Inc.

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

- Motion to approve disbursement from the 8th grade Student Activities account in the amount of \$700, for the Classic Event Package from North Jersey Entertainment to provide a DJ for the 8th grade dance to be held at Farmstead Golf and Country Club. on May 27, 2026.

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

- Motion to approve the revised regular school day time for the integrated preschool and preschool disabilities programs for the 26/27 school year. The programs will run from 8:45 am to 2:45 pm. The integrated preschool and preschool disabilities programs will follow the K-8 district calendar for the 26/27 school year.

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

B. FINANCE - Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke, Chairperson

February 2026 Financial Reports (attachment)

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for February 19, 2026 through March 18, 2026 for a total of \$1,282,413.64 (attachment)

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

2. Motion to accept the Board Secretary’s monthly certification, as attached, and that as of February 28, 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/

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 February 28, 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/

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

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

5. Motion to approve transfers for February, 2026.

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

/Roll Call/

6. Motion to approve the disbursements from February 18, 2026 through March 18, 2026 for the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$5,266.97, Cafeteria Account of \$26.10, and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$0.00. (Attachment)

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

/Roll Call/

7. Motion to approve the Resolution to participate in the Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year with the Sussex County Regional Cooperative with administrative fees as follows:

Transportation For:	Administrative Fee:
Public School Students Transportation To and From	2.0%
Athletics and Field Trips	5.0%
Non-Public Routes	2.0%
Special Education School Students To and From	4.5%

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

/Roll Call/

8. Motion to approve the Agreement for Ancillary Education Services with the Sussex County Educational Support Commission Rate Sheet for the 2026-2027 school year. (Attachment).

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

/Roll Call/

C. OPERATIONS - Mrs. Maureen McGuire, Chairperson

D. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Kristin Post, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve Katielynn Golder-Ryan as a part time paraprofessional, working 3 days per week for a total of 21 hours (8:00 am - 3:00 pm). Rate of pay will be \$15.92 an hour plus \$1.00 for diapering in preschool as an additional preschool toilet stipend person, once all paperwork has been received and criminal history background check is approved, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve the following as substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year, once all paperwork has been received and criminal history background check is approved, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Jennie Ayers	Substitute Nurse
Jocelyn Keppler	Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

3. Motion to approve Beth Denuto as a mentor for Joan Dolan from March 2026 through June 2026, at a prorated stipend amount for a four month of mentorship at a rate of \$544.41 (\$1,361.03/10 months = \$136.10 per month), at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

4. Motion to appoint the following staff members for the stipend position of Sports Activity Monitor:

Erin Moles

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

5. Motion to appoint Cori Harrington as the assistant track coach for the 25/26 school year at the agreed upon CBA rate of \$1,474.88.

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

6. Motion to appoint Kristen Sylvester as the Title I Coordinator for the Extended Day Learning Program to be paid at her hourly rate not to exceed 20 hours to be funded via Title IA grant funds.

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

7. Motion to approve the revised Title I Extended Day Learning opportunity for identified learners for the following times and dates:

Schedule: Student Time - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm
Staff Time – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:15 pm – 4:35 pm
Dates: 4/14, 4/15, 4/16
4/21, 4/22, 4/23
4/28, 4/29, 4/30
5/5, 5/6, 5/7

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

8. Motion to approve the follow staff members to teacher in the Title I Extended Day Learning program at their hourly rate not to exceed 20 total hours. The weekly hours will include 4 hours of instruction and 1 hour of planning time for four weeks. Positions to be funded via Title IA grant funds.

Amanda DiSanti
Lori Homentosky
Erin Moles
Karen Smith
Alison Weatherwalks

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

E. POLICY - Mrs. Amy Jones, Chairperson

1. Motion to abolish the following policies and regulations.

- P 3362 Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
- R 3362 Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)
- P 4352 Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
- R 4352 Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

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

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

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

F. NEWTON TUITION COMMITTEE

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS

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XIII. 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/

XIV. RECONVENE

Motion to reconvene into public session at _____ pm.

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

XV. BOARD COMMENTS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion that the Board of Education shall adjourn at _____ pm.

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

Next Meeting Date:

April 15, 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.