

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 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
Penny Connolly, High School Principal
Cliff Jones, Head Bus Driver
Dave Kendall, Facility & Safety Coordinator
Nicole Knapp, CSE Chair
Mark Rubitski, Business Official

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Theresa Brant, District Clerk

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Markham, second by Milk, the board convened an executive session to discuss personnel at 6:01 p.m.

Yes 7 – No 0

On motion by Youngs, second by Markham, the board adjourned the executive session at 6:27 p.m.

Yes 7 – No 0

President Fish reconvened the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Unpaid Family Leave of Absence Request – Kinter
Unpaid Intermittent Leave of Absence Request - Austin

GOOD NEWS:

Superintendent Calice shared the following:

Congratulations to Kalli Bigart on the birth of her baby girl, Quinn.

Congratulations to Kathleen Becker for being selected as an Akshar Allstar by Senator Fred Akshar.

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 Bringuel, to approve CSE Placements as recommended.

PRESCHOOL:

#710024150
#710024205

RTF:

TRANSFER/INTAKE:

#710024057

AMENDED/MODIFIED

#710023470

#710022509

IEP:

#710123525

#710022505

#710023865

#710022260

#710024076

#710023265

#710022840

#710022366

#710024155

#710023810

#710023745

#710024218

#710022280

#710023291

#710023976

#710023052

#710023492

#710123625

Yes 7 – No 0

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

Yes 7 – No 0

CALENDAR:

February 10 – Half Day – Students UPK-6
February 12 – 15 – Presidents’ Day Recess – No School
February 17 – Board of Education Meeting
February 23 – Bus Vote – 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Snow Date Feb. 25)
February 24 - Half Day – Students UPK-6
February 27 – Legislative Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORTS:

Annual Fire Inspection Report – Motion by Drew, second by Markham to approve.

Yes 7 – No 0

Lead Test Report – Motion by Drew, second by Markham to approve.

Yes 7 – No 0

Enrollment Report – The year to date enrollment report was shared for information.

High School Update – Mrs. Connolly, High School Principal, provided a comprehensive report of the high school year to date, sharing many positives. She highlighted student numbers, technology is at 1-1 with hotspots being provided where necessary. Regents prep continues in the classrooms. The recent honor roll numbers are quite impressive, especially during the pandemic. The high school continues to focus on our Strategic Plan “Blueprint for Success” as we move into the second half of the academic year. She shared many photos including the Bit Moji competition and the classroom door contest. She expressed her appreciation to all high school staff who continue to strive for excellence.

Special Education Update – Mrs. Knapp highlighted the Special Education numbers and accomplishments year to date. Approximately 20% of our students have either an IEP or a 504 Plan at this time, with 14 teachers and 12 aides linked to those IEPs. There are 14 NYS indicators; this year, G.C.S. is focusing on # 13 and #14 to update our IEPs with improved language. While virtual meetings have been going well, everyone is looking forward to being able to hold in-person meetings in the future.

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 may be required in April for budget adoption. He highlighted the previous budget increase of 2.8% with a tax levy of 1%. That tax levy rate equaled approximately \$85,000 toward the budget. NY State Aide continues to be vague at best. However, current information appears to be better short-term and worse long-term, so we must continue to prepare for difficult years ahead by trying to grow our reserves over the next two years.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

1. Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to terminate Shannon Crosby, cafeteria worker, effective immediately.

Yes 7 – No 0

2. Appointments – Motion by Youngs, second by Bringuel, to approve the following, effective January 28, 2021:

- Appoint Madison Rice as substitute aide, LTA and Teacher K-8.
- Appoint Janelle Camber as substitute custodial worker.
- Appoint Robert Mills as substitute aide, LTA, and teacher K-5.
- Appoint Samantha Harris as substitute aide, LTA and Teacher K-12.

Yes 7 – No 0

3. Motion by Milk, second by Bringuel, to approve an unpaid family leave of absence for Kristen Kinter from February 11, 2021 to March 10, 2021.

Yes 7 – No 0

4. Motion by Milk, Second by Bringuel, to consider an unpaid intermittent leave of absence for Nichole Austin.

No 7 – Yes 0

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

1. Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to approve the Revenue & Budget Status Reports as presented.

Yes 7 – No 0

2. Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for Activity Fund Accounts as presented.

Yes 7 – No 0

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3. Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to approve the Internal Claims Auditor Report as presented.

Yes 7 – No 0

4. Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to approve the Disposal of Surplus Items (Sweepster 220) as presented.

Yes 7 – No 0

5. Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham to accept the charitable donation of funds from the Raymond Foundation to cover the “TouchWall” project in the upcoming capital project. The Board expressed sincere appreciation for their generosity.

Yes 7 – No 0

6. Motion by Markham, second by Milk, to award bids as recommended by IBI Group and authorize the Board President to sign on behalf of the district.

Yes 7 – No 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Superintendent Calice gave an update on the upcoming capital project for everyone’s information. The Board of Education is currently signing contracts with strict dates of completion. Any and all change orders for the project will require Board of Education approval moving forward.

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 status of High-Risk Sports in New York State during the pandemic. Per the State, high-risk sports (basketball and wrestling) may begin. **However**, the final decision was pushed to local (county) departments of health. Chenango County is hoping for additional guidance from the state as the seven (7) day rolling average for COVID is over 5%. In order for high-risk contests to run **WITHOUT** weekly testing of athletes, coaches and officials, the rolling average must be below 4%. There are many opinions about high-risk sports, but few facts. Some coaches and parents are uncomfortable with the risks associated with high-risk sports. At this point, once we receive concrete information from the Chenango County Department of Health, we may require a special Board of Education meeting to approve them, appoint coaches as well as an Athletic Coordinator.

REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE:

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	Jan. 27, 2021	February 10, 2021
Building & Grounds	Jan. 25, 2021	
Transportation		
Audit	Oct. 7, 2020	
Curriculum & Technology	Aug. 15, 2018	
Policy	June 17, 2020	

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PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

None

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Markham, second by Bringuel, the Board convened to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss retirements, a grievance and legal matters.

Yes 7 – No 0

On motion by Drew, second by Markham, the Board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

Yes 7 – No 0

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Drew, second by Markham, President Fish adjourned the Board of Education Meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Theresa M Brant
District Clerk**