

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Vice President, Doug Markham, in the Board of Education Conference Room, Middle School/High School campus, South Canal Street, Greene, New York.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Douglas Markham – Vice President
Mr. Seth Barrows
Mr. Andrew Bringuel, II
Mr. Nicholas Drew
Mrs. Natalie M^cMahon
Mr. Brian Milk

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John Fish – President

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Timothy Calice, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. January Pratt, Primary School Principal
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Official

OFFICER(S) PRESENT:

Mrs. Shiela Walker, Clerk of the Board

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Milk, seconded by M^cMahon, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:03 PM to discuss the performance of a particular individual.

Yes – 6, No – 0

It was noted that Mr. Calice left the Executive Session at 7:26 PM.

ADJOURNMENT FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Milk, seconded by Bringuel, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:34 PM.

Yes – 6, No – 0

Vice President Markham reconvened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

MODIFICATIONS to Education & Personnel:

- Correct clerical error – Tenure Area should be Building Principal (§ V.6.)
- There will be a Roll Call vote regarding the Section 75 Hearing (§ V.7.)

GOOD NEWS ~ DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Calice thanked staff and students for the food drives and gift donations supporting the annual Rotary Christmas Basket Program. He also thanked students for being Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign and said that it’s awesome to see so much support in our community.

Next, Mr. Calice announced that he received a positive email from the Athletic Director of the Unatego Central School District. During a recent modified volleyball game, in Unatego, against Greene, there was a 50/50 Raffle for a local family that had lost their home to a fire. The winner of the raffle happened to be from Greene, and they turned around and donated their winnings back to the afflicted family. Mr. Calice stated how nice it was to receive the email reflecting on the generosity of a community member.

Lastly, Mr. Calice congratulated the Music Department for the band and chorus concerts that were recently performed. They were well attended, and everyone sounded beautifully.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to approve the following placement:

AMENDED/MODIFIED IEP:

#710024197

Yes – 6, No – 0

APPROVE MINUTES OF 12/8/21 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion made by Milk, seconded by McMahon, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 8, 2021, as presented.

Yes – 6, No – 0

CALENDAR

December 23-31 – Holiday Recess (Offices Closed December 23 & 24 and December 30 & 31)
January 12, 2022 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM
January 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School (Offices Closed)
February 2 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM
February 18 & 21 – Presidents’ Day Recess – No School (Offices Closed February 21)
February 23 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Markham asked that the first Public Comment Period be used for items that are on this evening’s Agenda and reminded guests that there is a three-minute time limit per person with a total of thirty (30) minutes for both sessions.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

It was noted that the latest Enrollment Report was reviewed by the Board.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Barrows discussed the Budget Committee meeting that was held prior to the evening’s Board of Education meeting. The bulk of the meeting was about incoming Federal Grant money versus General Fund. He recommended that the entire Board have a work session in the near future.

OTHER ITEMS

None.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

The Superintendent of Schools recommended the following Board actions:

ABOLISH POSITION – ONE (1) FULL-TIME TEACHER’S AIDE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to abolish one (1) Full-Time Teacher’s Aide position based on an IEP.

Yes – 6, No – 0

DAVID LANGILLE, JR. – RESIGNATION

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the resignation of David Langille, Jr. from regular Custodian/Bus Driver position effective December 17, 2021.

Yes – 6, No – 0

KEVIN GYURIK - SUBSTITUTE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to appoint Kevin Gyurik as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12, effective December 23, 2021.

Yes – 6, No – 0

DAVID LANGILLE, JR. – BUS DRIVER

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to appoint David Langille, Jr. as a Full-Time Bus Driver, effective December 17, 2021. (Original one-year probationary period ends October 31, 2022.)

Yes – 6, No – 0

JOAN O'DONNELL – FULL-TIME TEACHER'S AIDE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to move Joan O'Donnell from .5 probationary Teacher's Aide to Full-Time probationary Teacher's Aide, effective December 23, 2021. (Original one-year probationary period ends November 30, 2022.)

Yes – 6, No – 0

HEATHER GARDNER – REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to approve the Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence of Heather Gardner, Teacher's Aide, for December 22, 2021.

Yes – 6, No – 0

LORENE SANDERSON – WELLNESS COORDINATOR

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to approve Lorene Sanderson as the Wellness Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year.

Yes – 6, No – 0

TENURE APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 29, 2022:

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to approve Tenure Recommendation as follows:

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| Name of Appointee | January Pratt |
| Tenure Area | Building Principal |
| Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure | January 29, 2022 |
| Certification Status | Professional |

Yes – 6, No – 0

MANYA LOBDELL - SECTION 75 HEARING

Each member of the Board having reviewed the findings of fact and recommendations of the Hearing Officer appointed pursuant to §75 of the Civil Service Law, as well as the transcript and documentary evidence constituting the record of the hearing, upon motion of Milk, seconded by M^cMahon, it is **RESOLVED** that Manya Lobdell be found guilty in regard to all charges and specifications as set forth in the notice of charges dated November 19, 2021, and she is dismissed from service.

Roll Call Vote: S. Barrows - Yes
A. Bringuel – Yes
N. Drew - Yes
N. M^cMahon – Yes
D. Markham - Yes
B. Milk - Yes

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Upon motion Barrows, seconded by McMahan, it is **RESOLVED** to approve the Settlement Agreement in the matter of Lilley v. Greene CSD et al.

Yes – 5; No – 0 (Drew Abstained)

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

REVENUE & BUDGET STATUS REPORTS – NOVEMBER 2021

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the Revenue & Budget Status Reports for November 2021 as presented.

Yes – 6, No – 0

TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR THE ACTIVITY FUND – NOVEMBER 2021

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for the Activity Fund for November 2021 as presented.

Yes – 6, No – 0

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for November 2021 as presented.

Yes – 6, No – 0

CHENANGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH – 2021-24 SPECIAL EDUCATION 1:1 AIDE CONTRACT

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the 2021-24 contract for 1:1 aide services with Chenango County Public Health.

Yes – 6, No – 0

GREENE COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT AGREEMENT

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to approve the Greene Community Solar Project Agreement.

Yes – 6, No – 0

BUS REPLACEMENT REVISION

Mr. Drew requested a discussion regarding the requested revision to the Bus Replacement and to have it placed on the next Board of Education meeting agenda. After some discussion, this item was tabled to January 12, 2022, which will allow the Transportation Committee to have a meeting, if they desire. Mr. Milk will coordinate this matter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Calice discussed BoardDocs, which is a school board management software, with the Board. Using this software would align with the Board’s goals of being transparent to community members. Mr. Calice wondered if there should be a Board committee formed to investigate. Alternatively, Mr. Calice, Mr. Markham, and Mrs. Walker could further investigate this. Mr. Calice said that one major benefit is the searchability of the database. Mr. Calice further stated that BoardDocs is not only a tool for the Board of Education and Board Clerk but also the community. The Board discussed associated costs with two different versions and Mr. Calice reported that the searchability feature is only available on the Pro version. He also stated that the software would be a time savings for the Board Clerk. Mrs. McMahon mentioned visiting a local Board of Education that uses the software to get an idea of how it works. It was determined that BoardDocs would be requested to present to the entire Board of Education.

REVIEW BOARD OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST

| Directed Date | Task | Responsibility | Report Back |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 7/10/2019 | BOE Training | BOE & Superintendent | Ongoing |
| 9/18/2019 | BOE Goals | BOE & Superintendent | Ongoing |

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Calice thanked the community for support of the district. He said that 2021 has been an adventure and that he is looking forward to unplugging before 2022. He also thanked the Board for their continued dedication and service.

REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

| Committee Name: | Last Meeting: | Next Meeting: |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Audit | September 29, 2021 | |
| Budget | December 22, 2021 | |
| Building & Grounds | November 16, 2021 | |
| Curriculum & Technology | August 15, 2018 | |
| Policy | June 23, 2021 | |
| Transportation | November 15, 2021 | |

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR

Ted Bowen said that he lives in Greene and understands that Mr. Calice met with a member of the group that is involved with the current diversity concerns. Mr. Bowen wondered about a new survey being sent out and said that while this sounds good, he wonders if an in-person meeting with Middle and High School students would be more productive.

Victoria Pezzino thanked the Board for reading her recent letter of concerns and personal situation. She stated that she felt the response was lacking and is concerned that the Board did not respond. She said that she feels there is a lack of transparency since there isn't a town newspaper and only one (printed) newsletter from the school [each academic year]. She stated that she would like a third-party mediator to assist.

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, Vice President Markham adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Yes – 6, No – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shiela Walker
Clerk of the Board