

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2020**

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 complex, South Canal Street, Greene, NY.

CALL TO ORDER:

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Fish, President
Mr. Douglas Markham, Vice President
Mr. Seth Barrows (Remote)
Mr. Nicholas Drew
Mr. Andrew Bringuel, II
Mr. Scott Youngs (Remote)
Mr. Brian Milk

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Timothy Calice, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Cliff Jones
Mrs. Nicole Knapp
Mr. Mark Rubitski (Remote)

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Theresa Brant, District Clerk

None

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

N/A

RESUME REGULAR MEETING:

None

ADD/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Mr. Calice said that the best news of all at this time is that we have reached the end of the 10-week marking period and have had no interruptions in our learning. We are more fortunate than other area schools. While some of this is due to luck, the majority is due to careful safety protocols and plans, and outstanding execution by staff.

GOOD NEWS: DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to our students who finished the first 10-week marking period on Honor Roll or High Honor Roll.

Mr. Calice and the BOE continue to thank all staff members for working harder than ever before to provide the best possible education for our students. We are fortunate to have such a committed faculty and staff.

Mr. Calice and the BOE hope all members of the G.C.S. Team safely enjoy the upcoming holidays.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

PLACEMENTS: Motion by Milk, second by Markham to approve recommended CSE placements listed below:

REQUESTED REVIEW:

#710023951
#710023120
#710024046

TRANSFER/INTAKE:

#710024218

AMENDED/MODIFIED IEP:

#710022621

Yes-7, No-0

APPROVE MINUTES Motion made by Milk, second by Markham, to approve
10/28/2020 MEETING: the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on
Yes-7, No-0 October 28, 2020.

CALENDAR:

November 25-27 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 2, 2020 – ½ Day K-6
December 9 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2020 – ½ Day K-6
December 24 – January 1, 2021 – Holiday Recess
January 6, 2021 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REPORTS:

None

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

None

**EDUCATION &
PERSONNEL:**

RESIGNATIONS:

Dominic Stark

Motion by Milk, second by Bringuel to accept the resignation of Dominic Stark from position as custodial worker effective November 29, 2020

Yes-7 – No-0

APPOINTMENTS:

WINTER COACHING: Motion by Milk, second by Bringuel to appoint the following winter coaches effective at the start of the appropriate season, which has been adjusted due to COVID.

Yes 7 – No -0

BOYS BASKEBTALL

Varsity
JV

Chris Rice
TBA

Modified 8	Rick Tallman
Modified 7	Ron Rapp
<u>GIRLS BASKETBALL</u>	
Varsity	Dave Gorton
JV	Rick Smith
Modified 8	Brendan Eggleston
Modified 7	TBA
<u>WRESTLING</u>	
Varsity	Jesse Fendryk
Varsity Assistant	TBA
Modified	TBA
<u>BOWLING</u>	
Varsity	TBA
Assistant	TBA
<u>BOYS SWIMMING</u>	
Varsity	Mary Kelly
Modified	TBA

Motion by Milk, second by Bringuel, to appoint Dominic Stark as Maintenance Worker effective November 30, 2020, for a one-year probationary period ending November 29, 2021.

**REGULAR:
STARK**

Yes 7 – No -0

Motion by Milk, second by Bringuel, to appoint Brittney Kline as substitute teacher K-12 effective November 19, 2020.

**SUBSTITUTE:
KLINE**

Yes 7 – No -0

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to approve contract with Binghamton Plate Glass for repairs.

**BUSINESS &
FINANCE:**

**CONTRACT
AWARD
Yes-7, No-0**

Motion by Milk, second by Markham, to approve tax settlement payments, as required by court order, to Mirabito and Herbert Farms.

**TAX
SETTLEMENT:
Yes-6, No-0,
Abstain-1
(Barrows)**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Calice shared information regarding the appointment of winter coaches: The only coaches appointed at this meeting are G.C.S. staff members. The open positions on the roster, listed as TBA, may be filled by non-G.C.S. coaches at a future meeting. There is still a lot of uncertainty regarding sports. NYS approved winter sports as of November 30, 2020. However, MAC delayed to December 14, 2020 and NYS Athletic Association delayed high-risk sports to January. As a result, only swimming and bowling may be eligible to start in December, as others are considered to be high-risk.

Regarding wrestling, paperwork will be prepared to again merge the wrestling program with Oxford and will be presented at the next meeting for approval. This is for us to be prepared if we are allowed to have wrestling.

Bowling is unique, as the practices and contests are held offsite and outside the area of our protective safety protocols. It is difficult to monitor or control things when our students are offsite and outside our area of care. Additionally, we do not have a G.C.S. staff member coaching bowling this year, so the only coach would be someone from the outside. While the coach may be excellent, he/she has not been part of our protocol training and reinforcements since the opening of school like our staff has. Mr. Calice will gather additional information on this before a decision to move forward or not is reached. Mr. Youngs commented that he would be interested to know if bowling offsite during a pandemic would create a liability situation for the district.

Mr. Bringuel asked if spectators would be allowed if sports happen. Mr. Calice is reviewing protocols regard this, as spectators can be a disadvantage when managing COVID restrictions. On a positive note, any sporting contest that takes place in the main gymnasium may be live-streamed, or available online at no cost the next day. Very few schools in MAC League have this option.

Mr. Bringuel shared that it was announced all New York City schools would go to remote learning only as of November 19, 2020. He asked if that has any impact on upstate schools? Mr. Calice explained that we are in Region Four which is on a seven-day rolling average that is the factor for schools being required to go all remote. At this time, Binghamton area has moved out of the yellow zone but western New York schools have moved into orange or red. We must remain vigilant in following our protocols.

**REVIEW BOARD
OUTSTANDING
ACTION LIST:**

Directed Date:	Task:	Responsibility Of:	Report Back:
7/10/19	Board Training	Board & Superintendent	Ongoing
9/18/19	Board Goals	Board & Superintendent	Ongoing

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Administrators recently held a strategic planning session and a presentation is being prepared for the Board of Education, staff and community members for the December 9th meeting. This process is of the utmost importance now, as the methods will become our foundation for decision making over the upcoming years.

Regarding the state of the budget, Mr. Calice has been gathering information that is available from around New York. He attended a meeting in Albany on November 11 hoping for some good news. The only positive thing he learned was from the Comptroller who noted that tax receipts are ahead of projections for this time of year. Mr. Calice reiterated that without Federal intervention, cuts will continue to move forward at the State level. The state is also dealing with a reduction in population downstate as over 300,000 have left New York since the pandemic began. This will definitely have a negative impact. It was also mentioned that UPK aid is not immune to cuts, and some transportation aid has been reduced. The thought prevails that Federal intervention may be coming down the road, but no one knows when that might be.

Considering the negative predictions from the State and Federal Governments, the district is being proactive as we have instituted a spending freeze, and vendors are being scrutinized. Purchases must be categorized as "Need, Want, or Nice to Have" and made accordingly.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE
SCHEDULE:**

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	Oct. 28, 2020	Dec. 2, 2020
Building & Grounds	Oct. 21, 2020	
Transportation	Nov. 13, 2019	Dec. 2, 2020
Audit	Oct. 7, 2020	
Curriculum & Technology	Aug. 15, 2018	
Policy	June 17, 2020	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Community member, Diane, asked if the rumor is true that Gov. Cuomo plans to close all NY public schools between Thanksgiving and January? Mr. Calice said he heard that rumor but schools have not been made aware of this. The only reason G.C.S. would go to all remote learning is if directed to by the Governor or Department of Health. Otherwise, there are no plans to change our current plan.

None

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Markham to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Yes-7, No-0

ADJOURN:

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Brant
District Clerk