

**GREEN BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. James Benscoter, Board President in the Green Brook Middle School Media Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Observed by all present.

STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Gregory Brennan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary read the following statement:
The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Green Brook Township Public School District of Somerset County has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Green Brook Township Clerk's Office, Courier News, and the Star Ledger. This notice was faxed to the above on January 7, 2014, and posted in the Green Brook Middle School and the Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mr. Azzarello
- Mr. Benscoter
- Mr. Binder
- Mr. Brault
- Ms. Connors
- Ms. Couch
- Mr. Humphrey
- Mr. Martins
- Ms. Piccirilli

Administrators

Present:

- Dr. Richard Labbe, Superintendent
- Mr. Gregory Brennan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Curriculum Budget Presentation – Beth Stanton
- Technology Budget Presentation – Tim Charleston
- BYOD Update – Tim Charleston

FINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Motion to approve Finance & Operations Items A – C:

Moved by: Ms. Piccirilli

Seconded by: Mr. Martins

Roll Call Vote. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

- A.** The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of Mr. Andrew B. Brown to represent the Board of Education in its upcoming negotiations with the Green Brook Education Association, effective January 1, 2014 through the Board's Organization Meeting in January 2015, at the following rates, not to exceed \$12,000, for the 2013-2014 school year:

Labor Negotiations:	\$160/hr for partners and counsel/senior associates
	\$155/hr junior associates
	\$100/hr paralegals and law clerks

- B.** The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of the following Board Committees for the 2014 calendar year:

Finance & Operations/Buildings & Grounds

Bruce Martins (Chair)
Gerald Binder
John Brault
Lisa Couch

Personnel & Negotiations/Residency Review

Gerald Binder (Chair)
Lisa Couch
John Azzarello
Bruce Martins

Policy & Regulation Review/Ed. Development

Maria Piccirilli (Chair)
John Azzarello
Darlene Connors
John Brault

Community Relations/Township Liaison

Doug Humphrey (Chair)
Maria Piccirilli
Darlene Connors

- C. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval to appoint the following representatives for the 2014 calendar year :

Watchung Hills Regional High School Gerald Binder
 Municipal Alliance John Azzarello
 Somerset County Ed Services Commission Maria Piccirilli
 NJ School Boards Association Lisa Couch
 Somerset County School Boards Association Darlene Connors
 Legislative Representative..... John Azzarello
 PTO Liaison..... Maria Piccirilli
 Township Liaison..... Doug Humphrey

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT/POLICY

Motion to approve Educational Development/Policy Items A – C:

Moved by: Mr. Binder

Seconded by: Mr. Martins

Roll Call Vote. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

- A. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of the following after-school program, at no cost to the Board of Education, for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Student Book Talk	3-4	January 16 – March 7, 2014

- B. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff, for the 2013-2014 school year. (See Attachment)

- C. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of the following class trip, at a cost of \$30 to the Board of Education, for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Grade</u>
February 7, 2014 (Snow Date: Feb. 12, 2014)	Warren Middle School Warren, NJ	Grs. 7-8/Honor Band

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS

Motion to approve Personnel & Negotiations Items A – C:

Moved by: Ms. Couch

Seconded by: Mr. Martins

Roll Call Vote. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

- A. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval to rescind the January 6, 2014 resolution approving Melissa Kahse to serve as a Grade 4 long-term maternity leave substitute teacher in the Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School, replacing Jennifer Grant, from January 13 through June 30, 2014, at a salary of \$49,640.00, prorated, and subject to termination upon a ten-day notice for any reason, for the 2013-2014 school year.

- B. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of Lori Gross to serve as a Grade 4 long-term maternity leave substitute teacher in the Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School, replacing Jennifer Grant, from January 16 through June 30, 2014, at a salary of \$49,640.00, prorated to \$27,302.00, and subject to termination upon a ten-day notice for any reason, for the 2013-2014 school year.
(See Attachment)

- C. The Superintendent recommends and I so move Board of Education of the Township of Green Brook approval of Erin Napodano to serve as an instructional aide in the ABA Program in the Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School, replacing Leslie Grimes, effective January 24, 2014, Step 6, at an hourly rate of \$20.45, for the 2013-2014 school year. (See Attachment)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into Executive Session at 8:35 PM

Moved by: Ms. Couch

Seconded by: Mr. Martins

Whereas, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel and other agenda matters such as negotiations and the potential for litigation; and

Whereas, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and

Whereas, the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231,

It is therefore Resolved, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private session by the Board and administrative staff and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Board reconvened at 8:53 PM

BOARD MEETING DATES

Agenda/Business Meeting
Workshop Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2014
Monday, February 10, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Moved by: Mr. Binder

Seconded by: Mr. Martins

Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory E. Brennan
SBA/Board Secretary