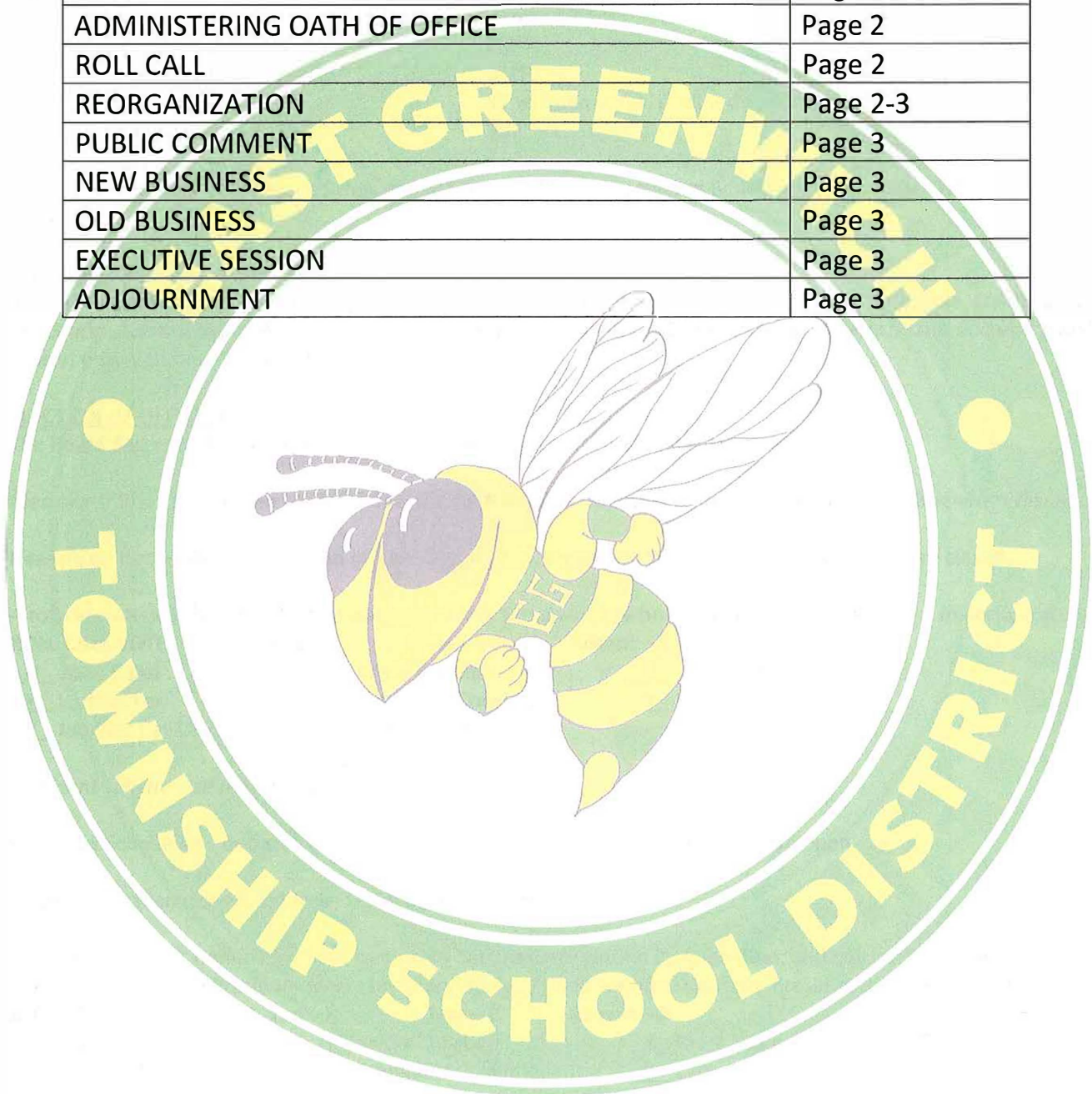




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REORGANIZATION MEETING: (continued)

On motion by Schonewise, second by O'Brien, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the following resolutions were approved:

- BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Greenwich Township School District Board of Education has adopted the New Jersey School Boards Association "Code of Ethics" and provided an annual training session as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Greenwich Township School District Board of Education adopt parliamentary procedure as described by Robert's Rules of Order to govern the order of business of the Board of Education through the reorganization meeting in January 2025.
- BE IT RESOLVED, that all current written policies, bylaws, and regulations in the official Policy Manual of the East Greenwich Township School District Board of Education be readopted.
- The Board discussed committee appointments and appointed Member Baird as the delegate and President Schonewise as the alternate delegate to the New Jersey School Board Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Three members of the public voiced their support for the teachers and inquired about the open board vacancy.
- Former Board President Jones expressed support for both the teachers and the Board of Education in coming to a solution on contract negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Becker, 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 Personnel

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 7:37 p.m. The following members were present: Baird, Becker, Cavalieri, Christian, Cosentino, O'Brien, Schonewise, and Starks. Absent: None. Also present were the Superintendent and the Business Administrator.

On motion by O'Brien, second by Baird, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved to reconvene in public session at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Baird, second by Christian, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


Gregory Wilson

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary



18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

L.2001,c.178,s.5.