

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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<sup>c</sup>Mahon  
Mr. Brian Milk

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Bryan Ayres, Intermediate School Principal & Athletic Director  
Mr. Timothy Calice, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Penny Connolly, High School Principal  
Mr. Cliff Jones, Head Bus Driver  
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Official  
Mr. Mark Wilson, Middle School Principal

**OFFICER(S) PRESENT:**

Mrs. Shiela Walker, Clerk of the Board

**FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA**

Additions to Education & Personnel:

- Appointment of Shannon Clark as substitute Teacher, LTA & Aide P-12, effective February 24, 2022 (§ VIII.2. Substitute Appointments).
- Trip Request for High School Band to Syracuse, NY on March 12, 2022 (§ VIII.7.).

Deletion from Education & Personnel:

- Remove Christina Chinchilla from Full-Time Custodian recommendation (§ VIII.2. Regular Appointments).

## **GOOD NEWS ~ DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

Mr. Calice congratulated the two (2) Odyssey of the Mind teams that competed over the weekend. One team, coached by Mrs. Specht and Mrs. Marker, won First Place, and will be moving on to States in March. The other team, coached by Mrs. Ives, won Second Place. This team also received special recognition due to the fact that they were missing two participants at the last minute and had to rewrite, and re-learn, their new roles. Congratulations to everyone!

Mr. Calice said that yesterday was School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. He thanked the drivers and transportation staff and said that he appreciates the job that they are doing, transporting our students for school and events.

Next, Mr. Calice said that February 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> was National School Counseling Week, and that GCS staff was thanked for their commitment to our students.

Mr. Calice recognized the Interact Club as they surprised the Transportation staff and brought Valentines to thank them for everything they do at GCS.

Mr. Calice congratulated Sam Cowan, who won First Place while representing his BOCES Carpentry class at the recent SkillsUSA NY Area II competition. He will again use his carpentry skills and compete at the State Championship at the end of April. Good job, Sam!

Next, Mr. Calice thanked Kim Kalem for her service at Greene Central School District. Mrs. Kalem is a GCS graduate and has been assigned to our district through BT BOCES for a number of years. Mr. Calice said that she has always gone above and beyond in her role here and he wished her good luck as she moves on to a new position elsewhere.

Mr. Calice congratulated two GCS wrestlers, Hunter Page (Section IV Champion) and Aiden Marcin (Runner Up) who recently won in their respective weight classes at the Section IV Championships.

Mr. Calice also congratulated the Girls' Varsity Basketball team as they move on to Sectionals.

Finally, Mr. Calice congratulated the Girls' Bowling team as they won the MAC Championships.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS**

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

**ANNUAL REVIEW:**

#710022460  
#710022621  
#710022744  
#710023376  
#710023920  
#710023288  
#710022303  
#710022260  
#710023042  
#710022830  
#710023323  
#710022953  
#710024170  
#710023055  
#710023137  
#710022391  
#800000030  
#710022656

**TRANSFER/INTAKE:**

#800000138  
#710023808

**504 ACCOMMODATION PLAN (Annual Review)**

#710022814  
#710023152  
#710023707  
#710022083  
#710022762  
#701123423  
#710021980  
#710022948  
#710023438  
#710022692  
#710022276  
#710023232  
#710022330  
#710024006

Yes – 7, No – 0

**APPROVE MINUTES OF 2/2/22 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Motion made by Milk, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 2, 2022, as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**CALENDAR**

March 3 – Music in Our Schools Month Concert – 6:30 p.m.  
March 4 – BTD Health Insurance Consortium Meeting – 6:00 p.m. @ BT BOCES  
March 15 – Bus Vote – 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Snow Date = March 17<sup>th</sup>)  
March 16 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
March 18 – Staff Development Day – No School  
March 29 - 31 – NYS ELA Testing, Grades 3-8  
April 1, 2 & 3 – Footlights production of *Guys and Dolls* –  
7:00 p.m. Friday/Saturday; 3:00 p.m. Sunday  
April 6 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

## **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**

First, Mr. Rick Borchardt, owner of Upstate Security Consultants, and Mr. Dan Deemer presented the Board with information on the possibility of contracting with their firm for a School Resource Officer at Greene Central Schools. This is a follow up to discussions that started prior to the pandemic.

Next, Mr. Ayres updated the Board regarding Athletics at GCS. Mr. Ayres stated that, thus far, there are twenty-seven (27) athletes signed up for spring sports. Based on initial sign-ups, the proposed merger with Oxford Academy and Central School (§ VII on tonight's agenda) would only be for the Varsity team. Mr. Ayres stated the importance of parents and guardians to enroll their athletes via FamilyID.

Ms. Connolly then provided the Board with an update on the High School, including enrollment numbers for the building and also broken down by special ed and BOCES data. Ms. Connolly discussed the priorities at the High School as well as their pathway to normalcy, which includes events and activities that so many look forward to. Student successes, including the numbers on Honor, High Honor and Superintendent's High Honor Rolls were shared by Ms. Connolly. She also discussed challenges due to the ongoing pandemic as well as things that the staff and students are looking forward to.

Mr. Wilson updated the Board on the Middle School including enrollment numbers that were broken down by special education and 504 plans. He discussed the Amazon Future Engineer program and stated that Middle School students are gaining 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and technology integration. Mr. Wilson discussed The Trojan Character Project, which is an initiative where students gain character development and social emotional health. Mr. Wilson discussed how 9<sup>th</sup> period participation was increased during the first quarter of this academic year to get students engaged and to realize the importance of this important time in their day. The Wall of GRIT and new grade level assemblies are both positive reinforcements as well.

Finally, Mr. Wilson discussed esports possibly being started at GCS. Esports (short for electronic sports) can benefit our youth as it involves organized competitions that align with the direction of today's technology. This gives another option for extracurricular activities for students to choose from and helps them develop collaborative skills that are often required for career paths of the future.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Barrows updated the Board of Education on the two Budget Committee Meetings that were held since the last board meeting. On February 9<sup>th</sup> they met regarding the Primary and Intermediate School budgets and on February 16<sup>th</sup> the Middle and High School budgets were discussed.

Next, Mr. Milk updated the Board regarding the Chenango County School Boards Association meeting that he recently attended. He discussed the Treasurer's Report, a possible Summer Meet and Greet, and the Annual Meeting.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

None.

## **VOTE TELLER AND INSPECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to approve Mrs. Mary Ludolph as a Vote Teller and Ms. Stacy Parks as a Vote Teller and Vote Inspector for the Greene Central School District.  
Yes – 7, No – 0

## **ATHLETIC MERGER - BASEBALL**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Milk, seconded by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, for the Board to approve the Application for Merger of Schools for Athletic Activity between Oxford Academy and Central School and the Greene Central School District for the 2022 spring season for Varsity Baseball and to authorize the Superintendent and Board President to sign said Application on behalf of the district.  
Yes – 7, No – 0

## **EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

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

### **SUSAN BORCHARDT - RESIGNATION**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to accept the resignation of Susan Borchardt from regular Account Clerk/Typist position effective March 18, 2022.  
Yes – 7, No – 0

### **DAVID KENDALL - RESIGNATION**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to accept the resignation of David Kendall from Facility & Safety Coordinator position effective April 15, 2022.  
Yes – 7, No – 0

**LEAH DECKER - SUBSTITUTE**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to appoint Leah Decker as a substitute Teacher's Aide P-12, effective February 11, 2022. (Ms. Decker was provisionally appointed prior to the Board Meeting.)

Yes – 7, No – 0

**KEVIN DONNELLY - SUBSTITUTE**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to appoint Kevin Donnelly as a substitute Custodian, effective February 24, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**TORI JOHNSON - SUBSTITUTE**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to appoint Tori Johnson as a substitute Custodian, effective February 24, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**EMILY PARKER - SUBSTITUTE**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to appoint Emily Parker as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide P-12, effective February 11, 2022. (Ms. Parker was provisionally appointed prior to the Board Meeting.)

Yes – 7, No – 0

**SHANNON CLARK - SUBSTITUTE**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to appoint Shannon Clark as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide P-12, effective February 24, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**CALEB LINK – LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to move Caleb Link from the approved Substitute Rochester to serve as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective February 22, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**GRACE WHITMORE – CUSTODIAN**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to appoint Grace Whitmore to a full-time Custodian position, effective March 1, 2022, for a one-year probationary period ending February 28, 2023.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**JOHN OLIVER – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SICK BANK REQUEST**

Upon the recommendation of the Non-Instructional Sick Bank Committee, a motion was made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to approve the request of John Oliver, Bus Driver, for the withdrawal of twelve and a half (12.5) days covering March 10, 2022 (½ day) through March 29, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**ERICA FLOWERS – REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to approve the Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence of Erica Flowers, Teacher’s Aide, for two (2) days covering February 28, 2022 through March 1, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

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

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to approve the Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence of Ronald Genter, Bus Driver, for seventy-five (75) days covering March 1, 2022 through June 24, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**JOAN O’DONNELL – REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to approve the Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence of Joan O’Donnell, Teacher’s Aide, for two (2) days covering February 1 and February 2, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**COACHING APPOINTMENTS – SPRING 2022 SEASON**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to appoint the following Spring 2022 Coaches, effective March 14, 2022 (Varsity) and March 28, 2022 (Modified):

**BASEBALL**

Varsity	Ron Rapp
Varsity Assistant	Pete Mansheffer
Modified A	James deHaan

**SOFTBALL**

Varsity	Judi Mansheffer
Varsity Assistant	Tanya Yahner
Modified A	TBA

**TENNIS**

Varsity	Rich Karl
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**TRACK**

Varsity	William Dunlap
Varsity Assistant	Deb Krupp
Modified	Sara Dewey

Yes – 7, No – 0

**HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS TRIP REQUEST**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to approve the trip request for the High School Chorus to Macungie, PA on May 20, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRIP REQUEST**

Motion made by M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, seconded by Milk, to approve the trip request for the High School Band to Syracuse, NY on March 12, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

**TREASURER’S REPORTS FOR THE ACTIVITY FUND –JANUARY 2022**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the Treasurer’s Reports for January 2022 as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT – JANUARY 2022**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report for January 2022 as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**REVENUE & BUDGET STATUS REPORTS – JANUARY 2022**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the Revenue & Budget Status Reports for January 2022 as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**CAPITAL PROJECT CONTRACT AWARD – Solicited proposal for mechanical contract work**

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the Capital Project Contract Award as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

**OFFICE of the STATE COMPTROLLER – Fiscal Stress Monitoring Report for 2020-21**

The Office of the NYS Comptroller issues an annual Fiscal Stress Monitoring report to schools. The 2020-21 report was shared with the Board of Education; the results have Greene CSD in a positive fiscal position.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

President Fish stated that he was provided information about an upcoming Superintendent Evaluation Workshop. He told his fellow board members that if they are interested, to let him know and he would share the details with them.

## **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 announced that at the next Board of Education meeting they will be asked to approve the Instructional Calendar for 2022-2023. Mr. Calice said that the preliminary calendar is determined by the regional BOCES and currently matches the ONC BOCES calendar. This means our Spring Break would not line up with BT BOCES. Also, our goal is to have a 185-186 day calendar.

## **REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

<b>Committee Name:</b>	<b>Last Meeting:</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>
Audit	September 29, 2021	
Budget	February 9 & 16, 2022	March 2, 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**

**Rachel Parsons** spoke about racism and bullying and that she wants to see programs for students and training for staff.

**Heather Smith** also spoke about racism and bullying as her granddaughter attends school at GCS.

**Victoria Pezzino** spoke about bullying, equity, and equality inclusion. She said that she was a little surprised to learn about GCS looking into a Resource Officer. She also feels communication is important regarding her concerns at GCS and asked the Board members to please reach out to parents.

**SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Markham, seconded by Bringuel, President Fish adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Yes – 7, No – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shiela Walker  
Clerk of the Board