

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE, NY
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 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. Timothy Calice, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Cliff Jones, Head Bus Driver
Mr. Mark Rubitski, Business Official

OFFICER(S) PRESENT:

Mrs. Shiela Walker, Clerk of the Board

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Drew, seconded by Markham, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:02 PM to discuss the performance of a particular individual.

Yes – 7, No – 0

ADJOURNMENT FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Milk, seconded by Markham, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:12 PM.

Yes – 7, No – 0

President Fish reconvened the meeting at 7:12 PM.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Additions to Education & Personnel:

- Appointment of Megan Turner as substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12 as well as substitute Bus Monitor, effective January 13, 2022 (§ V.3. Substitute Appointments).
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Buildings & Grounds unit (§ V.7.).
- Non-Instructional Sick Bank Request by Ron Genter, Bus Driver, for the period of January 21, 2022 through January 25, 2022 (§ V.8.).

Removal from Education & Personnel:

- Unpaid Leave of Absence Request by Erica Flowers, Teacher's Aide, for January 11, 2022 as it is no longer needed (§ V.4.).

GOOD NEWS ~ DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Calice welcomed President Fish to the meeting and stated that he was happy to have him back.

Next, Mr. Calice congratulated Patsy Thatcher who recently received the Trojan Nation trophy in the Middle School.

Mr. Calice also congratulated the Varsity Girls' Basketball team as they captured the Unadilla Valley Tournament title on December 29th.

Lastly, Mr. Calice was pleased to announce that he had recently met with twenty-six (26) students as well as teachers in the High School Library to discuss areas in the High School and district where improvements can be made with respect to diversity, equity and inclusion. These discussions will continue.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, a motion was made by M^cMahon, seconded by Milk, to approve the following placements:

PRESCHOOL:

#800000138

504 ACCOMMODATION PLAN:

#710125276

AMENDED/MODIFIED IEP:

#710023567

#710125275

Yes – 7, No – 0

APPROVE MINUTES OF 12/22/21 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion made by Markham, seconded by Bringuel, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 22, 2021, as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

CALENDAR

January 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School (Offices Closed)
January 22 – All County Music Festival – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
January 24 – Board of Education Meeting – Work Session – 5:00 PM
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
March 3 – Music in Our Schools Month Concert – 6:30 PM
March 16 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM

It was noted by Mr. Calice that the January 24th Board of Education Work Session will have no board action, executive sessions, or voting and will be for the Board to work on the Budget.

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

Mr. James Page, Chief Information Officer of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA), conducted a virtual presentation to the Board of the school board management software, BoardDocs, that was discussed at the meeting held on December 22, 2021.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Milk recently attended the Chenango County School Boards Association meeting. He discussed the upcoming Legislative Breakfast that will be held on February 5th via Zoom this year due to COVID-19. He invited his fellow board members to sign up and said that there will be more legislatures at this year’s event.

OTHER ITEMS

None.

EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:

The Superintendent of Schools recommended the following Board actions:

REBECCA GENTER - RESIGNATION TO RETIRE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to accept the resignation to retire of Bus Driver, Rebecca Genter, effective June 24, 2022, with appreciation for service.

Yes – 7, No – 0

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

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

Yes – 7, No – 0

SOPHIA BROWN - SUBSTITUTE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to appoint Sophia Brown as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12, effective January 10, 2022. (Ms. Brown was provisionally appointed prior to the Board Meeting.)

Yes – 7, No – 0

NATHANIEL ERICKSON - SUBSTITUTE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to appoint Nathaniel Erickson as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12, effective January 6, 2022. (Mr. Erickson was provisionally appointed prior to the Board Meeting.)

Yes – 7, No – 0

EMMA KINNEARY - SUBSTITUTE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to appoint Emma Kinneary as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12, effective January 6, 2022. (Ms. Kinneary was provisionally appointed prior to the Board Meeting.)

Yes – 7, No – 0

STEPHEN PAGE - SUBSTITUTE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to appoint Stephen Page as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12, effective January 7, 2022. (Mr. Page was provisionally appointed prior to the Board Meeting.)

Yes – 7, No – 0

SARA WHITE - SUBSTITUTE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to appoint Sara White as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12, effective January 10, 2022. (Ms. White was provisionally appointed prior to the Board Meeting.)

Yes – 7, No – 0

HALEY BELLOMO - SUBSTITUTE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to appoint Haley Bellomo as a substitute Teacher K-12, effective January 13, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

MEGAN TURNER - SUBSTITUTE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to appoint Megan Turner as a substitute Teacher, LTA and Aide K-12 as well as a substitute Bus Monitor, effective January 13, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

HEATHER GARDNER – REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to approve the Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence of Heather Gardner, Teacher’s Aide, for January 13 and January 14, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

ELIZABETH HITT – REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to approve the Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence of Elizabeth Hitt, Teacher’s Aide, for January 28, 2022 and February 10, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

ASHLEY ROTH – REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to approve the Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence of Ashley Roth, Teacher’s Aide, for February 9, 2022 through March 2, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

MICHELLE MARKER – ODYSSEY OF THE MIND COACH

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to approve Michelle Marker as an Odyssey of the Mind Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

Yes – 7, No – 0

DAVID LANGILLE, JR. – EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and terminate the employment of David Langille, Jr., Bus Driver, effective immediately.

Yes – 7, No – 0

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ASSOCIATION

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Markham, to approve Superintendent Calice to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Buildings & Grounds unit.

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 Markham, to approve the request of Ronald Genter, Bus Driver, for the withdrawal of three (3) days covering January 21, 2022 through January 25, 2022.

Yes – 7, No – 0

BUSINESS & FINANCE:

REVENUE & BUDGET STATUS REPORTS – DECEMBER 2021

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

Yes – 7, No – 0

CHENANGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH – 2021-22 SPECIAL EDUCATION 1:1 AIDE CONTRACT – REVISION

Mr. Calice explained that at the December 22, 2021 meeting the Board approved a contract for a three year period of 2021-24; however, it was later determined that this contract should be for a one year period (2021-22) instead. Upon motion by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, the revised Chenango County Public Health Special Education 1:1 Aide Contract for 2021-22 was approved.

Yes – 7, No – 0

SURPLUS REQUEST – PRIMARY SCHOOL FURNITURE

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the disposal of the Primary School furniture as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

TRANSPORTATION BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN – REVISION

Motion made by Bringuel, seconded by Milk, to accept the revised Transportation Bus Replacement Plan as presented.

Yes – 7, No – 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Calice discussed the Buildings & Grounds Survey. Eleven (11) firms responded to the RFP. He hopes to narrow it down to two (2) firms and would like to include the Buildings & Grounds Committee in the decision process.

President Fish thanked Vice President Markham for running the Board of Education Meetings recently. He also thanked the community and GCS staff for their support of his family's recent situation.

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 stated that, with regard to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, he met with officers of the local NAACP. On Friday Mr. Calice will attend a meeting at Binghamton University, which will include other districts. Mr. Calice said that the current ThoughtExchange will end on Friday evening. He, again, mentioned that it was awesome to participate with High School faculty and students for their meeting. There were candid conversations, which were very productive.

Mr. Calice also discussed COVID-19 and how it is affecting a lot of local people. He then thanked the Board of Education for allowing him to provisionally appointment the substitutes that were on this evening's agenda. In total, there were seven (7) substitutes appointed in the last week which is extra beneficial due to some occasional staffing issues. *Vice President Markham stated that he noticed that several former Greene Central School students were on the appointment list this evening and said that they were to be commended for assisting their former school district.*

REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Committee Name:	Last Meeting:	Next Meeting:
Audit	September 29, 2021	
Budget	December 22, 2021	January 19, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
Building & Grounds	November 16, 2021	January 18, 2022 @ 4:00 PM
Curriculum & Technology	August 15, 2018	
Policy	June 23, 2021	
Transportation	November 15, 2021	

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR

Ted Bowen spoke about Greene's Board of Education holding two Executive Sessions and when public comments are offered during the meetings. Mr. Bowen also spoke about DEI.

Head Bus Driver, Cliff Jones, had a comment and asked where on the agenda the upcoming Bus Vote was approved. Business Official, Mr. Rubitski, replied that it was part of Section VI.4., under Business & Finance, and that the Bus Vote will be held on March 15, 2022 with a Snow Date of March 17, 2022. He added that these dates will now be added to the District Calendar.

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Markham, seconded by Bringuel, the meeting was adjourned to Second Executive Session at 8:13 PM to discuss a particular personnel matter.

Yes – 7, No – 0

ADJOURNMENT SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Markham, seconded by Bringuel, to adjourn the Second Executive Session at 8:55 PM.
Yes – 7, No – 0

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Markham, seconded by Bringuel, President Fish adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.
Yes – 7, No – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Shiela Walker
Clerk of the Board