

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President, John Fish, 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. John Fish – President  
Mr. Douglas Markham – Vice President  
Mr. Seth Barrows  
Mr. Andrew Bringuel, II  
Mr. Nicholas Drew  
Mrs. Natalie M'Mahon  
Mr. Brian Milk

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal  
Mr. Timothy Calice, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Nicole Knapp, Director of Special Programs  
Mrs. January Pratt, Primary School Principal

**OFFICER(S) PRESENT:**

Mrs. Shiela Walker, Clerk of the Board

**FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA**

Additions to III. Board Committee Reports:  
- Building & Grounds Committee Report

**GOOD NEWS ~ DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

Mr. Calice thanked the Music, Food Services, and Building & Grounds Departments as well as the GCS Music Boosters Organization for the fine job that everyone did for the All-County Music Festival that was hosted by GCS on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Calice congratulated Mary Kelly and her husband on the recent birth of their daughter.

Next, Mr. Calice recognized the Middle School staff for their new initiative, The Trojan Character Project. The entire school is reading the novel "Out of My Mind" by Sharon Draper. The goal is to have good conversations about the lessons learned throughout the book.

Lastly, Mr. Calice discussed how the Custodial Department is currently low on staff members and the Maintenance and Groundskeeping crews have stepped up to assist throughout all campuses. With the Food Services department also experiencing a shortage through the end of the week, and due to the impending forecast, he recommended that school be closed on both Thursday and Friday.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS**

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by Bringuel, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to approve the following placements:

<b><u>ANNUAL REVIEW:</u></b>	<b><u>504 ACCOMMODATION PLAN (Annual Review)</u></b>
#710024260	#710023156
#710022366	#710022348
#710022213	#710023898
#710022624	#710023195
#710022713	#710023430
#710022840	#710024231
#710022344	#710022533
#710022489	#710023718
#710022626	#710022608
	#710022314
<b><u>PRESCHOOL:</u></b>	<b><u>AMENDED/MODIFIED IEP:</u></b>
#710024263	#710023976
#800000128	#710024150

Yes – 7, No – 0

**APPROVE MINUTES OF 1/12/22 REGULAR BOARD MEETING &  
1/24/22 BOARD WORK SESSION**

Motion made by Milk, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 12, 2022, and the Board Work Session held on January 24, 2022, as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

## **CALENDAR**

February 18 & 21 – Presidents’ Day Recess – No School (Offices Closed February 21)

February 23 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM

March 3 – Music in Our Schools Month Concert – 6:30 PM

March 15 – Bus Vote – 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM (Snow Date = March 17<sup>th</sup>)

March 16 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM

March 18 – Staff Development Day – No School

March 29 - 31 – NYS ELA Testing, Grades 3-8

April 6 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*President Fish 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**

There were no questions regarding the Enrollment Report that was previously presented to the Board.

Mrs. Pratt provided the Board with an update on the Primary School. She discussed social and emotional learning, the revised “Morning Program”, Arts in Education, partnering with the Upstate ADHD and Autism Clinic, and adding a much-needed sensory room to their school. Mrs. Pratt also talked about a Whole Brain Learning study group and student access to RTI teachers.

Next, Mrs. Knapp presented the Board with respect to the Special Education Department. Mrs. Knapp discussed how they are providing professional development to staff in departments throughout the district. She stated that goals this year include being more visible in the district and behavioral work with students and staff. Mrs. Knapp said that the annual student reviews are being held in a multitude of ways to allow more parents to be involved in their student’s plan.

Lastly, Mr. Ayres updated the Board on the Intermediate Building. He stated that the Intermediate School is focusing on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and character education. Mr. Ayres discussed the Second Step curriculum for students and reported that the fall AIMSweb benchmarks were reviewed. Mr. Ayres updated the Board on the activities the library is doing and what the PE intramurals have involved. He also commented that Music and Band just completed a successful winter concert. Finally, Mr. Ayres said that their teachers are working hard with AIS/RTI supports.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Barrows discussed the Board Work Session that was held on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Budget Committee met with Mr. Jones and Mr. Kendall regarding their respective budgets. If additional work sessions are deemed necessary, they will be scheduled.

Next, Mr. Fish updated the Board regarding the Building & Grounds Committee meeting that was held on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Vendors that will be hired through TamCo are Highland and BCA.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

None.

## **PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF INTERACTIVE PROMETHEAN PANELS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on a motion by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, it was **RESOLVED** that the Greene Central School Board of Education **authorizes the purchase and installation of interactive Promethean Panels** with an estimated cost not to exceed \$623,580 funded by American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP/ESSER).

Yes – 7, No – 0

## **PURCHASE OF BOARD MEETING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on a motion by Milk, seconded by Markham, it was **RESOLVED** that the Greene Central School Board of Education moves towards using the board meeting management software, BoardDocs, to help align with the Board's goals of being transparent to community members and allow a more efficient process for board members as well as the clerk of the board.

Yes – 7, No – 0

## **EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

***The Superintendent of Schools recommended the following Board actions:***

### **NANCY NOWALK - SUBSTITUTE**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to appoint Nancy Nowalk as a substitute Bus Monitor, effective February 3, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

### **NICOLE SILVA - SUBSTITUTE**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to appoint Nicole Silva as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12, effective February 3, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**HEATHER BASOS – TEACHER’S AIDE**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to appoint Heather Basos to a regular Teacher’s Aide position, effective February 28, 2022, for a one-year probationary period ending February 27, 2023.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**RONALD GENTER – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SICK BANK REQUEST**

Upon the recommendation of the Non-Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by Bringuel, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to approve the request of Ronald Genter, Bus Driver, for the withdrawal of ten (10) days covering January 26, 2022 through February 8, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**RONALD GENTER – REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to approve the Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence of Ronald Genter, Bus Driver, for twelve (12) days covering February 9, 2022 through February 28, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

**TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR THE ACTIVITY FUND – DECEMBER 2021**

Motion made by Milk, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to accept the Treasurer’s Reports for December 2021 as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT**

Motion made by Milk, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for December 2021 as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**INSERO EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Motion made by Milk, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to accept the Insero External Audit Report -- Corrective Action Plan for 2020-21.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

## **REVIEW BOARD OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST**

<b>Directed Date</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Report Back</b>
7/10/2019	BOE Training	BOE & Superintendent	Ongoing
9/18/2019	BOE Goals	BOE & Superintendent	Ongoing

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Calice stated that, with respect to an end date for COVID mask guidance, there have been advocacy letters generated by superintendents asking that metrics be created or used to create an exit strategy out of COVID requirements.

## **REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

<b>Committee Name:</b>	<b>Last Meeting:</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>
Audit	September 29, 2021	
Budget	January 26, 2022	February 9 & 16, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
Building & Grounds	January 18, 2022	
Curriculum & Technology	August 15, 2018	
Policy	June 23, 2021	
Transportation	November 15, 2021	

## **PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR**

**Maureen Smith** complimented the elementary staff for all their hard work and dedication to our students. She stated that, as a parent of a Primary School student, she also sees Mrs. Pratt outside every day, no matter what the weather, assisting.

## **SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Markham, seconded by Bringuel, the meeting was adjourned to Second Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss the performance of a particular person.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**ADJOURNMENT SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Milk, seconded by Bringuel, to adjourn the Second Executive Session at 8:49 PM.  
Yes – 7, No – 0

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Markham, seconded by Barrows, President Fish adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.  
Yes – 7, No – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shiela Walker  
Clerk of the Board