

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2025

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	2025	
Mrs.	Marie Bilik	2026	
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke	2027	
Mrs.	Alyssa Eisner	2027	
Mrs.	Heather Ellersick	2027	
Mrs.	Amy Jones	2025	
Mrs.	Maureen McGuire	2026	
Mrs.	Kristin Post	2025	
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.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Second Grade Flat Stanley Project Presentation
- B. Student Recognition Update presented by Mr. Bollette
- C. Presentation on Grading Revision for Grade 4 for the 25/26 School Year presented by Mr. Bollette
- D. NJDOE Performance Report presented by Dr. Cenatiempo

III. CORRESPONDENCE

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS

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V. VARIOUS REPORTS

A. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE - Mrs. Cooke

B. PTA UPDATE - Mrs. Post

C. SCESC UPDATE-Mr. Bilik

D. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-Mrs. Eisner

E. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mrs. Bilik

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Cenatiempo

HIB: There is – founded HIB to report since the last BOE meeting.
Drills: Fire Drill - 3/27/25
Security Drill - 3/25/25

Bus Evacuations:

Bus Evacuation Drills for Green Township School District, all drills took place between 8:05 - 8:15 AM, in the front lot of the school, supervised by JP Bollette.

4/8/25 Routes 11 & 12 - 21 students on 11; 31 students on 12

4/8/25 Routes 13 & 14 - 32 students on 13; 36 students on 14

4/8/25 Routes 17 - 29 students on 17

4/9/25 Routes 7 & 10 - 32 students on 7; 39 students on 10

All drills were completed in under 1 minute 43 seconds

G. 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 March 12, 2025. (Attachment)

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

/Roll Call/

2. Motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2025 executive session.

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

/Roll Call/

B. Motion to accept the HIB Report from the March 12, 2025 meeting.

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

/Roll Call/

C. Motion to approve the revised school calendar for the 24/25 school year as follows:.

Revised Calendar	Graduation, Thursday, 6/12 Early Dismissal Days, Friday, 6/13 and Monday, 6/16 Last Day of School, Monday, 6/16
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Motion..... Second.....
/Roll Call/

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Maureen McGuire, Chairperson

1. Motion to retroactively approve the following professional development request:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Costs</u>
Tiffany Lutz	Patterns of Strengths & Weaknesses	Rutgers Grad School Applied & Professional Psych Virtual	4/11/25	\$60.00 for Conference

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

2. Motion to approve the following professional development request:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Costs</u>
Patti Hannemann Linda Degraw	OFAC Criminal History and School Bus Safety Training Program	Morris County Public Safety Training Academy 500 West Hanover Ave Morris Plains, NJ	4/29/25	Mileage \$24.16
Karen Constantino Linda Degraw	CDK EOY Training	Hawk Pointe Golf Club 4 Clubhouse Drive Washington, NJ	5/8/25	Mileage \$22.65
Patti Hannemann Nancy Kaiser	CDK EOY Training	Hawk Pointe Golf Club 4 Clubhouse Drive Washington, NJ	5/14/25	Mileage \$22.65
Alison Weatherwalks	Catching Up Students Who Have Fallen Behind in Math (3-6)	BER Virtual	4/28/25	Conference \$295.00
JP Bollette Jennifer Cenatiempo Tiffany Lutz Jillian Montenaro Marybeth Stiles	Enhancing School Safety Using Behavioral Threat Assessment	NTAC - Virtual	5/21/25 or 9/17/25	NO Cost to BOE

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

3. 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>
Erin Moles Jess Zur Sarah Pittenger Ana Velez	K	Knuffle Bunny Musical	Growing Stage 7 Ledgewood Ave Netcong, NJ 07857	5/20/25	Transportation \$700.00 F&R <u>\$115.55</u> \$815.55 No cost to the BOE
Kerstin Martinka Dara Seminara Denise Schumann Gail Piontowski	3rd	Space Farms	Space Farms 218 County Road 519 Sussex, NJ 07461	5/23/25 Rain Date: 6/9/25	Transportation \$375.00 -Funded by the PTA -No Cost to the BOE

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

3. Motion to amend the previously approved first grade field trip to Turtle Back Zoo on May 21, 2025 to now go to Space Farms, 218 County Road 519, Sussex, NJ 07461 on the same date/time, to avoid the extended bus commute due to sinkholes on Route 80.

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

4. Motion to amend the previously approved second grade field trip to Van Saun Park & Zoo on May 19, 2025 to now go to Space Farms, 218 County Road 519, Sussex, NJ 07461 on the same date/time, to avoid the extended bus commute due to sinkholes on Route 80.

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

5. Motion to approve the “Blair Day of Service,” on the afternoon of May 16, 2025, for grades K-2. Blair students will come and deliver SEL lessons, including a read aloud (themes including friendship, self esteem, feelings, etc...) and a craft.

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

6. Motion to approve National Capitol Student Services, LLC (AKA Student Watchers) to provide one uniformed agent for overnight security services for the Washington DC trip on 6/3/25 and 6/4/25 from 10:00 PM until 6:00 AM at a cost of \$488.00 plus parking. This is funded from the student activities account.

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

7. Motion to approve the NJDEP’s Field and Wildlife division to present their Black Bear Education Program Assembly on May 6, 2025, for grades 3 - 5. Program is free and includes the assembly, brochures, coloring and activity books and Bear Fact Camper Cards.

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

8. Motion to apply for consideration to participate in the NASA Downlink Competition at no cost to the Board of Education.

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

9. Motion to approve volunteer Amy Ehrenberg to teach crocheting to a total of 10 students, for a period of 5 weeks, after school, with an event monitor present. The class will be open to our 7th & 8th graders, and if spots remain we will extend the club downward.

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

B. FINANCE - Mrs. Kristin Post, Chairperson

March 2025 Financial Reports (attachment)

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for March 13, 2025 through April 16, 2025 for a total of \$1,658,790.57 (attachment)

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

2. Motion to accept the Board Secretary’s monthly certification, as attached, and that as of March 31, 2025, 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 March 31, 2025 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 March, 2025.

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

5. Motion to approve transfers for March, 2025.

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

6. Motion to approve the disbursements from March 13, 2025 through April 16, 2025 for the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$16,067.86, Cafeteria Account of \$0.00, and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$22.20. (Attachment)

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

7. Motion to approve the proposal from Lakeside Counseling for assessment services with the following fees:

- Risk Assessments conducted at Lakeside location (scheduled for the same day or within 24 hours): \$175
- Substance abuse evaluations conducted at Lakeside location (scheduled within one (1) week). This includes an evaluation and assessment including lab urine screen and reporting: \$490
- Initial Intakes for counseling treatment conducted at Lakeside location: \$150
- Follow-up sessions for treatment conducted at Lakeside location: \$100
- Group therapy sessions conducted at Lakeside location: \$50

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

8. Motion to approve the Agreement for Ancillary Educational Services with the Sussex County Educational Services Commission Rate Sheet (attachment).

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

9. Motion to approve participation in the Sussex County grant program to provide School Behavioral Threat Assessments to students identified in need of this support as well as access to staff training and resources at no cost to the district to be paid for via the Sussex County grant with Insight Health for the 25/26 school year.

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

C. OPERATIONS - Mr. CJ Bilik, Chairperson

D. PERSONNEL - Dr. Melissa Vela, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the following staff members as substitute Extended School Year Program teachers at a daily rate of \$115 on an as needed basis.

Kristen Sylvester
Kelli McKeown
Alison Weatherwalks

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

2. Motion to approve Allison Mountford to observe a classroom for 3 hours or 3 classes, as is required by her college's teaching curriculum.

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

3. Motion to approve Kristen Sylvester as a mentor for Iryna Coleman from March 6, 2025 through May 23, 2025, at a prorated stipend amount of \$364.65 (\$1,315 stipend for 10 weeks; \$1,315 /184 contractual days = \$7.15 day X 51 working days = \$364.65), at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

4. Motion to approve the following people as substitute teachers and/or substitute paraprofessionals for the 2024-2025 school year, at a daily rate of \$115.00, or \$125.00 if they work 4 days in any one week, with no medical benefits, pending criminal history, background check and paperwork, at the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Samantha Marquez	Angie Lavery	Melanie Breton
Susanne Ludwig		

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

E. POLICY - Mrs. Heather Ellersick, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the first reading of the following policies.
 - P 5111 Eligibility of Resident / Non Resident Students
 - P 5301 Use of LifeVac
 - P 8500 Food Services
 - P 9163 Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events
 - P 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

Motion Second
/Roll Call/

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS

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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:

April 30, 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.