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The regular session meeting of the East Greenwich Township Board of Education was held on the above date, duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d). Notice of this meeting was posted in the East Greenwich Township Municipal Building, each school in the district, and advertised on the district website. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Schonewise. Following the flag salute, a moment of silent reflection was observed.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Acharya, Becker, Bialick, Black, DeGeorge, Flynn, and Schonewise. Absent: O'Brien and Reiss. Also present were the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and seven (7) members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Acharya, second by Bialick, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the following minutes were approved:

- Regular Session and Executive Session of August 26, 2026.

PRESENTATIONS:

- The Superintendent provided a presentation to the Board highlighting recent school business and activities.
- A representative from Home & School updated the public and the Board on Home & School activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were shared.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter of request for an unpaid leave of absence from L.F., Heath Room Assistant, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for an extended leave of absence from L.M., Receptionist, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for an unpaid leave of absence from M.Q., Supervisory Aide, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for an extended leave of absence from T.Z., Cafeteria Manager, referred to personnel.
- Letter of resignation from J.L., Beyond the Bell Provider, referred to personnel.

REPORTS:

(Attachment – 1)

- Principal's report for review.
- Director of Student Services' report for review.
- Director of Curriculum & Instruction's report for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OPERATIONS/COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

- The Samuel Mickle School held a shelter-in-place drill on August 12, 2026, at 3:10 p.m. and a fire drill on August 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The drills were supervised by the Principal.
- Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Inspection from July 8, 2026. **(Attachment 2)**
- The Board was updated on summer facility projects including the Preschool Race Track.



COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

CURRICULUM/POLICY:

On motion by Becker, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the second and final reading of the following policies and regulations: **(Attachment – 3)**

P2363	Bring Your Own Device (Abolished)	R2200	Curriculum Content (Abolished)
P0173	Duties of Public School Accountant	P2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling
P0174	Legal Services	R2411	Guidance Counseling (Abolished)
P0177	Professional Services	P0162	Notice of Board Meetings
P/R1570	Internal Controls	P0162.01	Legal Notices (New)
P1620	Administrative Employment Contracts	P1643	Family Leave
P/R6111	Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program	P2260	Equity in School & Classroom Practices
P6220	Budget Preparation	R2460.3	Additional/Compensatory Special Education & Related Services (Abolished)
R6220	Budget Preparation	P5561	Use of Physical Restraint & Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities
P0143	Board Member Election & Appointment	P6112	Reimbursement of Federal & Other Grant Expenditures
P1636.01	Notification of Promotion, New Job, & Transfer Opportunities (New)	R6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs
P1648.15	Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19 (Abolished)	P6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls –Mandatory Disclosures
P2422	Statutory Curricular Requirements	P6311	Contracts for Goods & Services Funded by Federal Grants
P1230	Superintendent's Duties	P8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs
P2200	Curriculum		

On motion by Becker, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous voice vote following discussion, the Board approved the first reading of Policy 2365 – Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI). **(Attachment – 4)**

On motion by Becker, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

- Professional development workshops:

Name	Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Ashley Martin	Pyramid Module Training Series Bundle	Monroe Twp., NJ	9/16/26-9/17/26, 9/29/26-9/30/26 & 10/1/26	\$900
Greg Wilson	NJASBO - HR & the BA	Mt. Laurel, NJ	9/17/26	\$199
Caroline Capasso	Early Childhood Leadership Series	Monroe Twp. NJ	10/5/26, 11/16/26, 1/25/27, 2/8/27 & 5/5/27	\$450
Marita Marcionese	Ukeru Initial Training	Bear, DE	10/7/26-10/8/26	\$1,037
Jennifer Wierski	Orton Gillingham Topics	Fairleigh Dickinson Univ. Long Branch, NJ.	10/16/26-10/17/26	\$370.00
Bethanne Barousse	Implementing MTSS to Meet NJ I&RS Workshop	Virtual	10/19/26	\$125
Dana Kemner Brittany Silver	Implementing MTSS to Meet NJ I&RS Workshop	Virtual	10/19/26	\$150pp
Andrea Evans	NJSBA Workshop	Atlantic City, NJ	10/20/26 – 10/21/26	\$550
Greg Wilson	NJASBO - The BA as the Chief Risk Manager	Mt. Laurel, NJ	10/27/26	\$199
Dr. Lynn Kelley	Special ED Director's Toolkit	Monroe Twp., NJ	11/13/26	\$195
Kelli Spencer	Unpacking Place Value	Rowan Univ.	1/14/27	\$219
Dr. Lynn Kelley	Inclusion Focus and Practices	Monroe Twp., NJ	2/8/27	\$95
Kelli Spencer	Concrete to Concept: Base Ten	Ewing, NJ	2/24/27	\$250
Macey Moore	Wilson Language - Foundations Level 2	Virtual	Self-paced	\$265
Jessica Lerch	Wilson Language - Foundations Level 2	Virtual	TBD	\$265

- RISE Field Trip to Dalton Farms and Thompson Park during 2026-2027 school year



COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

FINANCE/PERSONNEL:

On motion by Flynn, second by Becker, and carried by majority roll call vote, the Board approved the following: *Member Flynn votes nay. (Bill List Attachment – 5)*

- Payment of bills for September 2026:

Custodian Account	\$1,045,526.42
Cafeteria Account	\$20,326.44
Enterprise Account	\$40,617.01
- Electronic Checks for August 2026:

Custodian Account	\$1,218,814.57
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- Cafeteria and Beyond the Bell Profit & Loss Statement for August 2026. **(Attachment – 6)**
- Line item transfers approved by the Superintendent for August 2026.
(Transfer List Attachment along with Transfer Status Report Attachment – 7)
- Financial Reports A-148, Report of the Board Secretary, and A-149 Bank Reconciliation Report from the Superintendent for July 2026. **(Attachment – 8)**
- Board Secretary's Certification as follows:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that as of August 31, 2026, no line item account has encumbrances or expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3.

Board Secretary/Business Administrator

9/16/2026
Date

- Financial Obligations Certification:
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, we certify that as of July 31, 2026, after review of the Board Secretary's Report and Bank Reconciliation Report from the Superintendent, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yea – 6 Nay – 1 Absent – 2

<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>Y</u> Dana DeGeorge	<u>A</u> Everett Reiss
<u>Y</u> Cristin Bialick	<u>N</u> Jeffrey Flynn	<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewiese

On motion by Flynn, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the following:

- The agreement with **Star Pediatrics** to provide one-to-one nursing services for student SID#6304065953 for the 2026-27 SY, at a per diem cost of \$57/hour for an LPN or \$67/hour for an RN, effective September 14, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yea – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 2

<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>Y</u> Dana DeGeorge	<u>A</u> Everett Reiss
<u>Y</u> Cristin Bialick	<u>Y</u> Jeffrey Flynn	<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise

On motion by Flynn, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, on recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following:

- The hiring of the following for the 2026-27 school year with salary determined in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement or non-represented salary guides, pending teaching certifications, physical exam, drug screening, tuberculosis test, and background checks:

Emily Pili 0.8 Permanent Substitute Teacher



COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

FINANCE/PERSONNEL: (continued)

- The appointment of the following for the 2026-27 school year:
 - Amy O'Hara as Director of Beyond the Bell, effective October 27, 2026, from Assistant Director of Beyond the Bell
 - Scott Schriver and Kristen Lombardo as Co-Advisors for the Hornet's Nest Board Games Club, 30-39 meetings
- The hiring of Nanci Paparo as Interim LDTC for the 2026-27 SY at MA+15, Step 16 per diem, up to 3 days per week.
- The hiring of substitutes for the 2026-27 school year, pending teaching certifications, tuberculosis test, and background checks:

Gabriella Celli	Substitute Teacher
Alyssa Green	Substitute Teacher
Patricia Parker	Substitute Teacher
- The Non-Represented Salary Guide for the 2026-27 SY. **(Attachment 9)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:		Yea – 7	Nay – 0	Absent – 2
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien		
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>Y</u> Dana DeGeorge	<u>A</u> Everett Reiss		
<u>Y</u> Cristin Bialick	<u>Y</u> Jeffrey Flynn	<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise		

On motion by Flynn, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the following:

- The request for an unpaid leave of absence from Lauren Ficke, Health Room Assistant, April 15, 2027.
- The request for an extended leave of absence from Lora Myers, Receptionist, effective September 1, 2026, until released from doctor's care, approximately September 14, 2026, covered under FMLA.
- The request for an unpaid leave of absence from Michael Quigley, Supervisory Aide, September 15, 2026, September 16, 2026, September 17, 2026 and September 18, 2026.
- The request for an extended leave of absence from Tammie Zane, Cafeteria Manager, effective September 22, 2026 through an approximate return date of October 26, 2026, covered under FMLA/NJFLA.
- The resignation of Jessica Laborde, Beyond the Bell Provider, effective September 14, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE:		Yea – 7	Nay – 0	Absent – 2
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien		
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>Y</u> Dana DeGeorge	<u>A</u> Everett Reiss		
<u>Y</u> Cristin Bialick	<u>Y</u> Jeffrey Flynn	<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise		

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion by Schonewise, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

- The district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative program (SEMI).
- Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) in Sewell, NJ as the district's primary reunification site.
- Jeffrey Clark School Security Plan.
- Samuel Mickle School Security Plan.



EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Becker, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the East Greenwich Township Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss the following known items:

- 1) Negotiations with the East Greenwich Township Education Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Greenwich Township Board of Education reserves the right to discuss such other matters rendered confidential by law should the need arise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. The following members were present: Acharya, Becker, Bialick, Black, DeGeorge, Flynn, and Schonewise. Absent: O'Brien and Reiss. Also present were the Superintendent and the Business Administrator.

On motion by Acharya, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board reconvened in public session at 8:20 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

On motion by Becker, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the sidebar agreement between the East Greenwich Township Board of Education and the East Greenwich Township Education Association to establish and implement a sick leave bank. **(Attachment – 10)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yea – 7	Nay – 0	Absent – 2
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>Y</u> Amanda Black		<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>Y</u> Dana DeGeorge		<u>A</u> Everett Reiss
<u>Y</u> Cristin Bialick	<u>Y</u> Jeffrey Flynn		<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Becker, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gregory Wilson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary