

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA
Special Meeting
January 27, 2021

Time: 7:30p.m.

Place: Remote Platform

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. FLAG SALUTE

B. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

“This is a special 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, and N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.1 et seq. having to do with conducting public business in a transparent manner during a declared emergency, the New Jersey Herald was properly notified, the remote meeting notice was properly posted on the District's website and copies of the agenda of this meeting were appropriately posted and made available for the public.”

C. ROLL CALL

		Term	Roll Call
Mrs.	Marie Bilik	2023	
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke	2021	
Mr.	Scott Guzzo	2022	
Mr.	Noah Haiduc-Dale	2022	
Ms.	Deana Lykins	2023	
Ms.	Kristin Post	2021	
Mr.	Michael Rose	2021	
Mr.	Rob Strasser	2022	
Dr.	Melissa Van Blarcom	2023	
Dr.	Lydia Furnari, Interim Superintendent		
Dr.	Vincent Occhino, Interim SBA/Bd. Secretary		

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS

This remote 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. That recognition will be made in the order names appear in the chat box of the digital platform. 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.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS – Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular Meeting of January 20, 2021. (**attachment**)

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

/Roll Call/

B. Board of Education Ethics Training – Marc Zitomer

C. Approval of Board of Education Code of Ethics

Be it resolved that the Green Township Board of Education accepts the New Jersey School Boards Association Board Member Code of Ethics as the official Code of Ethics, and further that each Board member has read, understands and shall abide by same. The Board of Education Members had the required Board Ethics Training session as required under N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.3 and N.J.A.C.6A:30.

CODE OF ETHICS

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.

3. I will confine my Board action to policy-making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow Board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan, political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

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

/Roll Call/

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE - Mr. Scott Guzzo, Chairperson

November 2020 Financial Reports (attachment)

1. Motion to accept the preliminary Board Secretary’s monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d) that as of November 30, 2020 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A-22-8 and 18A-22-8.1.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 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, 2020 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:23-2.2. and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

- 3. Motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of November 2020.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

- 4. Motion to approve transfers for November 2020.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

December 2020 Financial Reports (attachment)

- 5. Motion to accept the preliminary Board Secretary’s monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d) that as of December 31, 2020 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A-22-8 and 18A-22-8.1.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

- 6. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 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 December 31, 2020 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:23-2.2. and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

- 7. Motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December 2020.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

- 8. Motion to approve transfers for December 2020.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

- 9. Motion to approve the Audit Corrective Action Plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. **(attachment)**

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

- 10. Motion to accept the proposal submitted by the Industrial Appraisal Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to provide an appraisal for the Green Township Board of Education for fixed asset accounting control and insurance valuation purposes at a fee of \$1,995.00. **(attachment)**

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINES TOPICS

This remote 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. That recognition will be made in the order names appear in the chat box of the digital platform. 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.

VII. CLOSED MEETING

Closed Meeting Motion was read by _____.

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/

VIII. RECONVENE

Motion to reconvene into public session.

Motion Second

/Roll Call/

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Second

/Roll Call/