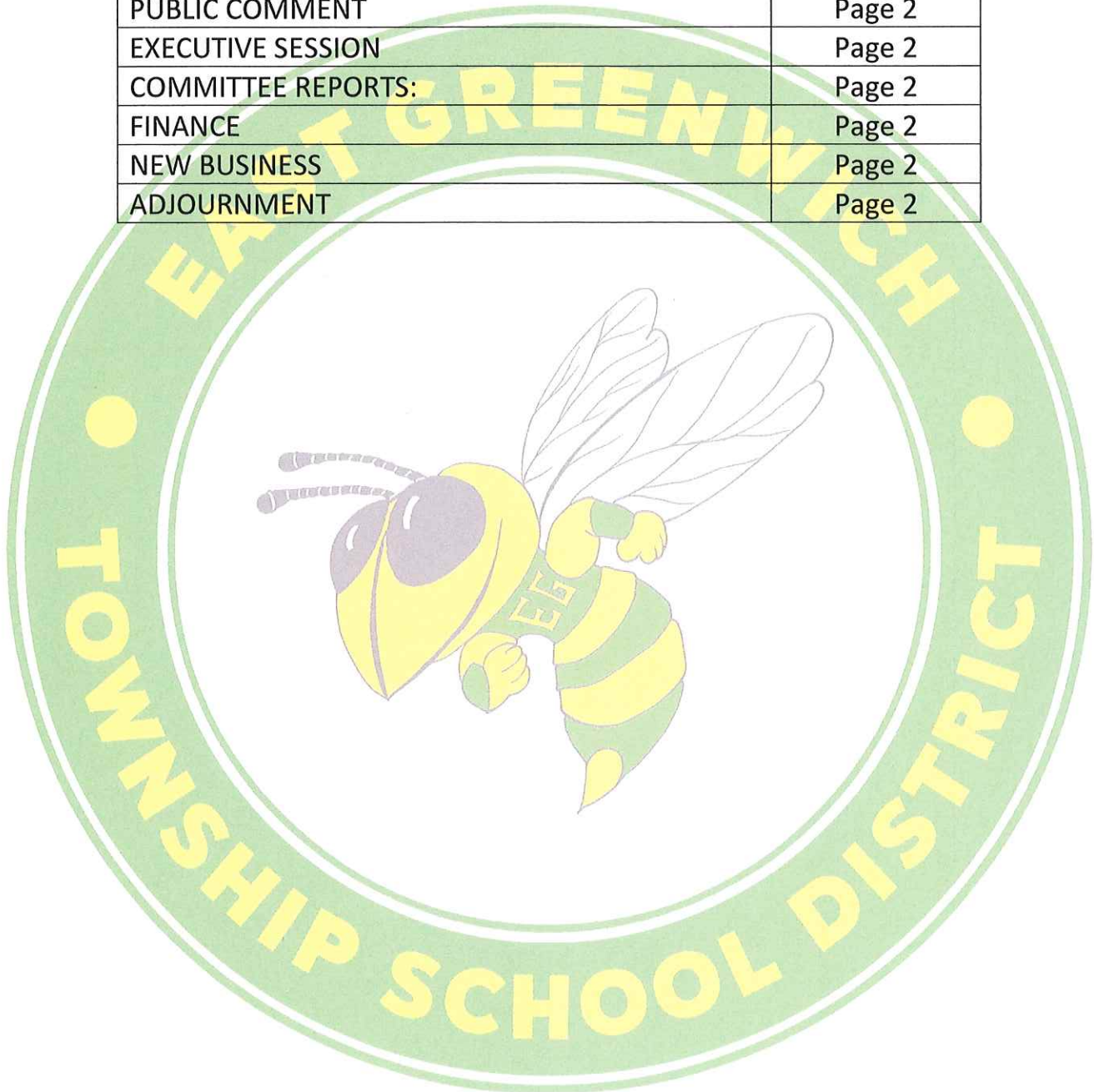




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The regular session meeting of the East Greenwich Township Board of Education was held on the above date, duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d). Notice of this meeting was posted in the East Greenwich Township Municipal Building, each school in the district and advertised in the South Jersey Times and Courier Post. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Jones. Following the flag salute, a moment of silent reflection was observed.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Becker, Jones, O'Brien, Schonewise, and Starks. Absent: Cosentino and Nevius. Member Licciardello arrives at 6:30 p.m. Also present were the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and five members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A member of the public commented on NJDOE guidance on transgender students.

*Member Licciardello arrives at 6:30p.m.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On motion by Schonewise, second by O'Brien, 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) Board Member Candidate Interviews

**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 6:21 p.m. The following members were present: Becker, Jones, Licciardello arrives at 6:30 p.m., O'Brien, Schonewise, and Starks. Absent: Cosentino and Nevius. Also present were the Superintendent and the Business Administrator.

On motion by Schonewise, second by Licciardello, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board reconvened in public session at 9:34 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:**

- The Board was given an update on the 2022-2023 school budget. **(Attachment – 1)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The May 4, 2022 board meeting will be changed from a Work Session to a Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 School Budget.
- The June board meeting will be rescheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, on motion by Schonewise, second by Nevius, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

  
Gregory Wilson

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

## 2022-2023 Budget Preparation Summary

1. The 2022-2023 budget is being created with an additional \$1,151,005 in state aid. The local levy will remain flat for the 4th consecutive year.
2. The budget is being built with a \$1,811,295 surplus. Traditionally our surplus is under \$1,300,000. The larger surplus will be used to fund the pole barn project.
3. A 2% tax levy increase would raise \$261,457. This amount will go into banked cap and can be used to raise taxes in future years. The District currently has \$533,140 in eligible banked cap. \$61,672 of the banked cap eligibility will expire this year. Going into the 2022-2023 school year, we will have \$794,597 in banked cap.
4. By keeping the tax levy flat, the average homeowner will see about a \$65 tax decrease. Each 1% raised on the local levy raises the average homeowner's tax by about \$15. If we proposed a budget with a 2% tax levy increase the average homeowner would still see about a \$35 tax decrease.
5. Budget Items:
  - Salary and benefit increases of about \$650,000.
  - Transportation cost increases of \$500,000.
  - Pole barn project.
  - Enhanced enrichment and intervention programs.
  - New full-time preschool teacher.
  - New full-time custodial position.
  - ARP grant will be used to strengthen the wireless network and resurface the playgrounds.
  - New Social Studies resources.
  - Adequate resources for supplies and technology.