

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
Board of Education Budget Workshop Meeting-MINUTES
March 3, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Green Hills School - Library

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. FLAG SALUTE-led by President Bilik

B. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT-Read by President Bilik

“This is a budget workshop 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	Attended SCESC Reorg.-Arrived 8:34pm
Mrs.	Marie Bilik	2026	Present
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke	2027	Present
Mrs.	Alyssa Eisner	2027	Present
Mrs.	Heather Ellersick	2027	Present
Mrs.	Amy Jones	2025	Present
Mrs.	Maureen McGuire	2026	Present
Mrs.	Kristin Post	2025	Excused
Dr.	Melissa Vela	2026	Present
Dr.	Jennifer Cenatiempo, Superintendent		Present
Mrs.	Karen Constantino, SBA		Present

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.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Cenatiempo

HIB: There are zero founded HIBs to report since the last BOE meeting with zero unfounded and zero founded HIBs.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Budget Workshop

- Discussed state aid, Chapter 44 Adjustment, transportation options, courtesy busing
- Discuss Newton send/receive relationship and increased tuition cost
- Taking 2%, all programs remain; take Newton up on a four year deal-defer increased tuition costs due to capital projects/other costs, and pay back over four years
- Discussed meeting with other superintendents-have significant concerns regarding the certified rate that's being charged in the send/receive relationship with Newton High School

Action Items: Take 2% increase in the tax levy

Leave courtesy busing in the budget

Defer \$200K of the Newton Tuition

Renegotiate the tuition contract with Newton

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS

This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on this evening's agenda or non-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

Holly Roller, 2 Autumn Ridge Road-The Board is up against financial challenges, revisit transportation, need creative solutions. Transportation-tiering options, going out to bid...keep kicking transportation down the road

IV. CLOSED MEETING

Closed Meeting Motion was read by President Bilik at 8:44pm.

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 “c” & “g”

Motion – Dr. Vela Second- Mrs. Ellersick

Roll Call/

All in favor-All members present responded with “Aye”.

V. RECONVENE

Motion to reconvene into public session at 9:30pm.

Motion – Mrs. Ellersick Second – Mrs. McGuire

/Roll Call/

All in favor-All members present responded with “Aye”.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion that the Board of Education shall adjourn at 9:30pm.

Motion – Mrs. Jones Second – Mrs. McGuire

/Roll Call/

All in favor-All members present responded with “Aye”.

Next Meeting Date:

March 12, 2025 Regular BOE Meeting

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.