

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 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
Brian Milk
Seth Barrows
Andrew Bringuel, II

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nicholas Drew
Scott Youngs

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Timothy M. Calice, Superintendent of Schools
Nicole Knapp, CSE Chair

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Theresa Brant, Clerk of the Board

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NONE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

NONE

GOOD NEWS:

Congratulations to senior Johnny Lee who was recognized as a Student Scholar by DCMO BOCES.

The Board recognized and thanked bus drivers Bob Holcomb and Ken Lobdell for a very good deed. They repaired entry steps at a student's home to make them safer for the family. A generous representation of G.C.S. and we are grateful for their assistance.

Congratulations to Kathleen Becker and Olivia Ketzak for defending the Seal of Biliteracy in French with nearly perfect scores.

Congratulations to Jessica Unkel who has committed to play field hockey for the University of Rochester.

Congratulations to Ms. Jensen on being selected as this month's recipient of the Trojan Nation Trophy.

Congratulations to Sarah Sexton on achieving Honorable Mention for her essay entry to the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Essay contest. She researched and profiled Charles Robb and was placed in the top 25 entries nationally.

CSE PLACEMENTS:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to approve the recommended CSE Placements.

Yes 5 – No 0

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PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 regular Board of Education Meeting and the Public Hearing held on May 10, 2021.

Yes 5 – No 0

CALENDAR:

- June 2 – Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
- June 9 – ½ Day for Students UPK-12
- June 15 – Full Day for All Students
- June 15 – Full Day for All Students
- June 16 – Half Day for All Students
- June 17 – Full Day for Students UPK-8th
 - No High School Regular Classes – ELA Regents
- June 18 – Full Day for All Students
- June 21 – Full Day for All Students
- June 22 – Full Day for Students UPK-8th
 - No High School Regular Classes – Living Environment Regents
- June 23 - Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
- June 23 – Half Day for Students UPK-8th
 - No High School Regular Classes – Algebra Regents
- June 25 - Staff Only – No Students except for Earth Science Regents
- June 25 - No Students – Staff Only

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORTS:

The current enrollment report was shared with the Board of Education.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING CALENDAR CHANGE

1. On motion by Markham, second by Bringuel, the Board of Education decided to move the start time of their meetings to 7:00 p.m. beginning with the June 2, 2021 meeting.

Yes 5 – No 0

2. On motion by Markham, second by Bringuel, the Board of Education established July 15, 2021 as the date for their annual reorganization meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Yes 5 – No 0

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR MODIFICATIONS – YEAR-END

- I. On motion by Milk, second by Markham, the following changes and updates were made to the academic calendar for year-end:
 - May 26 – ½ Day for Students UPK-12
 - May 28 – No School
 - May 31 – No School - Memorial Day Holiday
 - June 9 – ½ Day for Students UPK-12
 - June 15 – Full Day for All Students
 - June 15 – Full Day for All Students
 - June 16 – Half Day for All Students
 - June 17 – Full Day for Students UPK-8th
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APPROVE VOTE INSPECTORS:

1. Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the following as Vote Inspectors effective immediately:
Theresa Brant
Shiela Walker
Susan Borchardt
Alta Martin

Yes 5 – No 0

ATHLETIC MERGER:

1. Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the athletic merger with Oxford Academy and Central School District for the 2020-2021 Varsity Baseball season and authorize the Board President to sign for submission to Section IV Merger Committee.

Yes 5 – No 0

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

1. **Employee Resignations**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham to accept the following resignations, with appreciation to retirees:

Autumn Crumb – Resignation effective May 15, 2021

Theresa Brant – Resignation to Retire effective June 30, 2021

Donna Thompson – Resignation to Retire effective June 30, 2021

Renee LaPorte – Resignation from 10-month typist position effective May 12, 2021

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2. Appointments – Regular:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to make the following appointment:

Name of Appointee	Corey Miller
Tenure Area:	Foreign Language
Date of Commencement of Probationary Service	September 1, 2021
Expiration Date of Probationary Appointment	June 30, 2025
Certification:	Spanish 7-12 Permanent

Yes 5 – No 0

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to appoint Renee Laporte as 12-month typist effective May 13, 2021.

Yes 5 – No 0

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to appoint Wade Mullins as Custodial Worker effective May 17, 2021 for a one-year probationary period ending May 16, 2021.

Yes 5 – No 0

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to appoint Stacy Parks as Secretary to the Superintendent effective June 16, 2021 for a one-year probationary period ending on June 15, 2022.

Yes 5 – No 0

3. Appointment(s) - Substitute:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to appoint Taylor Liddle as Substitute Custodial worker effective May 13, 2021.

Yes 5 – No 0

Appointment(s) - Volunteer:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to appoint the following as Footlights Volunteers:

Chris Mack
Jenna Mack
Korah Smith

Yes 5 – No 0

4. Abolish Position(s):

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to abolish one (1) full-time Teacher Aide position following the resignation of Autumn Crumb.

Yes 5 – No 0

5. Create Position:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to create: one (1) new Teacher Aide/Part-Time Bus monitor position and (1) new Teacher Aide/Part-Time Bus Monitor position to replace Teacher Aide abolishment above.

Yes 5 – No 0

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6. Unpaid Leave of Absence:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, to approve an unpaid leave of absence from June 10, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for Emily Worsnopp.

Yes 5 – No 0

7. Tenure Appointments Effective June 30, 2021:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham, approve Tenure Recommendations as follows:

(a)

Name of Appointee	Jesse Fendryk
Tenure Area	Physical Education
Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure	September 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021*
Certification Status	Physical Education – Professional
*One Year Extension Due to Extended Probationary Period	

Yes 5 – No 0

(b)

Name of Appointee	Shelbe Furman
Tenure Area	Home Economics - General
Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure	September 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021
Certification Status	Family and Consumer Science – Initial

Yes 5 – No 0

(c)

Name of Appointee	Charla Starliper
Tenure Area	School Counselor
Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure	September 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021
Certification Status	School Counselor – Permanent

Yes 5 – No 0

(d)

Name of Appointee	Mary Katherine Kelly
Tenure Area	Physical Education
Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure	September 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021
Certification Status	Physical Education - Permanent

Yes 5 – No 0

(e)

Name of Appointee	Michael Kuratnick
Tenure Area	Mathematics 7-12
Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure	September 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021
Certification Status	Mathematics 7-12 Professional

Yes 5 – No 0

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(f)

Name of Appointee	Sarah Roth
Tenure Area	Elementary Education
Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure	September 21, 2017 – September 20, 2021
Certification Status	Childhood Education - Professional
Yes 5 – No 0	

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

1. Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the Revenue & Budget Status Reports.
Yes 5 – No 0

2. Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the Internal Claims Auditor Report
Yes 5 – No 0

3. Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the Contract for Health Services with Chenango Forks Central School District.
Yes 5 – No 0

4. Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the Contract for Health Services with Binghamton City School District.
Yes 5 – No 0

5. Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the disposal of surplus equipment: one non-working Windsor Merit 1500 floor polisher.
Yes 5 – No 0

6. Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the DCMO BOCES C & T Equipment Reserve Account as presented.
Yes 5 – No 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Calice and Board members once again expressed best wishes and appreciation to the 2021 retirees.

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:

Mr. Calice shared the most recent updated safety directives from New York State. They have increased the number of people as well as the percentage of capacity for indoor and outdoor events. This is a very positive change as we plan for our end-of-year events.

The State has begun to change mask mandates for the general public in some areas but the directives have been very clear to public schools that the mask mandate remains strictly in place for school personnel, students and visitors.

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Mr. Calice gave an update on the ongoing Capital Project indicating the work at the Bus Garage is progressing nicely as well as that at the Intermediate School. All things must progress within the appropriate timeframe to ensure completion by September. There has been a delay at NYSED with the review of the EPC which may delay funding for the unit ventilators. As the units must be ordered now to be here in time for fall opening, the district will sign-off on the \$162,000 required. There is very little risk that the district would need to pay out, but the sign-off is required for the contractor to move forward with the unit ventilators. This will avoid delay and large financial impact in postponing the project. The board members agreed that we should sign the commitment to back the cost so Danforth may place the order.

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	June 2 ,2021 @ 6:15

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:

Hanna Storman shared her concerns regarding mask mandates. She believes the mask mandate for students is an experiment on children and will have long term negative effects. She said she has researched the science and it must be assumed masks are not safe and masks do not work. She wants to see proof that masks are safe. She requested an open hearing for parents to air concerns about the mask mandate and stated that funding (State Aid) is not everything.

Jason Burghardt congratulated the successful tenure candidates. He then spoke against the mask mandate for students and feels that the school hides behind health mandates. He requested the district spell out what is going to happen in the future regarding the mask mandate, as the guidelines are ludicrous. The government is providing a false vaccine agenda and Federal Laws prohibit mask mandates. Board members should vote against mask mandates or resign, as he believes masks are child abuse. State Aid to the district is not worth compromising kids' health. Also, he requested the Board of Education make a motion to hold a hearing on the mask mandates and that Mr. Calice address the issue and determine when the mask mandate will end. It is harassment and a threat to our kids and the requirement of masks must end.

Shane Storman shared his opinions that the government makes it very difficult to research and find the true facts. COVID has a high survivability rate. He believes children are seldom affected and, if asymptomatic, they cannot transmit the virus. Masks have no impact on protection. He explained his thoughts on the size of microns and how that compares to masks.

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Bridget Conway –Has cried over the changes and the decline of education. Wearing masks prohibits her child(ren) from interacting the way they need to. They are starved for connection and oxygen. She requested the Board of Education use their power to stop the mask mandate. She believes there is no risk to anyone who doesn't wear a mask. If a child complains about the mask, they are told to sit down and shut up. She saw photographs of a graduation ceremony held in Oklahoma and the students were not wearing masks and looked very happy. Our graduation should not require masks. She doesn't want to see Greene Central School on the news when a child gets hurt falling because of a mask, or when people start showing up at board meetings who are against the mask mandate.

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Markham, second by Bringuel, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss unit negotiations.

Yes 5 – No 0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Barrows, second by Milk, President Fish adjourned the executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Yes 5 – No 0

ADJOURN MEETING:

On motion by Barrows, second by Milk, President Fish adjourned the meeting 8:02 p.m.

Yes 5 – No 0

Respectfully Submitted,

**Theresa Brant
Clerk of the Board**