North Greenbush Common School District

Board of Trustees Meeting
August 12, 2026, 12:00pm
District Office
Meeting Minutes

1.0 Meeting Called to Order: 12:00 pm

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
1.2 Recording of Attendance: Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Dukes, Mrs. Karas, Mrs. Hotaling, Ms. Meister (Mr. Casale-late arrival) Public in Attendance: Mason Kievit, Isaac Langer, and Catherine Vandor
1.3 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda
1.4 Public Comment: None

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education:

2.1 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings 7/1/25 and 8/6/26
Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0
2.2 Approval of the Treasurer's Reports – June
Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0
2.3 Superintendent's Report: New hires, Summer Program (STEM, Outer Space, School of Rock), Incoming Kindergarten, Transportation, District Wide Safety Plan

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations:

3.1 Approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations
Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0
3.2 Approval of tax rates/warrant (attached)
Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0
3.3 Approval of vendor contracts for the 2026-2027 school year
Questar AS-7 Cooperative Educational Services Contract in the amount of $29,157.45
Questar Cross Contract for BOCES in the amount of $36,971.39
STA transportation contract to transport one student to Brunswick CSD and grades 3-8 students to Averill Park CSD for the 2026-2027 school year
Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

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3.4 Approval of the employment contracts for the 2026-2027 school year

Mason Kievit as part time physical education teacher at a rate of $50/hourly

Isaac Langer as part time physical education teacher at a rate of $50/hourly

Catherine Vandor as part time speech and language therapist at a rate of $50/hourly

3.5 Approval of the special education contract with Brunswick for one student

Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

3.6 Approval of the health services contract with East Greenbush CSD for non-resident students attending private schools within the East Greenbush CSD for the 2025-2026 school year

Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

3.7 Approval of teacher evaluator, Sally Shields

Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

3.8 Approval of Valarie Karas as the substitute CSE

Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

3.9 Approval of the updated mileage rate of $.76 as of July 1, 2026

Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

3.10 Approval of the 26-27 Districtwide Safety Plan

Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

3.11 Approval of an additional 36 hours of the 2025-2026 school year for the CSE, Lorraine Thompson

Motion Made By: Mr. Casale
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

4.0 Old Business:

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Establishment of Board Audit Committee Pursuant to Education Law §2116-c.

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Greenbush Common School District hereby establishes an Audit Committee pursuant to New York State Education Law §2116-c and Commissioner's Regulation §170.12, to assist the Board in the oversight of the internal and external audit functions of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall consist of 3 members, serving in an advisory capacity without compensation, and operating under the formal Audit Committee Charter presented to and approved by this Board."

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5.2 *BE IT RESOLVED, that the individual listed below is hereby certified as a Lead Evaluator of Classroom Teachers as per requirements prescribed in 8 NYCCR 30-2.9(b) for the 2026-2027 school year.*

Valarie Karas

This certification has been issued in accordance with process for certifying Lead Evaluators described in the North Greenbush Common School District's Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan.

Motion Made By: Mrs. O'Connell
Seconded By: Mr. Dukes
Any Discussion: None
All In Favor: 2-0

6.0 Informational

6.1 Next District Board of Trustees Meeting is 9/9/26 @ 5:00 pm, District Office.
6.2 Public Comment

7.0 Request for Executive Session

8.0 Return to Open Session

9.0 Adjournment: 12:28 pm

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