

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2020

Time: 7:30p.m.

Place: Green Hill School Small Gym

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 Expires</u>	<u>Roll Call</u>
Mrs. Marie Bilik- President	2020	<u>X</u>
Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke – Vice-President	2021	<u>X</u>
Mr. Matthew Fox	2020	<u>X</u>
Mr. Scott Guzzo	2022	<u>X</u>
Mr. Noah Haiduc-Dale	2022	<u>X</u>
Mrs. Denise Kelly-Jones	2020	<u>X</u>
Ms. Kristin Post	2021	<u>X(8:26pm)</u>
Mr. Michael Rose	2021	<u>X</u>
Mr. Robert Strasser	2022	<u>X</u>
Dr. Lydia E. Furnari, Interim Superintendent		<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Tina Palecek, SBA /Board Secretary		<u>X</u>

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. CORRESPONDENCE

None

III. 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.

No public comments.

IV. VARIOUS REPORTS

A. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE – Mrs. Cooke

- Newton School Business Administrator/Board Secretary resigned.
- A High School Teacher Assistant resigned
- Accepted CARES Act funding of \$176,041
- Awarded Sodexo the 2020-2021 Food Services Management Contract per RFP responses
- The Newton SBA/BS reported the solar project returned as 1.95 cents per kilowatt hour
- Next meeting: July 28, 2020 at 7pm via Cisco WebEx

B. PTA UPDATE – Mrs. Kelly-Jones

- There was a meeting on June 29, 2020 to vote in new officers

C. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Bilik

- Mrs. Bilik attended a meeting with the Interim NJDOE Commissioner, Kevin Dehmer. The meeting was very informative. Mr. Dehmer was very helpful and willing to meet every other month if necessary.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Furnari

- Curriculum Presentation: Ms. Thompson and Ms. Waters did a presentation on the Fountas & Pinnell Literacy classroom series Language Arts K-4
- Superintendent's Update
 - Mrs. Bilik reported for Dr. Furnari
 - There will be a special meeting on July 29, 2020 to discuss and approve the Green Township School District Restart and Recovery Plan. The Plan must be submitted to the County by August 6, 2020
 - The current plan is to utilize a hybrid model, but that is contingent on many factors including NJDOE and the NJ Governor's instructions

E. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT – Mrs. Palecek

- Preliminary scheduling discussions have begun for the annual comprehensive audit. Normally the audit is completed in the fall, however, due to COVID-19 we will be breaking the pattern to ensure proper social distancing is maintained.
- Working on the reopening plan. The maintenance and custodial staff are doing a fantastic job of meeting new goals required for COVID-19 while still completing the standard summer tasks.

VI. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

None

VII. **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

No Update

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

IX. **BOARD BUSINESS** – Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular Meeting of June 17, 2020. **(attachment)**
2. Executive Session of June 17, 2020.
3. Work Session Meeting of June 24, 2020. **(attachment)**
4. Special Meeting of July 9, 2020. **(attachment)**

Consent Agenda 1 through 4 as written

Motion: Mrs. Cooke Second: Mr. Rose
/Roll Call/

Marie Bilik	Yes	Scott Guzzo	Yes	Noah Haiduc-Dale	Yes
Ann Marie Cooke	Yes	Michael Strasser	Yes	Denise Kelly-Jones	Yes to 1&2 Abstain 3&4
Matthew Fox	Yes	Michael Rose	Yes	Kristin Post	N/P
N/P-Not Present					

Motion Carried: Yes

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. Motion to adopt the Fountas & Pinnell Literacy classroom series for Language Arts, Grades K-4, published by Heineman, copyright 2018
2. Motion to approve the following professional development sessions for Green Hills School teachers:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Kristin Waters Sarah Pittenger Jessica Zur Eileen Maffei Lisa Sprofera Tara Lavalley Kelli McKeown Beh Holley Dara Seminara Kim Scudieri Laura Haug Brianna Collianni Alyssa Murphy	Fountas & Pinnell Classroom Overview	Heineman / Virtual	8/3/20	\$3,100.00
Kristin Waters Sarah Pittenger Jessica Zur Eileen Maffei Lisa Sprofera Tara Lavalley Kelli McKeown Beh Holley Dara Seminara Kim Scudieri Laura Haug Brianna Collianni Alyssa Murphy	Fountas & Pinnell Phonics, Spelling & Word Study	Heineman / Virtual	8/17/20	\$3,100.00

3. Motion to approve the following requests for professional development:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Costs</u>	
C.Clark L. Furnari	Distance Learning Playbook Institute	Corwin / Virtual Format – Zoom	7/20/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$199.00 each None \$398.00
A.VanSickle	Distance Learning Playbook Institute	Corwin / Virtual Format – Zoom	8/4/20	Registration Mileage/Tolls Total	\$199.00 each None \$199.00

4. Motion to approve the following professional development sessions for Green Hills School teachers:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
AM Van Sickle Sarah Pittenger Jessica Zur Lisa Sprofera Kelli McKeown Beth Holley Kerstin Martinka Sue Miller A Weatherwalks Alyssa Murphy	How to Use Guided Math to Strengthen Your Math Including Remote Instruction	Bureau of Education and Research / Virtual	8/11/20	\$3,279.00

Consent Agenda 1 through 4 as written

Motion: Mr. Haiduc-Dale /Roll Call/ Second: Mrs. Cooke

Marie Bilik	Yes	Kristin Post	N/P	Noah Haiduc-Dale	Yes
Ann Marie Cooke	Yes	Michael Rose	Yes	Denise Kelly-Jones	Yes
Matthew Fox	Yes	Scott Guzzo	Yes	Michael Strasser	Yes

N/P – Not Present

Motion Carried: Yes

B. FINANCE – Mr. Scott Guzzo, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for June 18, 2020 through June 30, 2020 for a total of \$98,962.88 (**attachment**)
2. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for July 1, 2020 through July 15, 2020 for a total of \$178,009.80 (**attachment**)
3. Motion to approve the attached disbursements for July 2020 from the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$130.30 and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$171.75 (**attachment**)
4. Motion to allow the following tax shelter investment carriers to market their product to the employees. Investments may be made through payroll deductions at employee's request.

Equitable 403B
Security Benefit
Lincoln Financial

C. OPERATIONS – Mr. Matthew Fox, Chairperson

- A walk-thru was completed to identify trip and fall areas of the outside sidewalks around the facility

D. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke, Chairperson

1. Motion to pay the following teachers participating in Fountas & Pinnell Classroom workshops on 8/4/20 and 8/17/20 and for classroom set up at their hourly rate for a total of up to 17 hours each for a total of up to \$11,075.16 as follows, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent:

Kristen Waters
Sarah Pittenger
Jessica Zur
Eileen Maffei
Lisa Sprofera
Tara Lavalley
Kelli McKeown
Beth Holley
Dara Seminara
Kim Scudieri
Laura Haugk
Briana Colianni
Alyssa Murphy (for workshop hours only)

2. Motion to approve the following teachers for additional time not to exceed nine (9) hours each for the virtual Summer Reading Program, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Name	Position	Maximum Hours	Hourly Rate
Janis Martz	Teacher	9 Hours	\$40.00
Kelli McKeown	Teacher	9 Hours	\$40.00
Sarah Pittenger	Teacher	9 Hours	\$40.00
Dara Seminara	Teacher	9 Hours	\$40.00
Lisa Sprofera	Teacher	9 Hours	\$40.00
Kristen Waters	Coordinator	9 Hours	\$45.00

3. Motion to approve movement on the salary guide for the 2020-2021 school year for Sarah Pittenger from BA to BA+15, as documented by official transcripts and verified/recommended by the Interim Superintendent
4. Motion to approve movement on the salary guide for the 2020-2021 school year for Justin Wynne from BA to BA+15, as documented by official transcripts and verified/recommended by the Interim Superintendent

5. Motion to amend Personnel motion #1 from the June 17, 2020 agenda to read as follows:

Motion to approve the 2020 summer work schedule for the following professional staff members at their 2020-2021 daily/hourly rates, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent

Name	Position	Schedule	Summer Salary / Not to Exceed
Tina DeFeo	Technology Support	Up to 70 hours	15.42 per hour
Doris Friesen	CST Secretary	Up to 40 hours	\$845.20
Tiffany Lutz	Social Worker	Up to 3 days	\$1,225.41
Cori Harrington	Technology	Up to 70 hours	\$3,831.10
Marybeth Stiles	Guidance Counselor	Up to 35 hours	\$1,671.25
Kathleen Wolfe	Speech	Up to 4 Days	\$1,489.56
Ann Marie VanSickle	Math Coach	Up to 50 hours	\$3,120.00
Kristen Waters	Literacy Coach	Up to 50 hours	\$1,516.20
Debbie Simmons	Interventionist	Up to 16 hours	\$931.36

(Note: Janis Martz will not be available for the Interventionist work this summer. Debbie Simmons will take over her hours.)

6. Motion to pay the following teachers participating in the Guided Math workshop on 8/11/20 at their hourly rate for up to five hours each for a total of up to \$2,677.10, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Ann Marie VanSickle
 Sarah Pittenger
 Jessica Zur
 Lisa Sprofera
 Kelli McKeown
 Beth Holley
 Kerstin Martinka
 Sue Miller
 Alison Weatherwalks
 Allyssa Murphy

1-6 as written Motion by Mrs. Cooke, second by Mr. Rose

Discussion – There are a items listed that need to be modified: Fountas & Pinnell Classroom workshop is 8/3/2020 not 8/4/2020, and Kristen Waters “Up to 30 Hours” not 50, and to note that Janis Martz will not be working summer hours.

1-6 with Corrections:

Motion: Mrs. Cooke Second: Mr. Rose
 /Roll Call/

Marie Bilik	Yes	Matthew Fox	Yes	Noah Haiduc-Dale	Yes
Ann Marie Cooke	Yes	Scott Guzzo	Yes	Denise Kelly-Jones	Yes
Michael Rose	Yes	Michael Strasser	Yes	Kristin Post	Yes

Motion Carried: Yes

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS

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Question: Josephine Fracasso, Hibler Road, asked how health care benefits were paid before this change?

Answer: Personnel contribution to health care costs were based on individual salary to determine percentage of contribution.

XII. CLOSED MEETING

No Closed Session Required

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: **Mrs. Cook** Second : **Mrs. Denise Kelly-Jones**

**/Roll Call/
All in Favor
None Opposed
Motion Carried**