GREENWOOD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2026

The Greenwood School Board met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026, in the Administration Building. Members present were Todd Hales, Stephanie Griffith, Cliff James, Dr. Kelli Henning, Honey Schaumburg, Lydia Holloway, Elysa Turner and Superintendent John Ciesla.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Todd Hales. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (6:00 p.m.)

II. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved as submitted. (6:00 p.m.)

III. ACT 640 DISCIPLINE REPORT

Dr. Chatman presented the annual bullying report as required by Act 640 of 2019. Act 640 requires the superintendent to report annually to the Board of Directors the number of bullying incidents occurring within the district. Included in the board packet was a report summarizing all student discipline incidents for the school year, including bullying-related incidents. **On a motion by Cliff James and a second Lydia Holloway, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request** (6:07 p.m.)

IV. POLICY REVISIONS

Dr. Chatman presented several policy revisions for Board consideration. The updates reflected changes in state law, clarified existing district procedures and practices, aligned policies with current district expectations, and updated legal references where necessary. Dr. Chatman requested approval of the policy revisions as presented. **On a motion by Elysa Turner and a second Cliff James, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request** (6:14 p.m.)

V. HANDBOOK REVISIONS

The administration presented recommended revisions to the district's student handbooks. Staff members from Westwood Elementary, East Pointe Elementary, and East Hills Middle School collaborated to ensure consistency and alignment across grades K-6, while Greenwood Junior High and Greenwood High School worked together to align secondary handbook expectations and procedures. The revisions continued the district's efforts to streamline the handbook and promote consistent implementation of policies and practices across all campuses. The administration requested Board approval of the student handbook changes as presented. **On a motion by Stephanie Griffith and a second Lydia Holloway, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request** (6:36 pm)

VI. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Mr. Ciesla presented the School Improvement Plans for each campus and the district. He explained that the plans were developed using performance, growth, discipline and attendance data from the previous school year and are designed to address identified areas of need while supporting continued student success. Upon board approval, the plans would be published on the district website in accordance with state requirements. The Board reviewed the plans and considered approval as presented. **On a motion by Dr. Kelli Henning and a second Honey Schaumburg, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request** (6:37 pm)

VII. ARAPP STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

Mr. Ciesla presented the district's ARApp assurances for Board consideration. He explained that the ARApp serves as the district's comprehensive strategic plan and consolidates multiple state and federal applications into a single submission. The plan includes components related to federal programs, Special Education, Educational Service Agencies, Wellness, Alternative Learning Environments, Gifted and Talented services, and other required programs. Mr. Ciesla noted that the streamlined process provides greater clarity in funding and supports the district's efforts to effectively meet the needs of students and staff. He requested Board approval of the assurances as presented. **On a motion by Cliff James and a second Stephanie Griffith, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request** (6:39 pm)

VIII. PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Ciesla presented two purchase order requests and recommended that they be considered under one vote. The requests included network infrastructure upgrades through Presidio in the amount of $26,197. The total project cost was approximately $85,000, with the district receiving an E-Rate discount of $61,128. The upgrades will replace a portion of the district's wireless access points with newer technology and increase network capacity in the Student Union. The second request was a purchase order to ASBA Risk Management in the amount of $43,527 for the district's annual insurance premium covering school buses, vehicles, and mobile equipment. The Board approved both purchase orders under a single vote. **On a motion by Elysa Turner and a second by Cliff James, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request.** (6:40 pm)

IX. ACTIVITY INSURANCE POLICY

Mr. Ciesla presented a summary of the three student insurance proposals received by the district, along with a comparison of the benefits offered by each provider. He noted that the district has utilized Student Assurance Services for the past six years and has received excellent service during that time. Mr. Ciesla also explained that Student Assurance Services offers an optional supplemental policy that provides 24-hour coverage and is utilized by a number of district families. Based on the quality of service and participation in the supplemental coverage option, Mr. Ciesla recommended that the

district continue its partnership with Student Assurance Services for the 2026-2027 school year. The Board considered the recommendation as presented. **On a motion by Dr. Kelli Henning and a second by Elysa Turner, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request.** (6:41 pm)

X. PURCHASED SERVICE CONTRACT

Mr. Ciesla presented an additional purchased service contract for Speech Therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year. He reviewed the need for the services and requested Board approval of the contract as presented. **On a motion by Cliff James and a second by Honey Schaumburg, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request.** (6:42 pm)

XI. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Ciesla presented preliminary schematics, floor plans, and project proposals for several facility improvements at the athletic complex. Proposed projects included the construction of a new stadium entry, ticket booth, concession stand, and restroom facilities on the south side of the stadium; additional restroom facilities on the home side; replacement of the visitor-side bleachers; and future plans for replacing the home-side bleachers. The improvements would increase spectator amenities, address facility needs, and bring the stadium into compliance with current building code requirements related to seating capacity and restroom facilities.

Mr. Ciesla also reviewed proposals for the installation of turf on the baseball and softball fields and discussed the future replacement of the football field turf, which is entering its twelfth season. He noted that the athletic department has been actively pursuing sponsorships and fundraising opportunities to help offset project costs. Based on preliminary estimates, the total cost of the proposed improvements is expected to be between $6 million and $6.5 million and he believes these projects can be completed with no increase to our current millage rate. Mr. Ciesla requested Board approval to proceed with securing financing through Stephens Financial. **On a motion by Cliff James and a second by Elysa Turner, the Board voted 7-0 to approve this request.** (6:48 pm)

XIII. SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Teresa Standridge, District LEA Supervisor, presented an overview of the district's Special Education and Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) programs. Her presentation highlighted the services, supports, and educational opportunities provided to students through these programs, as well as the district's ongoing efforts to meet the diverse needs of all learners. **No vote needed.** (7:09 pm)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board retired to executive session. Upon return to the open meeting, the Board voted to approve the following personnel items:

On a motion by Elysa Turner and a second by Cliff James, the Board voted 7-0 to accept the resignations of Carly Austin, Coleton Erwin, Jason Kendrick and Micah Green. (7:38 pm)

On a motion by Elysa Turner and a second by Cliff James, the Board voted 7-0 to hire Whitney Cox, Bryce Williams, Lexi Hassel (para), Ava Thomas (teacher), Luther Perkinson Jr. (para), Whitley Baucom (para), Mattison Griffin (teacher), Geana Deakins (SPED Teacher), Brooke Morgan, Andrew Myers, Dustin Rogers, Jessica Haddock, Melissa Hyde, Nicole Stormes, Vernon Johnson, Eva Springstead (paras), transfer Cynthia Jones (SPED teacher). (7:38 pm)

ADJOURNMENT
The Board voted 7-0 to adjourn on a motion by Dr. Kelli Henning and a second by Lydia Holloway. (7:39 p.m.)

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President **Secretary**