**GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**Special Meeting - Board Retreat**

**July 10, 2023**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. Place: Green Hills School Library**

**I**. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:31pm by President Bilik

 **A. FLAG SALUTE-**led by President Bilik

 **B. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT** read by President Bilik

“This is a special meeting of the Green Township Board of Education held for the purpose of a work session and professional development for the board, no action is to be taken. 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

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| Mr. | CJ Bilik | 2024 | Present |
| Mrs. | Marie Bilik | 2023 | Present |
| Ms. | Crystal Bockbrader | 2025 | Present |
| Mrs. | Ann Marie Cooke | 2024 | Present |
| Dr. | Noah Haiduc-Dale | 2025 | Present |
| Ms. | Maureen McGuire | 2023 | Present |
| Ms. | Kristin Post | 2024 | Present |
| Ms.  | Holly Roller | 2025 | Absent |
| Dr. | Melissa Van Blarcom | 2023 | Present |
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| Dr. | Jennifer Cenatiempo, Superintendent |  | Present |
| Mrs. | Karen Constantino, SBA |  | Present |

Also in attendance- Mr. Bollete, Principal and Mr. Wikander, School Security Officer.

-Straw Poll –The BOE agreed to have security at Special Meetings in addition to the regular meetings.

**-**President Bilik noted that at the next BOE meeting a new mission statement will be adopted.

**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.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS-**None

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.

# **III. BOARD RETREAT**

-President Bilik introduced Gwen Thorton, the NJSBA’s Senior Manager, Field Services.

-Ms. Thorton facilitated the revision of the Mission and Vision statements, in addition the District and Board goals.

-After a collaborative discussion, the following were developed:

**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.

**Mission:**

Green Township School District educates every student to become a confident and caring life-long learner who communicates 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.

- After discussion with the superintendent and the board, consensus emerged on the following district goals for 2023-2024:

**DISTRICT GOALS:**

Goal 1: Initiate the development of curriculum maps PreK-8

Goal 2: Create partnerships that will enhance student learning.

Goals 3: To continue to ensure consistent and efficient communications with all stakeholders and provide opportunities for community involvement.

**BOARD GOALS**

1. Conduct bi-annual board retreats- January and June/July timeframes

2. Provide targeted training opportunities as needed for the board.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS-**None

This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on issues for Board consideration. 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. CLOSED MEETING**

Closed Meeting Motion was read by President Bilik at 9pm.

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 “b” and “i”

Motion- Mrs. Cooke Second – Dr. Van Blarcom

Roll Call/



**VI. RECONVENE**

 Motion to reconvene into public session at 9:34pm.

Motion – Mrs. Post Second – Dr. VanBlarcom

/Roll Call/



-Discussed dates/times of Committee Meetings that would take place.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

 Motion that the Board of Education shall adjourn at 9:36pm.

Motion – Dr. VanBlarcom Second – Mr. Bilik

/Roll Call/

