

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019**

A Special meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 5:31 p.m., by Board President, Brian Milk, in the Board of Education Room, High School/Middle School complex, South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Brian Milk, President  
Mr. Scott Youngs, Vice-President  
Mrs. Tammie McCauley  
Mr. Nicholas Drew  
Mr. Seth Barrows  
Mr. Jason Burghardt  
Mr. Douglas Markham

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Gordon Daniels, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager  
Mr. Timothy Calice, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal & Director of PE & Athletics  
Mrs. January Pratt, Primary School Principal  
Ms. Kimberly Matthews, Director of Special Programs  
Mr. Gerald Abbey, Interim Facilities Director

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Donna Utter, District Clerk

- April 8 – National Junior Honor Society – 6:30 p.m.
- April 9 – Special BOE Executive Session– Superintendent Search
- April 10 – Special BOE Executive Session– Superintendent Search
- April 10 - Honor Society Blood Drive
- April 11 – Kindergarten Information Night – 6:30 p.m.
- April 17 – Board of Education Meeting (cancelled)
- April 22 - Board Petitions Due by 5:00 p.m.
- April 23 – Bus Vote 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (proposed)
- April 24 – Board of Education Meeting – Special Date –  
BOCES Budget Vote & Election – 6:00 p.m.
- April 26 – Sweets and Sounds 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- May 1 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- May 4 – Prom – 7:00 p.m.
- May 8 – Honor Society Induction Ceremony – 7:00 p.m.
- May 13 – Annual Budget Hearing – 6:30 p.m.
- May 14 – Spring Band Concert / Select Chorus – 7:00 p.m.
- May 16 – Intermediate Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- May 21 – Board of Education Budget Vote & Member Election  
11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- May 27 – Memorial Day Parade Band & Select Chorus

**CALENDAR**

- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Drew, to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss the 2019-2020 budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yes-7, No-0

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**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion made by Drew, seconded by Youngs, to adjourn Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**RECONVENE** - President Milk reconvened the meeting 5:42 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF 2018-19 SCHOOL BUDGET** - Motion made by Drew, seconded by Barrows, to adopt the 2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$27,013,533.00 with a tax levy increase of 3.07% and \$311,614 being used from reserve accounts.

- Budget presentation by Mark Rubitski, Business Manager, highlighting the following:

- Tax levy increase 3.067% which is the tax levy limit
- Full time athletic trainer possible w/cuts in supplies & contractual athletic budgets
- Speech keep staffing that we have
- School Resource Officer out for this year
- 3 support aides cut
- Total cuts of \$403,000
- Review of Department Budgets:
  - Chief School Administrator – increase due to new Superintendent
  - Auditing - increase due to new requirements.
  - Personnel/labor relations – increase due to purchasing a new BOCES services labor relations.
  - Operation of Plant – increase due to contractual obligations and leased equipment.
  - Special Education – increase due to BOCES student placements.
  - Guidance – decrease due to one Psychologist position being paid through a grant.
  - Teacher’s Retirement – decrease due to a rate reduction by NYS retirement system.
  - Workers Compensation - increase as a result of Increase in useage.
- Overall, budget increase of 2.135%
- Information regarding what the tax levy increase would be per thousand will be sent out.
- Reserve balances and amounts of increase and decrease over the past 10 years was shared with the board.
- Capital reserve amount \$900,000. Without reserves to fund local share you would have to increase the tax levy to 20-30% to finance a capital project.

- Board member Drew commented that it was overwhelming being on the Budget Committee, but plans on sticking with it next year as he continues to gain a better understanding of the process. He also commented that having the administration involved was important and maybe next year, there could possibly be a teacher representative. He recommended that the process start a little earlier to allow more time for considerations.

- Board member McCauley commented that moving forward she hopes the district can be creative to keep the arts and music programs. She asked the Board to be mindful of what

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- is being cut and what the consequences could be down the road.
- Board member Drew commented that administrators are already thinking outside the box for creative solutions.
- Vote on adoption of the budget after the above discussion:  
Yes-7, No-0
- Motion made by Youngs, seconded by Barrows, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.  
Yes-7, No-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Marie Utter  
District Clerk