

**GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2021**

Time: 7:30p.m.

Place: Remote Platform

I. CALL TO ORDER Read by President Bilik

A. FLAG SALUTE

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

P=Present

Also in attendance: Jon Paul Bollette, Principal Green Hills School and 15 community

members remotely.

D. MISSION STATEMENT Read by Ms. Lykins

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. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION – Student Academic Support and Addressing Learning Loss.

Principal Jon Paul Bollette’s presentation, “Student Academic Support and Addressing Learning Loss”, explained the use of the diagnostic assessments tool, i-Ready (Language Arts & Math) and Star Reading used to help monitor student growth and develop. The collected data will provide an accurate account of how the student is progressing through the curriculum.

III. CORRESPONDENCE - None

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS Read by President Bilik

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Open at 8:02 pm

None

Closed at 8:03 pm

V. VARIOUS REPORTS

A. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE – Mrs. Cooke

Regular Meeting January 26, 2021 Via Remote Platform

Presentations: Approved School Board Recognition Month in NJ Resolution. **Committee**

Reports: Negotiations - Mediation Meeting set for 3/14/21.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Greene stated five (5) positive COVID cases over the previous weekend. Cheer program cancelled due to low interest (3). "E" sports program will utilize unpaid stipends. Advisor positions have been posted.

Thor Labs and SCCC will be offering dual enrollment course in Optics. (Pilot program)

Board Business: Approved the postponement of the comprehensive review under NJQSAC until 2023-2024 school year.

Approved new courses at NHS for the 2021-2022 school year:

Honors Graphic Design II

AP Computer Science Principals

Approved the acceptance of the June 30, 2020 Audit Report as prepared and presented by the accounting firm of Nisivoccia & Company, LLP and approved the Corrective Action Plan with two (2) recommendations.

Approved the tuition rates for the Newton Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year:

	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>Change</u>
Grades 9-12	\$16,367	\$16,689	\$ 322

Approved a motion to amend the School District Long Range Facility Plan as well as authorize the submission of the Project Applications, and after receiving NJDOE approval authorize the projects to be funded through the Capital Reserve (except the kitchen project funded through the food service fund) according to the amounts listed and totaling \$280,601

Upgrade kitchen steam table and full serving line \$40,000.

Replace stair treads in all stairways \$17,792.

Repair stairs and stall handrail outside \$54,616. Senior lounge

Repair sidewalks and handrails \$66,393.

Add critical items to generators \$75,000.

Remove stump and pave BOE office parking lot \$26,900.

Approved Policy 8860 (Memorials) for 1st reading.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

B. PTA UPDATE – Mrs. Post reported that the PTA did not meet this month. The apparel sale is still going on. The next PTA meeting will be scheduled for late March 2021.

C. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Bilik

Reported on Board of Directors February 5th meeting
Mrs. Bilik will be attending the SCESC meeting
Encouraged Board members to consider participation in the NJSBA Spring Ed Symposium. Mrs. Bilik also provided an update on the Superintendent Search. NJSBA Survey will be made available by March , 2021

D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Furnari

Enrollment Report

Suspension Report

A cost benefit analysis of the State Aid allocation for Public School Choice was discussed and Dr. Furnari indicated she would provide this analysis to the Board.

E. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT – Dr. Occhino

Ethics Update

REAP Grant

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Bilik reported that the Superintendent search schedule developed by the Board at their February 2nd work session was progressing as planned.

President Bilik requested a few language changes stated in the Code Of Conduct for Remote Meetings suggested by the New Jersey School Boards Association. A straw poll was taken and the Board members agreed to her changes. Vice President Cooke was asked to present the edited wording for a formal vote at the next Board meeting.

President Bilik asked Vice President Cooke to begin to organize the tasks associated with the evaluation of the Superintendent.

VII. BOARD BUSINESS – Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke

A. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:

1. Regular Meeting of January 27, 2021. **(attachment)**
2. Work session Meeting of February 2, 2021. **(attachment)**

MotionMrs. Cooke

Second.....Mr. Rose

Roll Call/

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

B. Motion to approve the Green Township School District calendar for the 2021-2022 as attached. **(attachment)**

MotionMrs. Cooke

SecondMr. Rose

Roll Call/

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YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0
NO										0
Abstain										0
Absent										0

C. Motion to approve Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program

Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021-2022 school year, and

Whereas, the Green Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Green Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Sussex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2021-2022 school year.

MotionMrs. Cooke

SecondMrs. Post

Roll Call/

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YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0
NO										0
Abstain										0
Absent										0

D. Presentation on Board Code of Ethics for Virtual Meetings.

Mrs. Cooke presented the Board Code of Ethics for Virtual Meetings. During the discussion, Mrs. Bilik recommended the removal of the word “exclusively” from the first paragraph. The Board agreed on the substance of the document and indicated that a vote would be taken at the next Board meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Guzzo asked about the status of Spring Sports and plans for eight grade graduation. Dr. Furnari indicated that Sussex County school districts are discussing the viability of a spring season and that our Athletic Director is exploring the viability further. Mr. Bollette and his staff are working on plans for 8th grade activities including the graduation ceremony.

IX. NEW BUSINESS None

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CURRICULUM – Mr. Haiduc-Dale, Chairperson

Mr. Haiduc-Dale provided an overview of the meeting that took place on February 15, 2021, indicating that the presentation made to the Board earlier was shared with the committee at the meeting on the 15th.

1. 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>	
Susan D’Amato	Human Resources: New Requirements, Best Practices and the Law	NJPSA/FEA / Virtual Webinar	4/13/21	Registration Mileage/ Tolls Total	\$40.00 None \$40.00

MotionMr. Haiduc-Dale

SecondMs. Post

Roll Call/

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

B. FINANCE - Mr. Scott Guzzo, Chairperson

Mr. Guzzo reported on the committee meeting held on February 8th. Mr. Guzzo requested a consent agenda for motions 1 through 7.

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for January 21, 2021 through February 18, 2020 for a total of \$1,275,440.61. (**attachment**)
2. Motion to approve the attached disbursements for February 2021 from the Student Activities Account in the amount of \$0.00 and the Business Office Petty Cash Account in the amount of \$80.00. (**attachment**)
3. 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 January 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.
4. 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 January 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.
5. Motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January 2021.
6. Motion to approve transfers for January 2021.
7. Motion to approve an amendment to the NJ CARES Grant Application as noted below:

Original Allocation	31,828
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Adjusting Run	1,739
Supplemental to Address Equitable Services	1,029
Total Allocation	34,596

MotionMr. Guzzo

SecondMr. Haiduc-Dale

Roll Call/ Motions 1 through 7

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YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0
NO										0
Abstain										0
Absent										0

C. OPERATIONS – Mr. Strasser, Chairperson

Mr. Strasser reported on the committee meeting held on February 8th. Some of the items discussed were the need for a new truck and priority facility concerns for the budget. Mrs. Cooke asked whether the license reader was functional and Dr. Furnari indicated that it was not currently in use.

D. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Cooke, Chairperson

Mrs. Cooke reported on the committee meeting held on February 15th. She stated that a numbers of items were discussed. Mrs. Cooke requested a consent agenda for motions 1 through 4.

1. Motion to approve Karen Smith as a Special Education Teacher for the 2020- 2021 school year, beginning February 19, 2021, at the salary of \$58,477.00 (BA Step 1) prorated, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent. **(attachment)**
2. Motion to approve Justin Wynne and Kyle Mirena as E-Sports Coaches for the 2020-2021 school year at the total stipend of \$2,000.00, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.
3. Motion to approve Justine Webb as a Leave Replacement Teacher for Middle School Language Arts at the salary of \$58,477.00 (BA Step 1) prorated, beginning February 19, 2021 through March 26, 2021, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.
4. Motion to approve the request for a medical leave of absence through June 30, 2021 from Kim Lach, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent

F. NEGOTIATIONS – Mr. Rose, Chairperson

Mr. Rose reported that he discussed a question regarding Health Benefits related to Chapter 44. He reported that no contractual change is needed.

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS Read by President Bilik

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Open At: 8:47 pm

No Comments

Closed At: 8:48 pm

XII. CLOSED MEETING - NONE

XIV ADJOURNMENT 8:50 pm

MotionMr. Haiduc- Dale

Second.....Ms. Post

Roll Call/

	MR. GUZZO	MR. HAIDUC-DALE	MS. LYKINS	DR. VAN BLARCOM	MS. POST	MR. ROSE.	MR. STRASSER	MRS. COOKE	MRS. BILIK	ALL IN FAVOR
YES										9
NO										0
Abstain										0
Absent										0

Submitted by:

Vincent J. Occhino

February 18, 2021

Vincent J. Occhino

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary