

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 28, 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 (Remote)
Mr. Seth Barrows
Mr. Nicholas Drew
Mr. Andrew Bringuel, II
Mr. Scott Youngs

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Brian Milk

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Timothy Calice, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Bryan Ayres, Principal
Mrs. Penny Connolly, Principal
Mr. Mark Wilson, Principal
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Theresa Brant, District Clerk

None

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

N/A

RESUME REGULAR MEETING:

None

ADD/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

School Board Appreciation Week

Mr. Calice extended appreciation to our board members and presented each with a certificate of recognition. P.T.O also recognized our board members with tokens of appreciation. He also recognized our principals, as it is School Principal Appreciation Month, and thanked them for their hard work.

**GOOD NEWS:
DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

Our I.T. Department has been working overtime. We were able to secure used devices from a nearby district but they all needed repair. Our I.T. team was able to repair them so we now have enough devices for every student K-12, should the need arise.

Mr. Calice extended sincere thanks to each and every staff member, Especially our teachers, for working hard for our students.

Mr. Calice shared an appreciative and positive email from a parent, thanking everyone in the district for their hard work for our students.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENTS:**

<u>PRESCHOOL:</u> #710024119	<u>NEW REFERRAL:</u> #710023981	#710023957 #710023976 #710024122
<u>RTF:</u> #710024195	<u>TRANSFER/INTAKE:</u> #710024198	#710022216 #710023976
<u>REQUESTED REVIEW:</u>	<u>AMENDED/MODIFIED IEP:</u> #710022813	

**APPROVE MINUTES
10/7/2020 MEETING
and PUBLIC HEARING:
Yes-6, No-0** Motion made by Bringuel, second by Barrows, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 7, 2020 and the Safety Plan Public Hearing held on October 7, 2020.

CALENDAR:

October 30, 2020 – Health Insurance Consortium – 6:30 via Zoom
November 4 – Half-Day UPK-6
November 10 – Transportation Cmte. Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
November 11, Veterans’ Day – No School
November 13 – Workers’ Comp Alliance – 6:30 via Zoom
November 18 – Half-Day UPK-6
November 18 – Budget Cmte. Meeting – 4:30
November 18 – Board of Education Meeting
November 25-27 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Scofield and Mrs. Livingston thanked the Board members and presented them with a token of appreciation.

Ms. Kriesel, Music Teacher, gave an update on the music program and expressed appreciation for being able to use the auditorium to continue band and chorus with social distance. There are many projects in the works and Mr. Boel has welcomed 46 new band members. Watch social media for a Veterans’ Day program and other music department news.

REPORTS:

Enrollment Report

Enrollment Report for September, 2020 was shared with the board.

BOARD COMMITTEE

REPORTS:

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Mr. Calice reported that our Budget Committee held a meeting to review the budget calendar for the upcoming budget process. They also discussed the looming 20% reduction in state aid. There has been little or no information shared with districts and no updates are expected from the state until after the election. We anticipate hearing more about financially stressed districts in our area soon, with cuts such as we have recently seen in Binghamton. Our district is planning for a worst-case scenario but remains hopeful we will be able to financially continue in-person instruction. However, without a Federal Stimulus Package, and with NYS taking 20%, that may not be possible beyond mid-year. If neither comes to fruition, cuts will be made and we may not be able to afford in-person learning beyond January. Mr. Calice shared the potential cost savings of switching the various buildings to remote learning starting January, 2021, in a worst-case scenario.

We anticipate that the financial stress on rural school budgets will continue over the next few years if the inequities between upstate rural schools and downstate affluent schools continue. We continue to search for cost-savings measures within the district with the three major costs being health insurance, contract salaries and retirement.

Board members reiterated that we are trying to cope as best we can in these uncertain times and dealing with complete silence on the situation from NYS.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

The committee met to discuss the upcoming Phase II of the Capital Project. Mr. Calice explained that funds being spent on the project are separate from our general fund and may not be utilized or moved to other areas of the school budget. These funds may ONLY be used for Capital Projects. The Capital Project has been approved and will be completed with 90% of the cost funded by NYS Aid. Phase I was completed under budget. Highlights of Phase II were shared and procurement methods discussed. Mr. Calice shared an outline of his plan for procurement from State Bids, Co-Op or straight bids. It will, most likely, be a compilation of these.

**EDUCATION &
PERSONNEL:**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Drew to create new positions:
Conditioning Advisor(s) effective 10/30/2020.

Yes 6 – No -0

**CREATE
POSITIONS:**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Drew to accept the resignation
Of Rick Smith from position as Athletic Coordinator effective
October 9, 2020

Yes 6 – No -0

RESIGNATIONS:

Rick Smith:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Drew to accept the resignation
of Gary Ramsey from his position with the district effective
October 30, 2020

Yes 6 – No -0

Gary Ramsey:

Motion by Bringuel, second by Drew to appoint the following
Strength & Conditioning Advisors effective 10/29/2020, not
to exceed 6/30/2021.

Advisors

- Dave Gorton
- Christine Bataglini
- M. K. Kelly
- Rick Tallman
- Ron Rapp
- Heather Rapp
- Mckenzie Townsend
- Kelly Erickson
- Carlie Brant
- Jessica Becker

Yes 6 – No -0

**APPOINTMENTS:
Strength &
Conditioning**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Drew to appoint
Wade Mullins as substitute custodian effective 10/29/20.

Yes 6 – No -0

**SUBSTITUTES:
Wade Mullins
Custodian**

CO-CURRICULAR ROSTER: Motion by Bringuel, second by Drew to approve the 2020-21 Co-Curricular Roster as modified for current pandemic circumstances.

Yes-6, No-0

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Motion by Bringuel, second by Drew, to approve an unpaid leave for Karen Bryant covering 10/27 – 11/4/2020.

Yes-6, No-0

POLICY #83 MODIFICATION: Motion by Youngs, second by Barrows, to approve a change, removing specific dollar amounts, to Policy # 83

Yes-6, No-0

BUSINESS & FINANCE: REVENUE & BUDGET Motion by Drew, second by Markham, to approve Revenue & Budget Status Reports.

Yes-6, No-0

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Drew, second by Markham, to approve Treasurer's Reports for Activity Funds.

Yes-6, No-0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT: Motion by Drew, second by Markham, to approve the Internal Claims Auditor Report as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

SURPLUS ITEMS: Motion by Drew, second by Markham, to approve the proposed items as surplus for sale or disposal:

- o Typewriter
- o Gang Mower
- o Gang Mower
- o 1989 Ford Tractor

Yes-6, No-0

AUDIT CMTE. MINUTES: Motion by Drew, second by Markham, to approve the Audit Cmte. minutes as presented.

Yes-6, No-0

SEQRA - CAPITAL PROJECT: Motion by Drew, second by Markham to approve the following SEQRA resolutions:

SEQRA Resolution #1

Greene Central School District Energy Performance Contract
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Greene Central School District as the Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), associated with the Energy Performance Contract.

SEQRA Resolution #2

Greene Central School District Energy Performance Contract
WHEREAS, the Greene Central School District Board of Education (the "Board") has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed Energy Performance Contract listed in the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet submitted at this meeting, and WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the State Environmental Quality Review Act Process Record Sheet prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene Central School District Board of Education, acting as Lead Agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations (SEQRA), hereby determines that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA.

Motion by Drew, second by Markham, to approve the External Audit Report as presented by INSERO & Co. at the previous meeting held on October 7, 2020

**EXTERNAL AUDIT
INSERO & CO.**

Yes 6 – No -0

Motion by Drew, second by Markham, to approve the proposed Budget calendar for 2021-2022.

BUDGET CALENDAR:

Yes 6 – No -0

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**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:**

Mr. Calice shared that each day more and more things are added to our plates. E-School will no longer be supported so the district is moving to the School-Tool platform. Internal training will begin soon followed by training for parents. It is a lot of work but will be a more effective program when up to speed.

The mask protocol has changed – masks will be worn at all times while in school. Students will be given “mask breaks” by teachers. We are trying to reduce exposure to students and staff, especially teachers. We have few substitutes available, if a certain number of teachers are forced to quarantine, it would require us to go to a remote format.

On October 21, The Governor released Micro Cluster Strategies for COVID. We are Tier Four. If we exceed the limit of positive cases in our region, we will have to test 20% of our faculty and staff to remain open. Everyone’s #1 priority goal is to keep our kids in school.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE
SCHEDULE:**

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	Oct. 28, 2020	Nov. 18, 2020
Building & Grounds	Oct. 21, 2020	
Transportation	Nov. 13, 2019	
Audit	Oct. 7, 2020	
Curriculum & Technology	Aug. 15, 2018	
Policy	June 17, 2020	

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Barrows, second by Youngs, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 6:53 p.m.:

- To discuss collective bargaining with all units excluding the G.T.A.

Yes-6, No-0

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE

SESSION: Motion by Barrows, second by Drew, to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

RECONVENE

MEETING: President Fish reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion by Barrows, second by Drew to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Yes-6, No-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Brant
District Clerk