**GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**February 16, 2022**

**Time: 7:00p.m. Place: Green Hills School-Small Gym**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. **FLAG SALUTE @ 7:01pm**
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

“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

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| 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 |
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| Dr. | Jennifer Cenatiempo, Superintendent |  | Present |
| Mrs. | Karen Constantino, SBA/Bd. Secretary |  | Present |

D**. MISSION STATEMENT-Read by Ms. Roller**

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-Dr. Cenatiempo and Mr. Bollette recognized student achievement.**

1. Student Recognition Ceremony
2. GREEN AND GOLD STUDENT RECOGNITION

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

The January Awards were for Citizenship. The award is given to students who cooperate with others and take pride in being a student at Green Hills School.

K - Ava Cayer, Daniel Citarella, Addisyn Stanton, Skylar Secola

1 - Ava Mohammadi, Ryan Bockbrader, Ava Martinka, Jackson Derby, Anthony Flores

2 - Dylan Kelvin Korpos, Gianluca Calamusa, Jack Sutton, Emily Cole, Sofia Cirasuolo, Audrey Karpathios

3 - Hunter Wojdala, Hailey McGuire, Tynlee Freeman, Carter Derby, Hayden Martin, Trevor Mihail

4 - Cru Munoz, Nicklas Newman, Chigemezu Chima, Anthony Orozco, Samuel Jaya

5 - Jack Pagotto, Angelina DaRosa, Luke Cole, Megan McLean, Cortland Martin, Evan Cotter

1. - Gavin Dobson, Aurora Post, Evie Rolle r, Madalyn Sutton,

7 - Meadow D’Annibale, Mary Riley, Nicholas Wojtach, Julien Riera, Magdalen Costello, Bella Guzzo, Franco Hayde

8 - Faith Cooper Kaitlyn Harding, Ryan Marschall, Tyler Morodan, Mary-Kate Greenhalgh

1. The following students participated in the Lego Robotics Mount Olive Qualifier in late November, along with their coaches Mr. Mirena and Mrs. Murphy:

GHS 1 - Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Cameron Trish, Brandon Roes, Zoe Mills, Zoe Caraballo, Coulson Conn

GHS 2 - Lilyana Kamphausen, Quinten Post, Maci Gnecco, Luca Orozco, Ethan Fancher, Addyson Ortiz

**III. CORRESPONDENCE-Received from Mr. Knutsen on 2/2/2022 to the entire board.**

**IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Cenatiempo**

**Enrollment Report - Current # of Enrolled Students: 388**

**Suspension Report - Suspensions: Zero**

**HIB Report**

**Drills: Firedrill 2/16, parents were notified**

**Also discussed the send/receive relationship with Newton**

Dr. Cenatiempo addressed the new masking rules- we’ve been following DOH guidance

-We will become mask optional on 3/7 and are expecting new guidance

-All masks are to be worn on transportation-Federally regulated

Dr. Haiduc-Dale asked about the plan if we hit a certain number of cases do we go back to masking.

Dr. Cenatiempo-The door remains open to course correct

Ms. Post-Will there be additional measures in place once masks are removed, in terms of

sanitation/cleaning

Dr. Cenatiempo-We’ll maintain current protocols, we’ll still continue to contact trace

Dr. Haiduc-Dale-Any thoughts on waiting a month

Dr. Cenatiempo-We are trying to navigate the best we can; we will educate students, that students “will” and “will not” wear masks

Mr. Guzzo-Need a rough draft of our Restart Program that we will have in place in case the numbers go

crazy, have something in place so we can react quickly, and also be aware that there may be bullying

Dr. Cenatiempo-Mr. Bollette will communicate to students about masking, sicks students will stay home

and healthy students will come back to school

President Bilik-We will not deviate from the Executive Order

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA TOPICS** @ 8:06pm

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 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.

-April Orozco-13 Route 519, Newton, NJ

Asked about curriculum item #2. Why are no special education teachers attending? Can resource room teachers attend?

Dr. Cenatiempo shared that there will be a recorded version of the training that will be shared, and that we are still facing a challenge balancing staffing.

# VI. VARIOUS REPORTS

1. NEWTON BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE – Mrs. Cooke

Newton Board of Education Regular Meeting January 25, 2022 Newton HS Cafeteria

Presentations:

-Honored Educator(s) of the Year Brendan Scullin – NHS, Mary Licata – NHS

-Start Strong Assessment Data – Dr. Greene (available on website)

School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Report: Informed of the resignation of Ed Caffrey, Board Member, effective January 20, 2022.

Board Business: Appointed Mary Zayac and Sam Morales to fill Board vacancies for the remainder of 2022.

-Approved increases in substitute pay rates effective January 26, 2022.

Teacher (Daily substitute) $150/day

Nurse $250/day

Bus Driver $25/hr

Custodian/Maintenance $17.50/hr $19.50/hr (w/ boiler license)

Teacher Assistant $15/hr

Admin Assistant $15/hr

Approved cost sharing agreement with Town of Newton for the Ryerson Avenue Improvement Project in the amount of $20,000, payable to the Town of Newton.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the NHS Cafeteria.

1. PTA UPDATE – Mrs. Post

-The calendar raffle is still on-going, drawings on 2/23, 3/30, 4/27

-The next regular meeting is on 3/3

1. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mrs. Bilik

-Attended SCESC regular meeting, Board of Directors Meeting, HIB Training, Training for Best Practices

1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT– Mrs. Constantino

-Newly elected BOE members must submit their financial/personal/relative disclosures by March 4th and Re-elected members are 4/30.

-BOE members have been registered for their required training-please check email; Governance IV registration is not available yet.

-Reviewed the timeline of dates for the budget

* Governor’s Budget Address: March 8th
* State Aid/Data available in Budget Software: March 10th
* Adoption and Filing of Tentative Budget-No later than March 21st (BOE meeting for Green Hills-3/16)
* Budget approval by ECS-no later than April 20th
* Advertise budget in newspaper at least 4 days prior to the public hearing
* Public Hearing Dates: 4/25-5/9
* Green’s Public Hearing Date on Budget: April 27th
* Budget posted to the school’s website within 48 hours of the public hearing

**VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM- Budget**

**VIII. BOARD BUSINESS** – Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke

-There is no motion to accept, reject or modify the HIB report from February 2, 2022 as there are no HIB

incidents reported during that period.

1. Motion to accept minutes of the following meetings:
   1. Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2022**. (attachment)**
   2. Regular Meeting of January 19, 2022. **(attachment)**
   3. Executive Session of January 19, 2022
   4. Budget Planning Meeting of February 2, 2022. **(attachment)/**
   5. Motion to approve the PTA’s Mother/Son (Someone Special) Game Night to be held at Green Hills School on April 1, 2022, at cost of $5.00 per person.
   6. Motion to approve the PTA’s Father/Daughter (Someone Special) Dance to be held at Green Hills School (pending Mask Ordinance) or Tranquility Farms on May 26, 2022, at a cost of $5 per person**.**
   7. Motion to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution**

**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 2022-2023 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.

**FY 2023 Reimbursement Revenue Projection**

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| Medicaid-Eligible/Special Education Student Count per NJ SMART 10/15/21 snapshot | **17** |
| District Projected Reimbursement Revenue: | **$8,683.60** |
| District Budgeted Reimbursement Revenue Requirement: | **$7,815.24** |

Motion-Mrs. Cooke Second-Mr. Bilik

**Roll Call:**



**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Start Strong and Intervention Update**

# X. NEW BUSINESS -None

# XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Discussed upcoming curriculum writing, grant for garden and updating the garden spaces.

1. **CURRICULUM –** Dr. Noah Haiduc-Dale, Chairperson
2. Motion to approve the English Language Learner Three-Year Program Plans 2021 – 2024.
3. Motion to approve the following professional development request(s):

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| **Staff Member** | **Conference Name** | **Provider/Location** | **Date** | **Costs** |
| Beth Voris | Sharing & Planning G&T Events | NJCGTP  Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains  400 Speedwell Ave  Morris Plains, NJ | 1/27/22 | $23.41 mileage\* Revised |
| Mary Beth Stiles | Addressing Emerging Issues Related to HIB, Mental Health, and School Violence | Virtual | 2/15/22 | $35 |
| Debbie Simmons  Christie Farber Ashley Van Haste Amy Cole  Kristen Waters | Dyslexia: Help Students who Struggle to Successful  Read, Write, and Spelling Workshop | BER | 4/1/22 | $1,295 to be paid for out of the ESEA Title IIA grant funds |
| Beth Voris | NJCGTP Sharing & Planning GT Events | Morris Museum  6 Normandy Heights Rd  Morristown, NJ 07960 | 6/3/22 | Mileage: $23.80 |

1. Motion to approve the following field trips:

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| Grade | Trip | Location | Date(s) | Cost |
| 8th Grade | High School Visit | Newton High School | February 15, 2022 | Transportation: $135 to the BOE |
| SOAR 6- 8 | Chess Tournament & Virtual Competition | Students Home (Virtual) | March 10, 2022 | $170 to the BOE (if all participate) |
| SOAR 3 – 5 | Chess Tournament & Virtual Competition | Students Home (Virtual) | March 11, 2022 | $70 to the BOE (if all participate) |
| 8th Grade | Rocking Horse Ranch | 600 US – 44 Highland, NY | June 8, 2022 | $0 to the BOE |
| 8th Grade | AMC Movie Theatre | Hackettstown | TBD | $0 to the BOE |
| 8th Grade | Ecology of an Estuary | Sandy Hook | May 31 (rain date June 1) | $0 to the BOE |
| 7th Grade | Ecology of an Estuary | Sandy Hook | June 6 (rain date June 9) | $0 to the BOE |
| SOAR 3-8 | Tour Sparks Lab, View GHS student work on display | Morris Museum | March 25, 2022 | $175 to the BOE  Transportation: to be paid by the BOE |
| SOAR 7 & 8 | STEAM Machine & Rube Goldberg Competition | Morris Museum | May 6, 2022 | $200 to the BOE  Transportation: to be paid by the BOE |

1. Motion to approve NJ Agricultural Society Grant application, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion –Dr. Haiduc-Dale Second –Mrs. Cooke

/Roll Call



1. **FINANCE** - Mr. Scott Guzzo, Chairperson
2. Motion to withdraw $11,500 out of the Maintenance Reserve to replace the exterior gym doors.
3. Motion to approve C&M Door Controls, Inc. to remove existing and install new gym doors and hardware at a cost of $11,500.
4. Motion to approve the Orton Gillingham Training from 6/20/22 through 6/24/22 at a total vendor cost of $43,780 for 40-44 participants. There will be 25 Green teachers and up to 19 additional educators from surrounding districts participating in the training. Teachers from outside of Green will be paid for in full by their home districts. Individual teachers from Green will be compensated for 30 hours of training at their hourly rate per the 21-22 salary guide. The cost of the training and teacher compensation will be paid for from the ARP ESSER, Specialized Funding - Accelerated Learning, Coaching, and Educator Support Grant, which was awarded to Green in the amount of $50,000. Any additional cost beyond the $50,000 will be paid for from the ESEA Title IIA grant funds for professional development.

**January 2022 Financial Reports (attachment)**

1. Motion to approve the General Fund bills list for January 20, 2022 through February 16, 2022 for a total of $1,119,023.97 **(attachment)**

1. 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 January 31, 2022, 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.
2. 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 January 31, 2022 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.

1. Motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer

of School Monies for the month of January, 2022.

1. Motion to approve transfers for January, 2022.
2. Motion to approve the PASS IT ALONG program in the amount of $7,500 for the 7th and 8th grade classes. The 8th Grade Discover Your Passion and Purpose Workshop will be completed over 3 days. The 7th Grade Interactive Community Building Workshop will be completed over 2 days. These programs will be paid for out of the ESEA, Title IV grant funds.

1. Motion to approve tuition contract with Kittatinny Regional High School, from October 18, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for homeless student #2407 at a prorated amount of $19,260, as deemed required by the Sussex County Department of Education.
2. Motion to approve tuition contract with Kittatinny Regional High School, from October 18, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for homeless student #27198009 at a prorated amount of $19,260, as deemed required by the Sussex County Department of Education.
3. Motion to approve North Jersey Entertainment’s “Classic Event Package” Contract, for a DJ for the 8th grade dance on May 25, 2022 at Lake Mohawk County Club in the amount of $550,

payable through Student Activities, Class of 2026 account .

1. Motion to approve disbursement from the Student Activities account in the amount of $2,915.00 payable to Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for the Caramel Apple School Fundraiser.
2. Motion to approve disbursement from the Student Activities account in the amount of $1,134.00 payable to P.C. Richard & Son Builders Division, for the purchase of the refrigerator and freezer chest for the staff room.
3. Motion to approve the submission of the REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) grant application for the fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of $30,979.
4. Motion to accept the funds from the REAP Grant for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of

$30,979.

1. Motion to approve the following Extended School Year Program for Summer 2021, as recommended by the Child Study Team for IEP’s:

Student ID ending in #4415: Florence M. Burd, Andover, NJ. Preschool Disabled Program runs from 7/1/21 to 7/21/21 from 9:00 until 11:30am. Program operates Monday through Friday. Tuition is $1,372.00. Related services are billed separately. Transportation is not needed.

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

Student ID ending in # 2800: Florence M. Burd, Andover, NJ. Preschool Disabled Program (half-day) for 9 months. Tuition is $12,399.30, effective October 6, 2021 through June 22, 2022. . Related services are billed separately. Transportation is not needed.

1. Motion to approve the MD tuition contract for student #1876 attending Newton High

School from September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at cost of $30,198.

1. Motion to approve the MD tuition contract for student #1873 attending Newton High

School from September 1,2021 through June 30, 2022 at cost of $30,198.

1. Motion to approve the MD tuition contract for student #1653 attending Newton High

School from September 1,2021 through June 30, 2022 at cost of $30,198.

1. Motion to approve the LLD tuition contract for student #2024 attending Newton High

School from September 1,2021 through June 30, 2022 at cost of $5,051.61.

Motion-Mr. GuzzoSecond **–Mr. Bilik**

**Roll Call:**



1. **OPERATIONS –** Mr. Rob Strasser, Chairperson

Updates as applicable.

-Tremco presented their proposal on the school’s various roofs

-Discussed ventilation

1. **PERSONNEL –** Mrs. Ann Marie Cooke, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the request from Christine Malloy for the use of Intermittent Family Leave (NJFLA) for a period of up to 12 weeks, unpaid, beginning on or about February 24, 2022 through on or about April 15, 2022, as recommended by the Superintendent.

1. Motion to approve Kirsten Goodnick as maternity leave replacement for grade 1

from March 2, 2022 to June 30, 2022, BA Step 1, at a salary of $60,577, pro-rated, no

benefits.

1. Motion to approve unpaid family medical leave for Kyle Mirena from 4/25/22-4/29/22.

Motion **– Mrs. Cooke** Second **– Ms. Roller**

**Roll Call:**

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

**E. POLICY –** Ms**.** Kristin Post, Chairperson

1. Motion to approve the following policies and regulations for a first reading:

P 2415.05  Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment

(M) (Revised)

P 2431.4     Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M)  (Revised)

P 2622               Student Assessment (M)  (Revised)

P 3233               Political Activities  (Revised)

P 5541               Anti-Hazing (M)  (New)

P 7540               Joint Use of Facilities  (Revised)

P  8465              Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts (M)  (Revised)

P 9560               Administration of School Surveys (M)  (Revised)

1. Motion to approve the following policies and regulations for a second reading and approval:

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 **– Dr. VanBlarcom**

**Roll Call:**



**F. NEGOTIATIONS** – Ann Marie Cooke, Chairperson

1. Updates as applicable.

-Had first meeting on 2/23

# XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NEW BUSINESS TOPICS @ 8:40pm-None

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**XIII. CLOSED MEETING**

Closed Meeting Motion was read by Mrs. Bilik at 8:42pm.

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

1. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule
2. Individual privacy
3. Collective bargaining agreements
4. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
5. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
6. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
7. Pending or anticipated litigation
8. Attorney-client privilege
9. 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 C and T.

Motion **– Mrs. Cooke** Second **– Mr. Guzzo**

**Roll Call:**



# XIV. RECONVENE

Motion to reconvene into public session at 9:35pm.

Motion – Mrs. CookeSecond **–** Dr. Haiduc-Dale

**Roll Call:**



# XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion that the Board of Education shall adjourn at 9:36pm.

Motion – Dr. Haiduc-DaleSecond– Ms. Roller

**Roll Call:**

