

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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March 6, 2019

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Green Hills School - Library

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. FLAG SALUTE

B. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

“This is a work session of the Green Township Board of Education. Specific action will be taken on two items related to student and personnel matters. 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	Arrived At 8:03 pm
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke – Vice-President	2021	present
Mr.	Jonathan Ernst	2019	absent
Mr.	Matthew Fox	2020	present
Mr.	Scott Guzzo	2019	absent
Mr.	Noah Haiduc-Dale	2019	present
Mrs.	Denise Kelly-Jones	2020	present
Ms.	Kristin Post	2021	present
Mr.	Michael Rose	2021	present
Dr.	Lydia Furnari		present
Ms.	Sallyann McCarty, SBA		present

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

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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.

Mrs. Bilik joined the meeting at this point 8:05pm.

E. Mrs. Bilik opened the floor to public comments. There were no public comments.

II. CLOSED MEETING

Closed Meeting Motion was read by Mrs. Cooke.

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 items (b) individual privacy, (h) attorney-client privilege and (i) personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee. The motion was made by Mrs. Cooke and Second by Mr. Rose with a verbal all in favor with Mr. Guzzo and Mr. Ernst .being absent.

III. RECONVENE

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Mrs. Cooke made a motion to reconvene second by Mrs. Kelly-Jones at 8:55pm. The motion passed with a verbal all in favor with Mr. Ernst and Mr. Guzzo being absent.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to affirm results of residency hearing held on March 6, 2019 as follows:

RESOLUTION FOR THE RESIDENCY HEARING OF STUDENT A.M.

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2019, the Green Township Board of Education Residency Committee held a residency hearing for the above-named student; and

WHEREAS, the student's father attended the hearing with the counsel and presented evidence on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, the committee also considered the testimony of Investigator Oster, Ms. Clarke and Dr. Furnari; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, after having heard and considered all the proofs and testimony presented, determined that the above-referenced student's parents are not domiciled in Green Township and recommended to the full Board that it disenroll the pupil and assess tuition for the 2018-19 school year including transportation costs and tuition paid to the Mt. Olive School District, up to the date of removal, based upon the student's ineligible attendance in the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds that the above-referenced student's parents are not domiciled in the District and, therefore, Green Township Board of Education is not responsible for his education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby disenrolls the pupil from the Green Township School District and assesses tuition for the 2018-19 school year up to the date of removal, including transportation costs and tuition paid to Mount Olive School District; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the parents shall be provided with a copy of this resolution and notification of their right to appeal to the Commissioner of Education

Motion made by Mrs. Cooke, second by Mr. Rose, the motion passed with a roll call vote with Mr. Guzzo and Mr. Ernst being absent.

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B. 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>	
Kyle Mirena	NJECC Maker Depot Academy	NJ Educational Computing Cooperative / Montclair State University	3/12/19	Registration Mileage/Tolls	\$135.00 0
				<i>Total</i>	<i>\$135.00</i>

Motion made by Mr. Haiduc-Dale, second by Mrs. Cooke, the motion passed with a roll call vote with Mr. Guzzo and Mr. Ernst being absent.

C. Motion to approve the first reading of by law 0131.

Motion made by Mrs. Kelly-Jones, second by Mr. Haiduc-Dale, the motion passed with a roll call vote with Mr. Guzzo and Mr. Ernst being absent.

V. WORK SESSION ON BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The budget is due to the County on March 20th; therefore it must be approved at the March 19th meeting,

-The budget has a 2% tax levy increase. The 18-19 budget last year at this time was \$12,628,386. The 19-20 budget is projected to be \$12,765,407. That is an increase of \$137,021 or 1.08%

-With a zero percent tax levy increase the 19-20 budget would be \$12,577,967. This would be an overall budget decrease of \$50,419 or .039%

-In the event that State Aid is more than flat we will increase the supply line, since the supply line is under budgeted.

-We budgeted for a WiFi increase of \$50,000, library books for \$40,000.

-The CPI is 1.45%. This means if First Student is agreeable we can renew our current transportation contract at 1.45%.

-Staffing reallocation, digital resources, curriculum needs and textbooks will be evaluated.

-We are going to tighten the way we order things.

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-We are currently doing an analysis of digital subscriptions.

(Mrs. Cooke left the meeting at 9:19pm and returned at approximately 9:25pm during this discussion.)

Mrs. Bilik asked if we were all in agreement that the budget tax levy should be increased by 2%. She also asked each Board member what they wanted to see in the budget. Some of the responses were as follows:

- Concern over class size increasing,
- Cameras, bollards and concrete needed to be taken out of the budget,
- Funds not spent in the referendum go back as tax relief,
- Look into grant money available for security items,
- Technology upgrades and a technology person is needed,
- combine services where we can,
- PTA has the ability to raise funds,
- We were looking to keep the tax levy flat but after the Operations meeting it was not possible
- If we want to do upgrades like concrete we are going to have to have another referendum at some point,
- Vocal general music teacher,

VI. BOARD WORK SESSION MODEL

- Schedule & format for future meetings (including the budget hearing date)
- Other Board meeting dates were discussed April 9th and April 11th. This meeting might be a joint meeting with the Town. The budget hearing meeting will be April 30th.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Furnari said there is going to be a Sussex County student award recipient at the Sussex County Superintendents' round table meeting. She also said that we still need to discuss next years' calendar.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Bilik, second by Mrs. Cooke. The Board adjourned at 10:08pm with a verbal all in favor, with Mr. Ernst and Mr. Guzzo being absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann McCarty
Board Secretary