

GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 19, 2022

Time: 7:00p.m.

Place: Green Hills School-Small Gym

I. CALL TO ORDER @ 7:02pm

A. FLAG SALUTE

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

“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

		Term	Roll Call
Mr.	CJ Bilik	2024	Present
Mrs.	Marie Bilik	2023	Present
Mrs.	Ann Marie Cooke	2024	Present
Mr.	Scott Guzzo	2022	Present
Dr.	Noah Haiduc-Dale	2022	Present
Ms.	Kristin Post	2024	Present
Mr.	Rob Strasser	2022	Present
Ms.	Holly Roller	2022	Present
Dr.	Melissa Van Blarcom	2023	Present
Dr.	Jennifer Cenatiempo, Superintendent		Present
Mrs.	Karen Constantino, SBA/Bd. Secretary		Present

D. MISSION STATEMENT – Read by CJ Bilik

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. PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Recognition Ceremony

1. GREEN AND GOLD STUDENT RECOGNITION –Awards presented by Mr. Bollette and Dr. Cenatiempo

The Green and Gold Awards recognize students each month for their excellence in representing the Green Hills Core Values.

The October Awards were for Respect and recipients are students who treat themselves, classmates, and adults with respect. They are students who give attention to and show care for others. The following student was not able to attend the recognition for the October Awards...

5 – Miller, Jacob Pieroni

The November Awards are for Responsibility and recipients are students who can be counted on to do the right thing and is persistent and accountable.

- K - Pittenger, Ryann Devore and Dominick Seger
- K - Zur, Isabella Pagotto and Domenico Agresti
- 1 - Lavalley, Jadon Henry and Ryan McCauley
- 1 - Sprofera, Jack Devore and Emma Galarza
- 2 - McKeown, Vincenzo Bruzzese and Olivia Orozco
- 2 - DiSanti, Yesha Nimer and Kendall Dobson
- 2 - Moles, Amina Kahyaoglu and Madelynn Citarella
- 3 - Martinka, Emiliana Franco and Lacey Keiper
- 3 - Holley, Brody McCormick and Allison Cole
- 3 - Cole, Addison Metzgar and Jude Parciak
- 4 - Giller, Katelyn Menamee and Mila Carvalho
- 4 - Scudieri, Kaitlon Henry and Emma Wilk
- 5 - Miller, Joseph Geisinger and Samantha Oliynik
- 5 - Franciosi, Juliana Vince-Cruz and Rowan Mitzen
- 6 - Ervey, Sophia Orozco
- 6 - Bird, Jamason Trout, Isaac Cisneros, and Madyn Chomow
- 7 - Voris, Joseph Murphy
- 7 - Stobie, Joseph Melillo, Sophia Sudziarski, Mackenzie Scuderi and Matthew Van Houten
- 8 - Mirena, Addyson Ortiz
- 8 - Clinton, Ciara Van Brunt and Simon Henry
- 8 - Ervey, Lilly Efremov
- 8 - Grzymko, Christabella Hannan

2. **START STRONG PRESENTATION (Marlene Sobczak & Kristin Waters)**

-Results of the Start Strong State Test were presented by Mr. Bollette, Dr. Cenatiempo, Marlene Sobczak and Kristin Waters. Results were reviewed for ELA, Math and Science by grade level and how the data is going to be used to help student growth going forward.

III. CORRESPONDENCE -None

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS -None

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V. VARIOUS REPORTS

A. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE – Mrs. Cooke

-The Newton BOE reorganization meeting was held on January 4, 2022 in the Newton High School Cafeteria.

-Board Election Results: Three (3) Year Terms: Joan Faye 1,630 General Election
Alan Abramson 47 Write-In

Elections of President and Vice-President:

President: Stella Dunn

Vice-President: Ed Caffrey

Annual Appointments approved unopposed.

- Newton Board of Education-Regular Meeting-January 4, 2022-Newton High School Cafeteria
- Board Business: Approved John Carter as Interim Assistant Principal at NHS for the 2021-2022 school year at \$500 per diem, pending criminal history request. Duration to be determined.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the NHS Cafeteria.

B. PTA UPDATE – Mrs. Post

- PTA held a virtual meeting on 1/12 via Webex. Future activities and fundraisers were discussed.
- Next meeting to be held on 3/3

C. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mrs. Bilik

- Attended 3 training sessions, PTA meeting, state leadership meeting, a SCESC on 1/10.

D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Cenatiempo

HIB Report-1 unconfirmed HIB

Drills:

Fire Drill 12/20/21

Shelter in Place (Bomb Threat Security Drill) 1/10/22

- Discussed a program that was presented by local prosecutors regarding social media and the dangers of posting certain things.

School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2022 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Green Township Board of Education is one of 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Green Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Green Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2022 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Green Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children’s education.

- E. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT– Mrs. Constantino
 - Business as usual.
 - Starting to work on year-reporting, 1099s ,1095-c, and the 22/23 budget.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to adopt the following revised delayed opening schedule for the 21-22 school year. 9:50 am - 2:20 pm. (This is revised from 9:55 am - 2:20 pm to allow for the required 4 hours of instructional time on delayed openings.)

Motion- Mr. Bilik Second-Dr. Haiduc-Dale
Roll Call

Motion		Mr.	Mr.	Mrs.	Dr.	Ms.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mrs.
VI A.		Strasser	Guzzo	Roller	Haiduc-Dale	Post	Bilik	VanBlarcom	Cooke	Bilik
	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No									
	Abstain									
	Absent									

- B. Motion to approve HIB report from 1/3 meeting.

Motion - Cooke Second –Dr. Haiduc-Dale
Roll Call

Motion		Mrs.	Ms.	Mr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mrs.
VI B.		Roller	Post	Bilik	Strasser	VanBlarcom	Guzzo	Haiduc-Dale	Cooke	Bilik
	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No									
	Abstain									
	Absent									

VII. BOARD BUSINESS – Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke

1. Motion to approve the PTA Yankee Baseball Fundraiser and Snowman Building Fundraiser.
 - Families will be able to purchase discounted tickets at \$70/each for field level seats. Date under consideration is 5/7. Must purchase atleast 10 tickets to be able to participate.
 - Who can build the best snowman (no cost to the BOE) at the school. An entry fee will be charged to participate; there will be judging of the snowmen in addition to concessions. Need snow to have this event.

Motion – Mrs. Cooke Second – Mr. Bilik

Roll Call

Motion		Mrs.	Ms.	Mr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mrs.
VII -1.		Roller	Post	Bilik	Strasser	VanBlarcom	Guzzo	Haiduc-Dale	Cooke	Bilik
	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No									
	Abstain									
	Absent									

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

IX. NEW BUSINESS -None

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Met on Monday, 1/17/22
 -Discussed the Start Strong Presentation

- 1.) Motion to rescind the following professional development request(s):

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Costs</u>
Beth Voris	Sharing & Planning G&T Events	NJCGTP / Virtual	2/18/22	\$100 to the Board of Education

- 2.) Motion to approve the following professional development request(s):

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Conference Name</u>	<u>Provider/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Costs</u>
Beth Voris	Sharing & Planning G&T Events	NJCGTP Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains 400 Speedwell Ave Morris Plains, NJ	1/27/22	\$21 mileage

Beth Voris	Kindness Challenge Drive for Benny's Bodega	National Junior Honor Society	1/24/22 – 1/28/22	No cost to the Board of Education
Dave Miller	Buildings & Grounds Expo	NJSBGA 24 th Annual Conference/Expo Atlantic City, NJ	3/21/22 – 3/23/22	Registration: \$300 Hotel: \$192 Mileage 306 mi (round trip) @.35/mi (\$107.10) + tolls
Jon Bollette	Affirmative Action Officer Certificate Program	NJ Principals & Supervisors Association Online Program		\$500
Kyle Mirena	NJECC 36 th Annual NJ Educational Technology Conference	NJECC	3/8/22 & 3/9/22	\$175 82 miles roundtrip @ \$.35/mile (\$28.70)

- Motion to approve Educate the Educators professional development program at a total cost of \$200 for the program.

Motion – Dr. Haiduc-Dale Second –Ms. Post

Roll Call

Motion		Mr.	Dr.	Ms.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mrs.
X. A. 1-3		Guzzo	Haiduc-Dale	Post	Bilik	Roller	Strasser	VanBlarcom	Cooke	Bilik
	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No									
	Abstain									
	Absent									

B. FINANCE - Mr. Scott Guzzo, Chairperson

-Met on 1/10/22. Moved next month's meeting from 2/14 to 2/8

-Discussed out of district placements, budget, staffing issues and self-testing for COVID.

December 2021 Financial Reports (attachment)

- Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for January 4, 2022 through January 19, 2022 for a total of \$775,337.71 (**attachment**)
- Motion to accept the Board Secretary's monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d) that as of December 31, 2021, 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.
- Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 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, 2021 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.

4. Motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December, 2021.
5. Motion to approve transfers for December, 2021.
6. Motion to approve disbursement from the 8th Grade Student Activities Account the amount of \$2,098.70, which includes a \$500 deposit, payable to Lake Mohawk Country Club for the 8th grade dance on May 25, 2022.
7. Motion to approve the service agreement with Best Choice Home Care, Limited Liability Company of Hackettstown, from January 14, 2022 through June 22, 2022. This New Jersey Registered Nurse Service will have a cost of \$68 per hour to provide licensed registered nurses to the district.
8. Motion to approve disbursement from the Student Activities account in the amount of \$2,015.00 payable to Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for Caramel Apple School Fundraiser.
9. Motion to approve the 2020-2021 ESEA carry over of funds which will amend the 2021-2022 application. The 2020-2021 ESEA carry over amounts are as follows:

Title I	\$20,445
Title II A:	\$ 5,682
Title IV A:	\$ 196

10. Motion to approve the following Out-of-District Placement:

Student ID ending in # 0867: Windsor Learning Center, Pompton Lakes, NJ. Full Day Program. Tuition is \$35,964.00, effective January 4, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Transportation is needed.

11. Motion to approve the rate increase in Substitute Nurse Pay from \$150 to \$250 per day, effective January 20, 2022, as recommended by the superintendent.

Motion – Mr. Guzzo Second –Mr. Bilik

Roll Call

Motion		Dr.	Mrs.	Ms.	Mr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mrs.
X. B. 1-11		Haiduc-Dale	Roller	Post	Strasser	Guzzo	VanBlard	Bilik	Cooke	Bilik
	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No									
	Abstain									
	Absent									

1.) Updates as applicable.

-Discussed Floors in the gym, weather stripping on the doors, approval of grants and the planters in the front of the school

Mrs. Cooke asked about the library doors.

-Next meeting will have discussions about the roof assessment.

D. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke, Chairperson

-Meeting held on 1/17 at 6pm

Discussions included: Update on DOH guidance, substitute drive, internship request and nurse substitutes

1. Motion to approve Amanda Voswinkel, shared services LDTC, as an Intern in the Educational Leadership Program with up to 300 hours of approved internship activities, at no cost to the Board of Education.
2. Motion to approve the following paraprofessionals to use their teaching and/or substitute certification to work beyond their contracted hours up to a maximum of 27.5 hours per week, filling in for substitutes, as needed, at the substitute hourly rate of \$16 per hour:

Joanna D'Annibale
Brittany Devore
Mia Gnecco
Jolaine Moreland
Kathleen Mull

3. Motion to approve the following Substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year, pending required paperwork and criminal background clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Holly Guth
Brissen Palmer
Melissa Wojdala
Barbara Popek
Rebecca Monahan
Natalia Parciak
Brianne Sutton
Angela Freeman
Amanda Galarza
Jacqueline Mull
Paige Strangeway
Mary Fisk
Christina Karpathios
Mary Fox
Meganne Secola
Chantel Seger

4. Motion to approve the following Substitute School Nurse for the 2021-2022 school year, pending required paperwork and criminal background clearance, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Motion to approve the unpaid leave of absence for Cori Harrington on or about March 3, 2022 – April 14, 2022.

Dates:	Designation:
3/3/22 – 4/14/22	FMLA/NJFLA

- Motion to approve the following Danielson Observation Rubrics for the 21/22 school year:

Teacher
 Instructional Coach Rubric
 Learning Consultant
 Counselor
 Nurse
 Psychologist
 Social Worker
 Therapist

- Motion to approve the NJ Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning model.

Motion- Mrs. Cooke Second – Dr. VanBlarcom

Roll Call

Motion		Ms.	Mr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mrs.
X.D. 1-7.		Post	Bilik	Guzzo	Haiduc-Dale	Roller	Strasser	VanBlarcom	Cooke	Bilik
	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No									
	Abstain									
	Absent									

E. POLICY – Ms. Kristin Post, Chairperson

-Discussed lunchtime snack purchases and the ability to look online to see what students are purchasing, policies, policy and protocol for students who do not live in-district.

- Motion to approve the following policies and regulations for a first reading:
 R 8420.1 Fire and Fire Drills (M) (Revised)
 P 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students (M) (Revised)
 R 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students (M) (Revised)

Motion – Ms. Post Second – Mr. Bilik

Roll Call

Motion		Dr.	Dr.	Mr.	Mr.	Ms.	Mr.	Mrs.	Mrs.	Mrs.
X. E. 1.		VanBlarcom	Haiduc-Dale	Strasser	Bilik	Post	Guzzo	Roller	Cooke	Bilik
	Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No									
	Abstain									
	Absent									

F. NEGOTIATIONS – Ann Marie Cooke, Chairperson

1. Updates as applicable.
- Meeting on 1/26 to discuss ground rules.

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS @ 9:09pm

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. 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.

-BOE member, Dr. Haiduc-Dale mentioned the discussion of volleyball as a future sport or just for fun. Public comment closed @ 9:11pm.

XII. CLOSED MEETING

Closed Meeting Motion was read by President Bilik at 9:12pm.

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 b. & c.

Motion-Mr. Bilik Second – Dr. Haiduc-Dale

Motion		Mr.	Ms.	Mr.	Ms.	Dr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mrs.	All in
Exec. Session		Bilik	Post	Strasser	Roller	VanBlarcom	Guzzo	Haiduc-Dale	Cooke	Bilik	Favor
	Yes										X
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

XIII. RECONVENE

Motion to reconvene into public session at 10:05pm.

Motion – Dr. Haiduc-Dale Second-Mr. Bilik

Roll Call

Motion		Mr.	Ms.	Mr.	Ms.	Dr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mrs.	All in
Reconvene		Bilik	Post	Strasser	Roller	VanBlarcom	Guzzo	Haiduc-Dale	Cooke	Bilik	Favor
	Yes										X
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion that the Board of Education shall adjourn at 10:06pm.

Motion –Ms. Roller Second –Mr. Bilik

Motion		Mr.	Ms.	Mr.	Ms.	Dr.	Mr.	Dr.	Mrs.	Mrs.	All in
Adjournment		Bilik	Post	Strasser	Roller	VanBlarcom	Guzzo	Haiduc-Dale	Cooke	Bilik	Favor
	Yes										X
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										