

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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  
Mr. Brian Milk  
Mr. Nicholas Drew  
Mr. Scott Youngs

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Andrew Bringuel, II

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Timothy Calice, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Manager  
Mr. Cliff Jones, Head Bus Driver

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Theresa Brant, District Clerk

Add Athletic Report  
Add Budget Committee Report

**ADD/DELETIONS  
TO AGENDA:**

School is open and our students have returned! G.C.S. faculty and staff did an amazing job during the reopening process. Mr. Calice extended appreciation to ALL staff members. It has been a very different opening for our students and our teachers. Overall, it was a great start due to our outstanding faculty and staff. Mr. Calice also thanked our I.T. staff for working overtime to address glitches. Considering the current situation, our re-opening could not have gone any better.

**GOOD NEWS:  
DISTRICT  
HIGHLIGHTS**

For the first time, Mr. Calice conducted essential training for our substitutes.

None

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PLACEMENTS:**

Motion made by Milk, second by Barrows, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 26, 2020 with one adjustment.  
Yes-6, No-0

**APPROVE MINUTES  
8/26/20 MEETING:**

October 7, 2020 – Audit Cmte. Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.  
October 7, 2020 – Board of Education Meeting  
October 9, 2020 - Staff Development Day – No Students  
October 12, 2020 – Columbus Day – No School  
October 16, 2020 – Early Dismissal Drill

**CALENDAR:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REPORTS:** Athletic Report – Mr. Calice

- Mr. Calice and Mr. Ayres held a meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> with coaches and interested staff members to discuss the changes to the fall 2020 sports season due to the COVID Pandemic. Both MAC League and Section IV recently held meetings giving respective districts an opportunity to vote on how to safely proceed with fall sports. The MAC members reviewed information from the previously held Section IV meeting and held a vote to play or delay fall sports. A delay was decided upon with a 10 yes -2 no vote, that the MAC league would postpone fall sports to after January 4, 2021. Mr. Calice voted "No" on behalf of G.C.S. for several reasons:
- If MAC voted yes, there would only be inter-league play and it would start very soon, not allowing time for our student athletes to properly condition. Also, if a COVID spike occurs and school is required to go remote this fall, our athletes would be ineligible to restart the season in the spring.
- The full number of practices would be required even for a shortened season.
- Football and Volleyball were already moved to March, 2021.
- Field Hockey is a Section IV Sport – in MAC there would only be four (4) teams.
- Delayed schedule allows for upper level competitions in the spring.
- No organized competitions this fall will give our athletes time to condition and strength train to help avoid injuries when delayed play begins.
- We are allowed to hold intramurals and extramurals this fall without falling under the umbrella of NYS sports.
- Nearly all of our coaches are G.C.S. teachers. By postponing sports competitions, the pressures of coaching are delayed, allowing our teachers to focus on building their new education system.
- Delaying competitive play allows our district to focus on students and staff and provides time for brainstorming now. Current guidelines allow staff to be on the fields with our students in some format as of September 21, 2020.
- Mr. Drew asked if we still have the athletic trainer to which Mr. Rubitski replied that the service is still available to us and that they did not charge us beyond the March shutdown date. The athletic trainer did attend the coaching meeting.
- Mr. Youngs thanked Mr. Calice for getting our coaching staff together and supports the decision to delay fall sports to help get our kids in shape to avoid injuries.

**BOARD COMMITTEE**

**REPORTS:** Budget Committee Report – Mr. Calice

Issues surrounding the state's intention to take 20% of state aid each quarter of the 2020-2021 school year continue. The cuts are especially deep for rural schools and poor districts that depend heavily on state aid. If this trend of cuts continues from the state, districts such as ours will need to make very difficult decisions. For example, two neighboring districts have already begun cutting staff. Superintendents in our component districts have all sent letters advocating rural schools who cannot afford to lose 20% per quarter. The state has put emphasis on receiving a Federal Stimulus Package but there is so much disagreement between the State and Federal levels, they cannot seem to agree on anything, thus delaying any help to poor rural schools. The across the board take-backs of aid are totally inequitable, barely making a small dent in the budgets of affluent downstate schools, but devastating rural upstate schools. This situation will force us to take a very hard look at future plans and cost cutting measures. 20% of our budget is 3.6 – 3.8 million excluding building aid. It is

time to let stakeholders know about this inequitable treatment from the state level, and ask that they focus their energy on trying to create change at the state level. It is our hope that stakeholders will become active and find a voice as the district and NYSSBA continue to advocate for fair treatment for rural schools.

**EDUCATION &  
PERSONNEL:**

Motion by Youngs, second by Milk to adopt the revision of policy 37 A *Parents' Bill of Rights*.  
**Yes 6 – No -0**

**POLICY UPDATES:**

Motion by Youngs, second by Milk to adopt the revision of policy 12 *Sexual Harassment*  
**Yes 6 – No -0**

Motion by Youngs, second by Milk to waive the second reading and adopt policy 12A *Title IX*  
**Yes 6 – No -0**

**APPOINTMENT(S)  
FALL COACHING:**

Motion made by Milk, second by Markham to approve the fall coaching roster:

**Coaching Appointments – Fall 2020**

**FOOTBALL**

Varsity:	Dave Gorton
Assistant (2):	Kyle Boeltz, TBA
Modified (2):	Ben Eggleston, William Dunlap

**FIELD HOCKEY**

Varsity:	Christine Battaglini
Assistant:	Heather Rapp
JV:	Jessica Becker
Modified:	Carlie Brant

**BOYS SOCCER**

Varsity:	Rick Tallman
Assistant:	Chris Rice
JV:	Ron Rapp
Modified:	Ryan Starliper

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Varsity:	Kalli Bigart
Assistant:	Sarah Jensen
Modified A:	Samantha Olbrys

**SWIMMING**

Varsity:	Mary Katherine Kelly
Modified:	Kris McDermott

**VOLLEYBALL**

Varsity:	Shelbe Furman
Modified A:	TBA

**GOLF**

Varsity:	Pete Flanagan
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**Yes 6 – No -0**

Motion made by Milk, second by Markham, to approve the appointment of Lawrence Walker as Substitute Bus Driver, effective September 17, 2020.

**SUBSTITUTE:  
L. WALKER**

**Yes-6, No-0**

**POSSIBLE CALENDAR**

**MODIFICATION:** Mr. Calice indicated that the district is considering a calendar change for every other Wednesday while school is in session. The change would entail having students in UPK-6 attend school for half day on every other Wednesday. There is a great deal of new information and strategies being asked to be provided to our UPK-6 students. This will allow time for our educators to attend much needed trainings on new technology being utilized in remote learning. This is especially necessary should a COVID spike force school to go all remote for a period of time; our young students must learn how to log-in and receive remote learning even if they are typical, in-school students. It was pointed out that this change would not impact our 180-day requirement. The alternative would be to send each staff member to professional development and employ substitutes to cover for each of them. This option is neither fiscally prudent, nor best for our students. The goal is to be able to meet contractual obligation, provide professional development to our educators and keep them in the classroom with their students. This was a discussion only with action being proposed at the next board meeting on October 7, 2020.

**CAPITAL PROJECT:** Mr. Calice provided an update to the capital project: Tennis court mesh is being installed. Punch list walk-through was completed on September 15, 2020. Mr. Calice shared concerns that had been brought to his attention by board members. There is an ongoing discussion about whether to make adjustments now, or later, based on weather and start date of warranties. Phase II has been submitted to NYSED with one additional meeting required prior to going out to bid.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:** Motion made by Youngs, second by Markham, to approve **SURPLUS PROPERTY** noted wheel covers as surplus property.  
**Yes-6, No-0**

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:** Motion made by Youngs, second by Markham, to approve **SURPLUS PROPERTY** noted specific IT items as surplus property.  
**Yes-6, No-0**

**DANFORTH – EPC CONTRACT** Motion made by Youngs, second by Markham, to approve the DANFORTH Energy Performance Contract as presented.  
**Yes-6, No-0**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** NONE

**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:** NONE

**REVIEW COMMITTEE  
SCHEDULE:**

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Budget	Sept. 16, 2020	
Building & Grounds	May 16, 2020	
Transportation	Nov. 13, 2019	
Audit	Oct. 5, 2019	Oct. 7, 2020 5:00
Curriculum & Technology	Aug. 15, 2018	
Policy	June 17, 2020	

Ms. Marie Scofield, teacher, thanked everyone for doing a wonderful job with our school re-opening. Our students are very happy to be back. Also, she encouraged the board to consider the calendar modification, as discussed by Mr. Calice, to allow for additional professional development opportunities for teachers, which will, in-turn, benefit our students.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
M. SCOFIELD**

Motion made by Youngs, second by Milk, to adjourn to Executive Session for the following at 7:06 p.m.:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- To discuss a matter of personnel.
- Yes-6, No-0

Motion made by Youngs, second by Drew, to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

President Fish reconvened the meeting at 8:01p.m.

**RECONVENE  
MEETING:**

Motion made by Youngs, second by Drew to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.  
Yes-6, No-0

**ADJOURN:**

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Brant  
District Clerk