

# GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## AGENDA

**Regular Meeting  
December 11, 2024**

**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
Mr.	CJ Bilik	2024	
Mrs.	Marie Bilik	2026	
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke	2024	
Mrs.	Heather Ellersick	2024	
Mrs.	Maureen McGuire	2026	
Mrs.	Kristin Post	2024	
Dr.	Melissa Vela	2026	
	Vacant Seat	2025	
	Vacant Seat	2025	
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.

## **II. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Acknowledge the years of service and commitment of Kim Scudieri
- B. Acknowledge the years of service and commitment of Board of Education Members
- C. 23/24 Climate and Culture Initiatives facilitated by Dr. Ken Greene and 24/25 Follow Up Plans presented by Dr. Cenatiempo

### **Resolutions:**

#### **IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR:**

Crystal Bockbrader

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education consists of a nine member board; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Bockbrader has served on the Green Township Board of Education for One year and eleven months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education gratefully acknowledges Crystal Bockbrader's superior commitment, dedication and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education would like to acknowledge Crystal Bockbrader's outstanding service as both a board member and member of the Board's New Jersey School Boards Association delegate, the Curriculum, Finance, Personnel (Chair)Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is the governing body for the Green Township School District; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green Township Board of Education acknowledges The hard work and dedication of Crystal Bockbrader.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with the enactment of this resolution, Crystal Bockbrader's Resolution shall be so noted in the minutes and become a part of the permanent record of the Green Township School District; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Green Township Board of Education honors its colleague And friend, Crystal Bockbrader, for her exemplary service to education on behalf of the citizens of Green Township.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted this 11th day of December, 2024

**IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR:**

Kristin Blodnik Post

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education consists of a nine member board; and

**WHEREAS**, Kristin Blodnik Post has served on the Green Township Board of Education for Six years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education gratefully acknowledges Kristin Blodnik Post's superior commitment, dedication and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education would like to acknowledge Kristin Blodnik Post's outstanding service as both a board member and member of the Board's PTA Liaison, Sussex County School Board Association delegate, Policy, Finance, Operations, Tri-District Consortium, Traffic Advisory Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is the governing body for the Green Township School District; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green Township Board of Education acknowledges The hard work and dedication of Kristin Blodnik Post.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with the enactment of this resolution, Kristin Blodnik Post's Resolution shall be so noted in the minutes and become a part of the permanent record of the Green Township School District; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Green Township Board of Education honors its colleague And friend, Kristin Blodnik Post, for her exemplary service to education on behalf of the citizens of Green Township.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.  
Adopted this 11th day of December, 2024

**IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR:**

Holly Roller

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education consists of a nine member board; and

**WHEREAS**, Holly Roller has served on the Green Township Board of Education for Three years and two months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education gratefully acknowledges Holly Roller's superior commitment, dedication and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Township Board of Education would like to acknowledge Holly Roller's outstanding service as both a board member and member of the Board's Policy, Personnel (Chair), Education Services of Morris County Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is the governing body for the Green Township School District; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green Township Board of Education acknowledges The hard work and dedication of Holly Roller.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with the enactment of this resolution, Holly Roller's Resolution shall be so noted in the minutes and become a part of the permanent record of the Green Township School District; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Green Township Board of Education honors its colleague And friend, Holly Roller, for her exemplary service to education on behalf of the citizens of Green Township.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.  
Adopted this 11th day of December, 2024

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS**

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the Board of Education Vice President. Comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. No participant may speak more than once during each public comment session. The speaker must address the President and not individual Board Members, the Superintendent or the audience. Please state your first and last name and address for the record.

**V. VARIOUS REPORTS**

A. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE - Mrs. Cooke

B. TDC Report-Mrs. Cooke

C. PTA UPDATE - Mrs. Post

D. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Mrs. Bilik

E. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Dr. Cenatiempo

HIB: There are 2 unfounded HIB to report since the last BOE meeting.

Drills: Fire Drill 11/25/24

Evacuation Drill 11/19/24

Fire Dril 12/9/24

Bus Evacuation Drills:

Supervised by: JP Bollette, Principal, Jeff Shotwell, SSO and Linda DeGraw, Transportation Coordinator

Location: Front parking lot of Green Hills School:

11/18/24 8:00 - 8:15 am; Routes 13 & 17

11/19/24 8:00 - 8:15 am; Routes 7 & 14

11/20/24 at 8:00 - 8:15 am; Routes 10, 11 & 12

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

**VI. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS**

**VII. BOARD BUSINESS - Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke**

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular Meeting of November 20, 2024. (Attachment)

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

2. Executive Session minutes of November 20, 2024.

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

- B. Motion to accept the HIB Reports from the November 20, 2024 meeting.

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

#### **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **CURRICULUM** - Mrs. Maureen McGuire, Chairperson

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

<b><u>Staff Member</u></b>	<b><u>Conference Name</u></b>	<b><u>Provider/Location</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Costs</u></b>
Jeff Shotwell Scott Wikander	Comprehensive Active Shooter Incident Management	NJ DOE Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning (OSPEP) Virtual	4/2/25 2/24/25	No Cost to the BOE
Jillian Montanaro	Opportunity to observe an LLD class, resource room, life skills class	Newton High School 44 Ryerson Ave Newton, NJ 07860	12/11/24	No cost to the BOE

	and structured work experience class.			
Jennifer Cenatiempo	Teaching with Dignity	NJCEE Virtual	12/3/24 1/22/25 2/20/25	Cost covered by membership in NJCEE paid in the 23/24 school

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>
L. Sprofera, T. Lavalley & A. Van Haste	1st	Turtle Back Zoo	560 Northfield Ave West Orange, NJ 07052	5/21/25 with a rain date of 6/16/25	Admission \$625.00 Transportation \$350.00 (Transportation of \$350 generously donated by the PTA)
K. Ervey, B. Martin, K. Grzymko, L. Homentosky	7th	Sandy Hook	128 S. Hartshorne Dr Highlands, NJ 07732	5/27/25	Admission \$ 650.00 Transportation \$1,500.00 (Transportation of \$1,500 generously donated by the PTA)
L. Homentosky M. Stiles	7th	Newton High School Visitation Day	44 Ryerson Ave Newton, NJ 07860	June (TBD by NHS) 2025	Transportation TBD

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

3. Motion to approve The Harlem Wizards assembly, (assembly not full game/fundraiser), provided by the PTA, on December 13, 2024.

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

4. Motion to approve Social Awakening: Grades 5 - 8 Social Media Presentation, provided by the PTA, on May 7, 2025.

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

5. Motion to approve the 6th grade Camp Mason trip dates of October 28 - 30, 2025, with additional details to follow.

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

**B. FINANCE - Mrs. Kristin Post., Chairperson**

**November 2024 Financial Reports (attachment)**

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for November 21, 2024 through December 11, 2024 for a total of \$1,231,147.85 (attachment)

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

2. Motion to accept the Board Secretary's monthly certification, as attached, and that as of November 30, 2024, 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 November 30, 2024 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 November, 2024.

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



/Roll Call/

5. Motion to approve transfers for November, 2024.

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

/Roll Call/

6. Motion to approve the disbursements from November 21, 2024 through December 11, 2024 for the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$2,489.96, Cafeteria Account of \$0, and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$0.00. (Attachment)

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

/Roll Call/

**C. OPERATIONS - Mr. CJ Bilik, Chairperson**

1. Motion to approve Interactive Solutions to perform a safety check of 43 SmartBoards and 9 projectors to make sure they are properly secured. A report with findings will be prepared and a separate quote will be issued if repairs need to be made. The cost to perform the safety check is \$950.00.

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

/Roll Call/

2. Motion to dispose of two round cafeteria tables due to safety concerns.

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

/Roll Call/

**D. PERSONNEL - Dr. Melissa Vela, Chairperson**

1. Motion to approve Jillian Spirko, a level 1 fieldwork student from Kean, to work with Rachael Tucker Wednesday's February 5, 2025 through April 16, 2025, pending any changes to +/- days for makeup, pending documentation and background check, as per the Superintendent.

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

/Roll Call/

2. Motion to approve Lori Homentosky as the event monitor for the knitting club for 8 sessions in January to March, 3:15 - 4:15 pm at a rate of \$43.84/hour.

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

3. Motion to approve Christine Bollman-Decker as paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$15.16/hour with \$1 for preschool toileting duties, 4 full days a week, days TBD, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

4. Motion to approve the following staff for the Title 1 Saturday Morning Intervention Program which was previously approved on the 11/20/24 at a rate of \$50 an hour for 6 sessions at a total cost of \$900 per staff member to be paid for from Title 1A funds.

Alison Weatherwalks
Beth Denuto
Erin Moles
Sarah Pittenger
Ashley Van Haste

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

5. Motion to rescind Sean McElroy as Custodial Leave Replacement on Mondays and Wednesdays, from November 21, 2024 through November 30, 202..

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

6. Motion to approve Diana Minervini as a mentor for Sharon Tina Liu from December 12, 2024 through April 26, 2025, at a prorated stipend amount of \$593.45 (\$1,315 stipend for 30 weeks; \$1,315 /184 contractual days = \$7.15 day X 83 working days = \$593.45), at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

7. Motion to approve Kassandra Mull as a substitute paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year, pending updated Criminal History Background Check, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

8. Motion to approve Cynthia Devesly as 4th Grade Leave replacement teacher from February 3rd through May 25th for the 24/25 school year at a prorated salary of \$63,777 with no benefits at the recommendation of the superintendent. This position is not tenure tracked.

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

9. Motion to approve Cynthia Devesly as 0.8 Interventionist from January 21, 2025 through January 31, 2025 and May 26th through the end of the 24/25 school year at a prorated salary of \$51,022 with no benefits at the recommendation of the superintendent. This position is not tenure tracked.

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

10. Motion to approve the FMLA leave for employee ID#988, designated as follows:

Date: January 21, 2025- on or about February 23,2025  
Use of 35 FMLA Days.

Date	Type of Days
1/21/25-2/13/25	17.5 Sick Days
2/13/25-2/23/25	5.5 Sick Bank Days
Additional days if needed	39.5 Sick Bank Days

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

**E. POLICY - Mrs. Heather Ellersick, Chairperson**

- 1. Motion to approve the first reading of the following regulations.
  - 1140 Affirmative Action Program
  - 1210 Board-Superintendent Relations
  - 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator
  - 1230 Superintendent’s Duties
  - 1310 Employment of School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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

- 2. Motion to approve the second reading of the following policies.
  - 1100 District Organization
  - 1110 Organizational Chart
  - 1120 Management Team
  - 1130 Staff Liaison Committees

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

**XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS**

This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on non-agenda items pertaining to the Green Hills School District. 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 it’s right thereafter not to respond. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes in duration as timed by the Board of Education Vice President. Comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. No participant may speak more than once during each public comment session. The speaker must address the President and not individual Board Members, the Superintendent or the audience. Please state your first and last name and address for the record.

**XII. 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/

### **XIII. RECONVENE**

Motion to reconvene into public session at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

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

### **XIV. BOARD COMMENTS**

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion that the Board of Education shall adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

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

### **Next Meeting Date:**

January 2, 2025

### **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.