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The regular session meeting of the East Greenwich Township Board of Education was held on the above date, duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d). Notice of this meeting was posted in the East Greenwich Township Municipal Building, each school in the district and advertised in the South Jersey Times and Courier Post. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Schonewise. Following the flag salute, a moment of silent reflection was observed.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Acharya, Becker, Black, Schonewise, and Starks. Absent: Christian, Flynn, and O'Brien. Also present were the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, the Jeffrey Clark School Principal and Assistant Principal, the Samuel Mickle School Principal, and fifty (50) plus members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Acharya, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the following minutes were approved:

- Work Session of March 5, 2025
- Regular Session and Executive Session of March 19, 2025

PRESENTATIONS:

- The Superintendent provided a presentation to the Board highlighting recent school business and activities.
- A representative from Home & School updated the public and the Board on Home & School activities.
- The character education program recognized Jeffrey Clark and Samuel Mickle "Buzzworthy Students of the Month" for responsibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A member of the public commented on the Resolution Satisfying Judgement from the February 19, 2025 board meeting along with board member indemnification.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter of request for an extended child rearing leave from L.A., Classroom Teacher, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for a maternity/child rearing leave from E.K., Classroom Teacher, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for a maternity/child rearing leave from M.S., SLP, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for an unpaid leave of absence from R.D., PT Social Worker, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for an unpaid leave of absence from J.H., Preschool Aide, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for an extended leave of absence from J.S., Classroom Teacher, referred to personnel.
- Letter of request for an intermittent leave of absence from T.V., Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, referred to personnel.
- Letter of resignation from E.B., Supervisory Aide, referred to personnel.
- Letter of resignation from M.D., 0.8 Permanent Substitute Teacher, referred to personnel.

REPORTS: (Attachment – 1)

- Principal's report for review.
- Child Study Team Supervisor's report for review.
- Director of Curriculum's report for review.
- Transportation Coordinator & Registrar's report for review.



PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL BUDGET:

The proposed 2025-2026 annual school budget was presented, discussed, and questions were addressed from the Board and the public regarding the presentation. **(Attachment – 2)**

ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

On motion by Acharya, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the 2025-2026 Annual School Budget as follows:

WHEREAS, the East Greenwich Township Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 19, 2025, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 7, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the South Jersey Times on April 14, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a public hearing held by the East Greenwich Township Board of Education located in the Samuel Mickle School at 559 Kings Highway, Mickleton, NJ on April 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Greenwich Township Board of Education adopt the 2025-2026 school budget as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
2025-2026 Total Expenditures	\$23,425,439	\$2,265,579	\$1,140,813	\$26,831,830
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$6,567,205	\$1,921,185	\$0	\$8,488,390
Taxes to be Raised	\$15,291,104	\$0	\$1,140,813	\$16,431,917

With \$15,291,104 to be raised in taxes for the General Fund and \$1,140,813 to be raised in taxes for the Debt Service Fund for a total of \$16,431,917 to be raised in taxes for the ensuing school year, 2025-2026:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the East Greenwich Township Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$332,317. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

WHEREAS, the East Greenwich Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the East Greenwich Township Board of Education established \$20,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$9,819 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$20,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.



ADOPTION OF BUDGET: (continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the East Greenwich Township Board of Education establishes a maximum budget for professional services as follows:

Legal	\$85,000	Architect/Engineer	\$40,000
Physician	\$8,000	Auditor	\$45,000

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yea – 5	Nay – 0	Absent – 3
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>A</u> Krissy Christian	<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise	
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>A</u> Jeffrey Flynn	<u>Y</u> Lynn Starks	
<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien		

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OPERATIONS/COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

- The Jeffrey Clark School held a fire drill on March 13, 2025 at 2:15 p.m. and a lockdown drill on March 26, 2025 at 2:25 p.m. The drills were supervised by the Principal and Assistant Principal.
- The Samuel Mickle School held a fire drill on March 10, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. and a shelter-in-place drill on March 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The drills were supervised by the Principal and Assistant Principal.

CURRICULUM/POLICY:

On motion by Becker, second by Starks, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

- The following field trips:
 - Beyond the Bell Summer Camp Trips (**Attachment – 3**)
 - RISE to visit Spectrum Sports, Deptford Mall, and Kingsway Regional Middle School
- Professional development workshops:

Name	Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost
Emery Brown	NJASP Capitol Hill Day	Trenton	5/8/25	\$0
Andrea Evans	NJASA/NJAPSA Leadership Conference	Atlantic City	5/14/25-5/15/25	\$0
Andrea Evans Erica Green	Gloucester County Reunification Team Drill	RCSJ	5/30/25	\$0

FINANCE/PERSONNEL:

On motion by Starks, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the following:

(Bill List Attachment – 4)

- Payment of bills for April 30, 2025:

Custodian Account	\$893,803.19
Cafeteria Account	\$54,459.55
Enterprise Account	\$32,214.07
- Electronic Checks for March 2025: \$1,594,690.04
- Cafeteria and Beyond the Bell Profit & Loss Statement for March 2025. (**Attachment – 5**)
- Line item transfers approved by the Superintendent for March 2025.
(Transfer List Attachment along with Transfer Status Report Attachment – 6)
- Financial Reports A-148, Report of the Board Secretary, and A-149 Bank Reconciliation Report from the Superintendent for February 2025. (**Attachment – 7**)
- Board Secretary's Certification as follows:
 Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that as of March 31, 2025, no line item account has encumbrances or expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3.

 Board Secretary/Business Administrator

4/30/2025
 Date



COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

FINANCE/PERSONNEL: (continued)

• Financial Obligations Certification:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, we certify that as of February 28, 2025, after review of the Board Secretary's Report and Bank Reconciliation Report from the Superintendent, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yea – 5	Nay – 0	Absent – 3
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>A</u> Krissy Christian		<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>A</u> Jeffrey Flynn		<u>Y</u> Lynn Starks
<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien		

On motion by Starks, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the following:

- One-on-one teacher assistant agreement with **Gloucester County Special Services School District** for the 2024-25 SY for student SID# 1245702189, effective March 11, 2025, at a per diem rate of \$231.
- The agreement with **Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC** to provide behavior/educational consulting services to the district for the 2025-26 school year on an as-needed basis, per fee schedule. **(Attachment – 8)**
- Addendum to extend the agreement with **ESS Support Services, LLC** to provide paraprofessional services to the district for the 2025-26 SY on an as-needed basis, per fee schedule. **(Attachment – 8)**
- The agreement with **GHR Education** to provide educational and nursing services to the district for the 2025-26 school year on an as-needed basis, per fee schedule. **(Attachment – 8)**
- The agreement with **GCSSSD** to provide professional services to the district for the 2025-26 SY, on an as-needed basis, per fee schedule. **(Attachment – 8)**
- Agreement with **Realtime Information Technology** for student management database services for the 2025-26 SY at a cost of \$27,139.11.
- The agreement with **Star Pediatrics** to provide nursing services for the 2025-26 SY on an as-needed basis, per fee schedule. **(Attachment – 8)**
- The purchase of 100 HP Fortis G10 Chromebooks with licenses and service agreement from **SHI** for a total cost of \$38,510 through the NJSBA-K-12 Classroom Products and Services Contract#E-8801-NJSBA ACES-CPS.
- The purchase of 38 Lenovo ThinkCentre m75s computers with licenses and service agreement from **SHI** for a total cost of \$37,020.36 through the NJSBA-K-12 Classroom Products and Services Contract#E-8801-NJSBA ACES-CPS.
- The construction proposal with **W.J. Gross, Inc.** through the NJ State approved CCESC Co-Op #66CCEPS Contract #FY23-01 for the removal and installation of carpet in the Samuel Mickle School for a total cost of \$19,009.
- The construction proposal with **W.J. Gross, Inc.** through the NJ State approved CCESC Co-Op #66CCEPS Contract #FY23-01 for the removal and installation of the stage curtain and valance in the Samuel Mickle School for a total cost of \$12,234.
- The contract for participation in Cooperative Transportation Services with **Gloucester County Special Services School District** for the 2025-26 SY.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yea – 5	Nay – 0	Absent – 3
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>A</u> Krissy Christian		<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>A</u> Jeffrey Flynn		<u>Y</u> Lynn Starks
<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien		



COMMITTEE REPORTS: (continued)

FINANCE/PERSONNEL: (continued)

On motion by Starks, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, on recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following:

- The hiring of substitutes for the 2024-25 school year, pending teaching certifications, tuberculosis test, and background checks:
 Rebecca Smith Substitute Supervisory Aide
- Summer work appointments for the 2025-26 SY. **(Attachment – 9)**
- A Clearview Regional High School student to shadow the Speech Language Pathologists during ESY 2025-26 SY.
- A Rowan University student to complete evaluations and student teaching during the 2025-26 SY.

ROLL CALL VOTE:		
	Yea – 5	Nay – 0
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>A</u> Krissy Christian	<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>A</u> Jeffrey Flynn	<u>Y</u> Lynn Starks
<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien	

On motion by Starks, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the following:

- The request to extend a maternity/child rearing leave from Lauren Aregood, Classroom Teacher, effective September 1, 2025 through October 13, 2025, allowed under NJFLA.
- The request for an extended unpaid child rearing leave from Lauren Aregood, Classroom Teacher, effective October 14, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- The request for a maternity leave from Erica Kilgus, Classroom Teacher, effective on or about September 8, 2025, allowed under FMLA, immediately followed by a 12-week unpaid child rearing leave covered under FMLA/NJFLA.
- The request for a maternity leave from Meaghan Sullivan, Speech Language Pathologist, effective on or about September 15, 2025, allowed under FMLA, immediately followed by a 12-week unpaid child rearing leave covered under FMLA/NJFLA.
- The request for an unpaid leave of absence from Rachel Derieux, PT Social Worker, effective May 6, 2025 and May 8, 2025.
- The request for an unpaid leave of absence from Jennifer Harris, Preschool Aide, effective April 24, 2025 and April 25, 2025.
- The request to extend a leave of absence from Jennifer Samaniego, Classroom Teacher, effective April 25, 2025 until released from doctor's care, approximately May 9, 2025, with the first twelve weeks of the leave covered under FMLA.
- The request for an intermittent leave of absence from Tammy Vogt, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, effective March 24, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with the first twelve weeks covered under FMLA.
- The resignation of Elizabeth Blessing, Supervisory Aide, effective April 1, 2025.
- The resignation of Monica DiDonato, 0.8 Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective March 26, 2025, will remain on the per diem substitute list.

ROLL CALL VOTE:		
	Yea – 5	Nay – 0
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>A</u> Krissy Christian	<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>A</u> Jeffrey Flynn	<u>Y</u> Lynn Starks
<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien	



EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Starks, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the East Greenwich Township Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss the following known items:

- 1) Negotiations
- 2) Legal Matters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Greenwich Township Board of Education reserves the right to discuss such other matters rendered confidential by law should the need arise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. The following members were present: Acharya, Becker, Black, Schonewise, and Starks. Absent: Christian, Flynn, and O'Brien. Also present were the Superintendent and the Business Administrator.

On motion by Acharya, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board reconvened in public session at 8:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

On motion by Becker, second by Starks, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to table the motion to approve the non-precedential agreement between the East Greenwich Township Board of Education and the East Greenwich Township Education Association. **(Attachment – 10)**

On motion by Becker, second by Acharya, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the East Greenwich Township School District and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management relating to application for grants under the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance and/or Hazard Mitigation programs for presidentially declared major disasters. **(Attachment – 11)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Yea – 5	Nay – 0	Absent – 3
<u>Y</u> Anand Acharya	<u>A</u> Krissy Christian		<u>Y</u> Mark Schonewise
<u>Y</u> Lori Becker	<u>A</u> Jeffrey Flynn		<u>Y</u> Lynn Starks
<u>Y</u> Amanda Black	<u>A</u> Jodie O'Brien		

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Starks, second by Becker, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Gregory Wilson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary