

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
Special Meeting
May 26, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Green Hills School
Small Gym

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm

A. FLAG SALUTE

B. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT read by Mrs. Bilik

“This is a Special Meeting of the Green Township Board of Education for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent search process. Action may be taken. 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
Mrs.	Marie Bilik	2023	Present
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke	2021	Present
Mr.	Scott Guzzo	2022	Present
Dr.	Noah Haiduc-Dale	2022	Present
Ms.	Deana Lykins	2023	Absent
Ms.	Kristin Post	2021	Present
Mr.	Michael Rose	2021	Present
Mr.	Rob Strasser	2022	Present
Dr.	Melissa Van Blarcom	2023	Present
Dr.	Lydia Furnari, Interim Superintendent		Present
Dr.	Vincent Occhino, Interim SBA/Bd. Secretary		
Mr.	Ernest Turner – Acting Board Secretary		Present

II. Motion to appoint Ernest Turner as Board Secretary for the purposes of this meeting.

Motion.....Mrs. Cooke

Second.....Ms. Post

/Roll Call/

	MR. GUZZO	DR. HAIDUC-DALE	MS. LYKINS	DR. VAN BLARCOM	MS. POST	MR. ROSE.	MR. STRASSER	MRS. COOKE	MRS. BILIK	ALL IN FAVOR
YES										8
NO										0
Abstain										0
Absent			X							1

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.

NONE

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Update on 8th Grade Promotion and Activities – Mr. Bollette provided additional information regarding 8th grade promotion including:

- Ceremony is planned as an outdoor event
- Parent committees have been working decorations, refreshments, etc.
- There will be a slide show celebrating students
- 3ft social distancing for students
- Picture stations will be set up
- Additional family members may attend, seated behind the area for parents of participating 8th graders.
- There will be a barbeque for 8th grade students after the last rehearsal on the day of the promotion ceremony.
- The National Jr. Honor Society ceremony will be held on June 3rd. Board members are invited to attend.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **FINANCE** - Mr. Scott Guzzo, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve submission and acceptance of funds through the FY20 Securing Our Children’s Future: School Security Grant in the amount of \$22,339.00, upon approval of compliance with Alyssa’s Law requirements, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent. If cost estimates exceed the budgeted amount, there are local funds available to pay for the project.

Motion Mr. Guzzo Second Mr. Rose

/Roll Call/

	MR. GUZZO	DR. HAIDUC-DALE	MS. LYKINS	DR. VAN BLARCOM	MS. POST	MR. ROSE.	MR. STRASSER	MRS. COOKE	MRS. BILIK	ALL IN FAVOR
YES	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	0
NO										0
Abstain										0
Absent			X							1

B. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Cooke, Chairperson

1. Motion to Approve the Appointment of the Superintendent

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Jennifer Cenatiempo as Superintendent of Schools, as well as the Employment Contract between Ms. Cenatiempo and the Board of Education, effective on or about July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 at an initial salary of \$147,500.00 consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in said Employment Contract which has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion Mrs. Cooke Second Mr. Guzzo

/Roll Call/

	MR. GUZZO	DR. HAIDUC-DALE	MS. LYKINS	DR. VAN BLARCOM	MS. POST	MR. ROSE.	MR. STRASSER	MRS. COOKE	MRS. BILIK	ALL IN FAVOR
YES	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	0
NO										0
Abstain										0
Absent			X							1

Mrs. Bilik thanked the Board members for their efforts to find the right person to fill the role of Superintendent. The process took many months and Mrs. Bilik also thanked former Board members, Mrs. Kelly-Jones and Mr. Fox for their dedication to the process when they were part of the Board of Education. She also thanked our NJ School Boards Association Field Representative for supporting the Board in this endeavor.

Newly appointed Superintendent, Jennifer Cenatiempo thanked the Board and the community for their confidence. She is looking forward to starting here in Green sometime during the summer.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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NONE

Mrs. Cooke reminded the Board to complete their portion of the Superintendent Evaluation and that the Newton Braves discussion was scheduled for July 27, 2021.

Dr. Furnari indicated that there were refreshments available to welcome Mrs. Cenatiempo to Green.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 7:48pm

Motion Mrs. Cooke

Second Dr. Haiduc-Dale

/Roll Call/

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YES										8
NO										0
Abstain										0
Absent			X							1

Respectfully submitted by:
 Dr. Lydia E. Furnari
 Interim Superintendent