

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Green Hills School - Library

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. FLAG SALUTE

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

	<u>Term</u> <u>expires</u>	<u>Roll</u> <u>Call</u>
Mrs. Marie Bilik- President	2020	_____
Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke – Vice-President	2021	_____
Mr. Matthew Fox	2020	_____
Mr. Scott Guzzo	2022	_____
Mr. Noah Haiduc-Dale	2022	_____
Mrs. Denise Kelly-Jones	2020	_____
Ms. Kristin Post	2021	_____
Mr. Michael Rose	2021	_____
Mr. Robert Strasser	2022	_____
Dr. Lydia Furnari, Interim Superintendent		_____
Dr. Vincent Occhino, School Business Administrator / Board Secretary		_____

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

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

III. RECONVENE

Motion to reconvene into public session.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

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 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.

VI. VARIOUS REPORTS

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

- B. PTA UPDATE – Mrs. Jones

- C. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mrs. Bilik

- D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Lydia Furnari

- E. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discussion of Sussex County School Calendar for 2020-2021. (**attachment**)
- 2. Motion to approve the request from Dawn Geisinger, PTA President, for the following two fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year: (**attachments**)
 - Weekend Bag Program
 - T-Shirt Design Contest

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

/Roll Call/

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. BOARD BUSINESS – Ann Marie Cooke

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular meeting of January 15, 2020. **(attachment)**

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

/Roll Call/

2. Executive session meeting of January 15, 2020.

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

/Roll Call/

3. Special meeting of January 25, 2020 **(attachment)**

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

/Roll Call/

4. Special meeting of February 8, 2020 **(attachment)**

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

/Roll Call/

5. Special meeting of February 11, 2020 **(attachment)**

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

/Roll Call/

- B. Motion to approve the request from Beth Voris to have the 3rd place prize of \$100.00, which was won by Green Hills School in the Project Self Sufficiency Toy Drive, be donated back to Project Self Sufficiency. **(attachment)**

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

/Roll Call/

- C. Motion to affirm the Interim Superintendent’s decision regarding HIB incident #20192006 - unfounded, as reported to the Board of Education on January 18, 2020.

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

/Roll Call/

- D. Motion to approve the following resolution:

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

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2020-2021 school year, and

Whereas, the Green Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Green Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

/Roll Call/

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CURRICULUM – Mr. Noah Haiduc-Dale, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve proposed field trips for the 2019-2020 school year as per the attached schedule. (**attachment**)

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

2. 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>	
Carmita Mongrella	Effectively Dealing with Disruptive Students	Bureau of Education & Research / West Orange, NJ	2/27/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$279.00 None \$279.00
Jennifer Richardson	Teaching Guitar Workshops	Martin Guitar / Nazareth, PA	7/13-7/17/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$319.00 None \$319.00
Lisa Sprofera	Observation of Fountas & Pinnell Classroom	Wanaque School District / Haskell Elementary School	2/20/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	None \$29.33 \$29.33
Beth Voris	NJCGTP Teacher Workshop	NJ Consortium for Gifted & Talented Programs / Morris County Library	6/3/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	None \$28.00 \$28.00
Kristen Waters	Observation of Fountas & Pinnell Classroom	Wanaque School District / Haskell Elementary School	2/20/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	None \$15.75 \$15.75
Brianna Colianni	Annual Literacy Conference	Centenary University / Hackettstown, NJ	3/18/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$45.00 \$3.85 \$48.85
Lori Homentosky				Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$45.00 \$3.85 \$48.85
Tara Lavalley				Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$45.00 \$3.85 \$48.85
Dara Seminara				Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$45.00 \$3.85 \$48.85
Kristen Waters				Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$45.00 \$3.85 \$48.85
Carroll Clark	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training – 2-Day Classroom Foundation Course	Crisis Prevention Institute / Saddlebrook, New Jersey	3/10 & 3/11/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$1,900.00 None \$1,900.00
Jennifer Thompson				Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$1,900.00 TBD TBD

Jon Paul Bollette	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training – 4-Day Classroom Instructor Certification Program	Crisis Prevention Institute / Edison, New Jersey	5/5 – 5/8/2020	Registration	\$3,645.00
Marybeth Stiles				Mileage/Tolls	TBD
Beth Voris				Total	TBD
				Registration	\$3,645.00
				Mileage/Tolls	TBD
				Total	TBD
				Registration	\$3,645.00
				Mileage/Tolls	\$105.00
				Total	\$3,750.00

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

3. Motion to approve the hosting of an author visit by Deborah Guarino at a cost of \$200.00 on February 27, 2020

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

B. OPERATIONS – Mr. Matthew Fox, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for January 16, 2020 through February 19, 2020 for a total of \$1,301,584.94. (**attachment**)

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve the attached disbursements for February 2020 from the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$3,580.35 and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$0.00. (**attachment**)

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

3. Motion to approve the following resolution:

Idle Free New Jersey - No-Idling Resolution for Schools

WHEREAS, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including greenhouse gases, ozone formation, and fine particulates; and

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel powered vehicles contribute a multitude of potentially harmful pollutants that can trigger an asthma attack and other ailments;¹ and

WHEREAS, diesel vehicles emit numerous carcinogenic chemicals, including benzene and formaldehyde, and; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that all vehicle emissions account for as many as half of all cancers attributed to outdoor air pollution; and

WHEREAS, we can avoid producing unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions and exposure to air toxics by reducing or eliminating wasteful vehicle idling; and

WHEREAS, an average school bus uses ½ gallon of diesel fuel for each hour of idling and reducing idling by 30 minutes per day would save 45 gallons and \$135.00 per bus per year (assuming a diesel fuel cost of \$3.000/gal);² and

WHEREAS, a car idling for *10 minutes* uses as much fuel as it takes to travel 5 miles and uses more than 27 gallons of fuel a year; and

WHEREAS, for every gallon of gasoline used, the average car produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the largest contributor to greenhouse climate change, with one-third of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector³ ; and

WHEREAS, idling more than *10 seconds* uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and on again;⁴ and idling is not generally beneficial to a vehicle's engine because it wears engine parts;⁵ and

WHEREAS, vehicle idling occurs on school drop off and pick up locations and parking lots where children are more highly exposed to air pollutant emissions; and

WHEREAS, asthma is a significant public health concern, especially among New Jersey's school age children where up to 25% are asthmatic—the leading cause of school absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children's exposure to diesel exhaust particles should be decreased and that idling of diesel vehicles in places where children live and congregate should be minimized to protect their health; and

WHEREAS, moving beyond New Jersey's existing no-idling code* of 3 minutes would significantly improve public health, air quality, reduce costs and greenhouse gas emissions; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Township School District:
Supports the adoption of "Idle Free Zones" on school grounds, including a pledge by school buses, school employees, and parents to:

- Turn off school bus engines while waiting to load and to unload students.
- Turn off vehicles when parents are parked and waiting to pick up and drop off children.
- Installing "Idle Free Zone" signs at school drop-off and pick-up locations.
- Use newest buses for the longest routes.
- Maintain buses properly to eliminate any visible exhaust.
- Complete school-bus driver training on eliminating idling.
- conducts and/or support broad education of school employees, parents, students and the public about the health, environmental and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling.

1 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air & Radiation, Basic Information, "Six Common Air Pollutants," U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Accessed May 26, 2006, 2 USEPA Fuel Calculator, Accessed August 24, 2006 3 EHHI Releases Original Research Report, The Harmful Effects of Vehicle Exhaust: A Case for Policy Change. 4 Source: Office of Energy Efficiency, Natural Resources Canada 5 Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, 'Idling,' Accessed May 24, 2006
<<http://www.inlgov/idem/programs/airdieselwise/idling.html>>

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

4. Motion to retroactively approve an Out-of-District Placement for student ID #6907736618 to Halsted Middle School, Newton, NJ, beginning 2/18/20. Cost of transportation is \$195.00 per day; tuition cost is TBD.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

C. PERSONNEL

1. Motion to approve movement on the salary guide for the 2020-2021 school year for Kimberley Scudieri from BA+30 to MA, as documented by official transcripts and verified/recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve the following persons for the stipend positions listed below for the 2019-2020 school year, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent

<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Name</u>
Assistant Track & Field Coach	\$1,300.	Sarah Pittenger
Track & Field Coach	\$2,000.	Jessica Meyer

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

3. Motion to approve Sandy Roy as a Substitute Childcare Assistant for the 2019-2020 school year at the hourly rate of \$14.00, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

4. Motion to approve Rebecca Vetro as a Substitute Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year, pending approval of her criminal history background check, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent. Hiring is on a provisional basis for up to 90 days pending completion of requirements and review of information required under P.L. 2018, c. 5.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

5. Motion to approve the request from Fairleigh Dickinson University for a five-day field experience placement for Paige Strangeway between March 9, 2020, and March 13, 2020, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent. The cooperating teacher will be Tara Lavalley.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

6. Motion to approve Dr. Vincent J. Occhino as the School Alliance Insurance Fund Commissioner, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent. **(attachment)**

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

D. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – Mrs. Denise Kelly-Jones, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the following policies for first reading: **(attachments)**

Policy 7461	- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
Policy 7461.01	- Green Initiatives
Policy 7461.02	- District Sustainability
Policy 3439	- Jury Duty (Teaching Staff Members)
Policy 4438	- Jury Duty (Support Staff)

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Motion

Second

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