

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, John Fish, in the Auditorium, High School/Middle School campus, South Canal Street, Greene, N.Y.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Fish - President
Doug Markham – Vice President
Seth Barrows
Andrew Bringuel, II
Nicholas Drew
Brian Milk
Scott Youngs

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Timothy M. Calice, Superintendent of Schools
Cliff Jones, Head Bus Driver
Mark Rubitski, Business Official
January Pratt, Primary School Principal

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Theresa Brant, District Clerk

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Business & Finance – Internal Claims Audit

GOOD NEWS:

Superintendent Calice shared the following:
Congratulations to Mrs. Boel for winning the State Farm Grant. The award, \$2500, will be used for audio/visual equipment.

Congratulations to the Middle and High School Staff Members of the month for January and February: Mrs. Schieve, Mrs. Olbrys, Mr. Rapp and Mr. Bogardus.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilson for receiving the Future Engineer Grant from Amazon. The Amazon Project Stem team will work with our middle school on coding and artificial intelligence. Amazon will assign a project manager to our middle school. This is a very exciting program for our students.

Thank you to ALL staff members who continue to work tirelessly to keep G.C.S. running.

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CSE PLACEMENTS:

Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve CSE Placements as recommended.
The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education are as follows:

ANNUAL REVIEW:

#710023823
#710022163
#710022509
#710022366
#710022600
#710022489
#710022595
#710123558
#710123625
#710022539
#710023353
#710022280
#710022460
#710022303
#710022840
#710022352
#710023304
#710024076
#710022260

PRESCHOOL:

#710024219

RTF:

REQUESTED REVIEW:

#710023635

NEW REFERRAL:

#710023443

#710023192

TRANSFER/INTAKE:

#710024223

AMENDED/MODIFIED IEP:

#710022277	#710022489
#710022163	#710022600
#710023823	#710022303
#710123525	#710023810
#710022301	#710022460
#710023616	#710023304
#710022344	#710022352
#710022539	#710123461
#710023353	#710123558
#710023169	#710022225
#710022595	#710022209

Yes 7 – No 0

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2021 Board of Education Meeting and the February 4, 2021 special Board of Education Meeting.

Yes 7 – No 0

CALENDAR:

March 24 – ½ Day for Students UPK-6
March 31 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Auditorium
April 2 – 9 – Spring Recess - No School
April 14 – Public Hearing – 6:45 p.m. - Auditorium
April 14 – (tentative) Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
April 19 – Board of Education Election Petitions Due
April 27 – Board of Education (BOCES) Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Auditorium
May 5 – Annual Budget Hearing – 6:00 p.m. - Auditorium
May 12 – Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m. – Auditorium
May 18 – Budget Vote – 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Auditorium Lobby

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORTS:

Primary School – Mrs. Pratt shared a report on our Primary School with highlights of accomplishments thus far, as well as goals for the future of the building. Student enrollment as well as special education numbers were shared. It was noted that the number of students who began this year fully remote is declining as students return to the classroom. The current kindergarten enrollment is low, but this has been helpful during the pandemic and allows for extra one-on-one time with teachers and staff. The most important accomplishment has been having our primary students in the classroom every day. Finally, she expressed her appreciation to the entire faculty and staff at the Primary campus for their outstanding work and commitment to our students.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Calice gave an overview of the most recent **Budget Committee** meeting, in an effort to keep everyone apprised of the budget process and development. He indicated that a special BOE meeting will, most likely, be required in April for budget adoption. The BOE may select a date and set the meeting at one of their March board meetings. Our recently formulated Strategic Plan has provided the mission and vision we need to move forward efficiently. There are currently seven (7) units in negotiations. He reviewed the budget area covering salaries, benefits, debt and the tax levy. He reiterated that our revenue is not keeping up with our expenses, especially in the area of health insurance with a 10.3% increase. Overall, the district's benefits cost totals \$490,985.00. He reminded everyone that it is important to keep our debt services flat with no big swings. This prevents a tax levy "roller coaster" in future budgets. The projected tax levy of 1.42% has been submitted to New York State which will result in \$101,950.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

1. Appointments:

Motion by Youngs, second by Markham, to approve Lawrence Walker as a permanent bus driver effective February 22, 2021 for a one-year probationary period ending February 21, 2022. the following, effective January 28, 2021.

Yes-7 No-0

Motion by Youngs, second by Markham, to approve McKay French as a substitute teacher K-12 effective February 18, 2021.

Yes-7 No-0

Motion by Youngs, second by Markham, to appoint the following coaches effective at the beginning of the appropriate season:

Yes-7 No-0

BOYS BASKETBALL

Volunteer: Brendan Eggleston

FIELD HOCKEY

Modified: Seranda Barton

Volunteers: Kelly Erickson, Mckenzie Townsend

GIRLS SOCCER

Modified A: Dave Kendall

VOLLEYBALL

Modified A: Deb Krupp

Motion by Markham, second by Bringuel, to appoint the following as volunteer Vote Tellers effective immediately:

Jessica Anderson
Lori Flohr
Jodi Grant
Emily Gregory
Linda Johnson
Renee' LaPorte
Elizabeth Wells
Michelle Weston
Theresa Winsor

Yes-7 No-0

Motion by Youngs, second by Markham, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Vicky Schafer from March 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021.

Yes 7 – No 0

POLICY # 83A

Motion by Youngs, second by Bringuel, to approve the first reading of policy 83a “Gender Neutral Bathrooms” as required by law. Also, to waive the second reading and adopt effective immediately. It was confirmed that this directive applies only to single-use bathrooms.

Yes 7 – No 0

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

1. Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to approve the Unit Cost Methodology and authorize Superintendent Calice to sign.

Yes 7 – No 0

2. Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to approve the Danforth Service Contract as presented.

Yes 7 – No 0

3. Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to approve recommendation bid award(s) as recommended by IBI Smith Site Development – Authorize Board President to sign.

Yes 7 - No 0

4. Motion by Bringuel, Second by Milk, to approve the internal claims audit as presented.

Yes 7 – No 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There will be an upcoming Legislative Meeting (virtual) on Saturday, February 27, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Bringuel and Mr. Milk volunteered to participate in this important discussion.

There will be a Health Insurance Consortium meeting (virtual) on Friday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bringuel volunteered to participate.

REVIEW BOARD OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST:

Directed Date:	Task:	Responsibility Of:	Report Back:
7/10/2019	BOE Training	BOE & Super	Ongoing
9/18/2019	BOE Goals	BOE & Super	Ongoing

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Calice brought everyone up to date on the current COVID-19 positivity rate in Chenango County: it is now below 4% which allows us to have contests with other schools without testing students. The district has arranged live streaming of our contests which will be free when held in our gym or on our turf. The cost is being covered using a community fund grant.

EPC approval for the capital project is getting close. For Phase II, work on the bus garage and elementary cafeteria will begin in April. The district wishes to start this early to ensure completion before September.

REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE:

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	March 3, 2021	
Building & Grounds	Jan. 25, 2021	
Transportation		
Audit	Oct. 7, 2020	
Curriculum & Technology	Aug. 15, 2018	
Policy	June 17, 2020	

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR: None

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Drew, second by Bringuel, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss labor relations with the Greene Teachers' Association and the employment of the superintendent.

Yes 7 – No 0

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ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Youngs, second by Markham, President Fish adjourned the executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Yes 7 – No 0

ADJOURN MEETING:

On motion by Youngs, second by Markham, President Fish adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Yes 7 – No 0

Respectfully Submitted,

**Theresa M Brant
District Clerk**