

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL, GREENE NY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Greene Central School Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, John Fish, in the Auditorium, High School/Middle School campus, South Canal Street, Greene, N.Y.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Fish - President  
Doug Markham – Vice President  
Brian Milk  
Seth Barrows  
Andrew Bringuel, II  
Nicholas Drew  
Scott Youngs

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Timothy M. Calice, Superintendent of Schools  
Mark Wilson, Middle School Principal

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Theresa Brant, Clerk of the Board

**FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

NONE

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

NONE

**GOOD NEWS:**

Congratulations to our top three graduates: Valedictorian, Kathleen Becker, Salutatorian, Ashton Craver and Superintendent's Award winner, Johnny Lee.

Congratulations to Quinton Pezzino for being recognized by the Preferred Mutual Foundation as well and receiving a scholarship as he heads for Cornell University to major in Plant Science.

Mr. Calice shared a portion of an essay written by a scholarship candidate. The student wishes to become a secondary history teacher because of the impact made by the student's own teachers. The student was grateful to the whole department and envisions becoming "that teacher" in the future.

Appreciation to all staff and students who wore grey on May 14<sup>th</sup> to increase awareness for Brain Tumor awareness Month.

**CSE PLACEMENTS:**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to approve the recommended CSE Placements.

**Yes 7 – No 0**

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**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Motion by Milk, second by Bringuel, to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2021 regular Board of Education Meeting.

**Yes 7 – No 0**

**CALENDAR:**

- June 25 - Staff Only – No Students except for Earth Science Regents
- June 25 - No Students – Staff Only
- June 26 - Graduation
- July 14 – Board of Education Annual Reorg Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**REPORTS:**

None

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Bringuel shared information on the **Policy Committee Meeting** which took place prior to this Board Meeting. The board is revisiting some older policies and will continue to do so at their meeting on June 23, 2021.

Mr. Calice shared information on the most recent **Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting** including updates on the current capital project timing, the EPC approval and a recommended equipment purchase. There was some discussion regarding the equipment purchase which will serve as not only grass and field care but snow removal as well. Funds raised by the sale of obsolete equipment will more than cover the cost. Mr. Drew commented that this type of equipment has been considered in the past.

Mr. Calice also shared the Capital Project Cost Reports and Timeline. There was some discussion about the water main that runs from the village line, up County Route 32 and to the elementary schools. NY State is delaying funding and trying to get the Federal Government to provide funding instead of the State. There *may* be Federal funding available to use for the AC units.

**POLICY 11-A – DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

There was a first reading of the new required policy 11-A. Second reading will be 6/23/21.

**SENIOR CLASS TRIP**

On motion by Youngs, second by Markham, the senior class trip to Hershey Park on June 17, 2021 was approved.

**Yes 7 – No 0**

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**AGREEMENT WITH FACILITIES & GROUNDS GROUP**

Motion by Youngs, second by Markham – *In accordance with Section 204-a of the New York State Civil Service Law, funds are hereby provided to implement the agreement between the Greene Facilities & Grounds Association and the chief Executive Officer of the Greene Central School District for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary Memorandums of Understanding to complete the agreement.*

**Yes 7 – No 0**

**AGREEMENT WITH TYPIST GROUP <sup>(CA)</sup>**

Motion by Youngs, second by Markham – *In accordance with Section 204-a of the New York State Civil Service Law, funds are hereby provided to implement the agreement between the Greene Typist Unit and the chief Executive Officer of the Greene Central School District for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary Memorandums of Understanding to complete the agreement.*

**Yes 7 – No 0**

**EDUCATION & PERSONNEL:**

**Appointments**

**Substitutes**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to approve the following substitutes:

Elysha Wyman as substitute LTA and Teacher K-12

Tara Neugebauer as substitute School Counselor K-12

**Yes 7 – No 0**

**Long-Term Substitute**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to move Tara Neugebauer from the approved Substitute Roster to serve as Long-Term Substitute School Counselor effective September 1, 2021, not to exceed June 30, 2022.

**Yes 7 – No 0**

**Abolish Position(s)**

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to abolish two (2) full-time recently created (unfilled) Teacher Aide/Part-Time Bus Monitor positions following a change in the Civil Service job description for Teacher Aide.

**Create Position(s)** <sup>(CA)</sup>

Motion by Bringuel, second by Milk, to create two (2) Teacher Aide positions to replace the positions just abolished based on the change in the Civil Service job description for Teacher Aides.

**Yes 7 – No 0**

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**BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

Mr. Rubitski provided the current sub rates to the Board of Education for their consideration before the Annual Reorganization Meeting on July 14, 2021.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mr. Calice shared that he met with a group of seniors along with the class officers to review the rules for the upcoming Tractor Day. There has been a rumor that it was canceled but that was never a consideration. It is a very important custom and the district is working hard to keep the tradition alive safely. While on school property only tractors will be allowed and space will be made in the loop in front of the high school to avoid having the tractors on the new concrete in front. He asked that the students please be safe not allowing passengers on tractors or riding in buckets.

**REVIEW BOARD OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST:**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Planning is in progress for our end of year events. At this time Graduation is planned for the turf stadium at 10:00 a.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Up to 500 may attend as it is outdoors. If it is storming, the ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. indoors in the MS/HS gymnasium and admission will be by ticket only due to the limited space. The senior class has elected to not hold the prom or field days this year. Mr. Drew had several comments about the student vote which was coordinated by Ms. Connolly and Mrs. Schieve along with the senior class officers. It was suggested that he meet with Ms. Connolly, the High School Principal, for additional details.

It appears that some federal grant funding may be available for which we will have to apply and meet the criteria set. Funds may be spread over several years.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE SCHEDULE:**

<b>Committee Name:</b>	<b>Last Meeting:</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>
Budget	March 3, 2021	
Building & Grounds	Jan. 25, 2021	
Transportation		
Audit	Oct. 7, 2020	
Curriculum & Technology	Aug. 15, 2018	
Policy	June 2, 2021	June 23 ,2021 @ 6:15

**PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR:**

**Hanna Storman** reiterated her previous concerns regarding mask mandates. She believes the mask mandate for students are guidelines that should not be followed. She referenced her opinions shared at the prior Board of Education meeting that

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masks are not safe. She requested an open hearing for parents to air concerns about the mask mandate.

**Jason Burghardt** again spoke against the mask mandate for students and requested a public hearing. Following the last meeting he reached out to public officials including Senator Akshar. While he did not speak directly with the Senator, a member of his staff indicated that Senator Akshar would consider attending a public hearing regarding masks. He also spoke with the Chenango County Department of Health but they were confusing about who is making the decisions regarding masks in school. Mr. Burghardt indicated that they would also consider attending a public hearing.

**Shane Storman** again shared his opinions that children should not be required to wear masks and that people must stop accepting tyranny and take a stand. His child wearing a mask or getting a forced vaccine will not fly. The MLB, NFL and NBA know the insanity of masking athletes. We must take our country back.

**Haley Beach** spoke requesting that our district cut back on the time masks are worn when the children are outside in the heat as her son cannot breathe well. She will be keeping her children home on hot days.

**SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On motion by Markham, second by Bringuel, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss unit negotiations.

**Yes 5 – No 0**

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On motion by Drew, second by Bringuel, President Fish adjourned the executive session at 9:25 p.m.

**Yes 7 – No 0**

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

On motion by Barrows, second by Milk, President Fish adjourned the meeting 9:25 p.m.

**Yes 7 – No 0**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Theresa Brant  
Clerk of the Board**