

The workshop meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, January 12, 2009, at Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Jennifer Cassini, President. A statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jennifer Cassini, Peggy Faulborn, Joe Mahal, Matthew Mowatt, Bernie O'Hara, Jason Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: Richard Alexander.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, were in attendance.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

Committee reports were discussed.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, gave an overview of the District Strategic Plan.

Public Comment: None.

- 6.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Policy and Curriculum** item 6.1.1.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

6.1.1 Approve the following field trips:

January 22, 2009 - Grade 2 - Liberty & Central Schools (GATE program) to the Blairstown Evangelical Free Church, Blairstown, NJ.

February 12, 2009 - Grade 8 - (GATE program) - Stewartsville Middle School, Stewartsville, NJ

April 15, 2009 - Grade 6 (GATE program) to the State House, Trenton, NJ.

April 30, 2009 - Grade 5 (Central School) - Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty, NYC, NY

- 6.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Finance and Technology Curriculum** items 6.2.1 to 6.2.3.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Vonder Haar voting no to item 6.2.2.

6.2.1 Approve a request for a waiver from the Warren County Department of Education to withdraw from participation in the SEMI program for the 2009-2010 school year due to lack to participation and cost benefit for Great Meadows Regional School District.

6.2.2 Approve Jason Gratt, Esq. of Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta, & Zarillo, PC as special counsel for the dissolutionment at the same rates of the board attorney, Courter, Kobert, & Cohen, PC to be effective through June 30, 2009.

6.2.3 Approve Great Meadows Regional School District 2009-2010 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M1 as part of QSAC.

6.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Personnel** items 6.3.1 and 6.3.2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

6.3.1 Approve the employment of Cheryl Panetta as Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (LDTC) effective January 27, 2009 through June 30, 2009 at Step 14 M+15 at an annual salary of \$59,480 pro-rated to \$30,929.60.

6.3.2 Authorize the district to submit applications for emergency hiring and applicant's attestation that she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 18:6-7.1 et. seq. for the following new employee:

Cheryl Panetta

Jason Bing, Superintendent, left the room before executive session meeting began.

Motion by Bernie O'Hara, seconded by Richard Wall, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving personnel to discuss the intent to renew the Superintendent's contract, the deliberation of such matters may be held in private under the Open Public Meeting Act NJSA 10:4-6, the Board will adjourn to Executive Session at 9:13 PM to discuss the above mentioned matter, to the exclusion of all others. If any action results, it will be taken following the re-entry into regular session.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Faulborn voting no.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to re-enter regular session at 9:28 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, returned to the room for the rest of the meeting.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, on Board of Education's intent to renew Superintendent's contract.
Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to adjourn at 9:35 PM.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary