

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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: Richard Alexander, Jennifer Cassini, Joe Mahal, Matthew Mowatt, Jason Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: Peggy Faulborn and Bernie O'Hara.

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

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the minutes from December 8, 2008 as corrected.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Mowatt and Schaffer abstaining.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the executive session minutes from December 8, 2008.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Mowatt and Schaffer abstaining.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending December 31, 2008, as per copies attached and to certify that as of December 31, 2008, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of my knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.12(e) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to pay the bills from December 9, 2008 through January 26, 2009 in the amount of \$3,661,677.53.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Richard Wall, to pay the cafeteria bills from December 9, 2008 through January 26, 2009 in the amount of \$22,254.87.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Jason Bing, Superintendents update.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, gave Curriculum Update.

Public Comment:

Susan Cullen, Independence Resident, asked about the Homework Club and the NJASK conferences.

14.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the following **Personnel & Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** items 14.1.1 to 14.1.8.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Richard Alexander, to table Stephanie Conway stipends in item 14.1.1.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote to approve items 14.1.1 through 14.1.8 and table stipends for Stephanie Conway in item 14.1.1.

14.1.1 Stephanie Conway - School Psychologist
Stipends tabled.

Dana Gruszecki - special education teacher @ Liberty
School 12/17/08 - Wilson Workshop Prep
2 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$68.00

Rosemary Kumma - Language Arts/Literacy teacher @ Great
Meadows Middle School
12/22/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00

Deborah Napolitano - Great Meadows Middle School 6th grade
maternity replacement teacher
12/09/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00
12/11/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00
12/16/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00
12/18/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00

Jessica Silpoch - Great Meadows Middle School 7th grade
teacher
12/02/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00
12/04/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00
12/10/08 - Homework Club
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12/11/08 - Homework Club

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12/16/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00
12/18/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00

Thom Schepis - music teacher @ Central School
12/01/08 - Accompanied Great Meadows Middle School Chorus Rehearsal
1.75 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$59.50
12/04/08 - Accompanied Great Meadows Middle School Chorus Assembly
1.50 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$51.00
12/04/08 - Accompanied & Supervised Great Meadows Middle School Chorus for evening Concert
2.50 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$85.00

14.1.2 Approve Beth Anello, Melissa Ann Guarino, Susan McGrath, and Toni Gelok as substitute teachers for Great Meadows Middle School during the 2008-2009 school year.

14.1.3 Accept, with regret, the retirement of the following teachers effective June 30, 2009:

Christine Caufield - Kindergarten teacher @ Central School
Angie Borgstrom - Art teacher @ Central School

14.1.4 Approve movement on the salary guide for Ellen Gulini effective February 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 from Step 11 BS+15 to Step 11 MA at an annual salary of \$53,380.00 pro-rated to \$26,690.00.

14.1.5 Approve movement on the salary guide for Gina Pagliaro effective February 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 from Step 6 BS+30 to Step 6 MA at an annual salary of \$48,780.00 pro-rated to \$24,390.00.

14.1.6 Approve movement on the salary guide for Suzanne Schmidt effective February 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 from Step 3 BS+15 to Step 3 MA at an annual salary of \$48,380.00 pro-rated to \$24,190.00.

14.1.7 Approve Steven Schreiber, East Stroudsburg University student, to fulfill his student teaching requirements with Jim Bechtel, Wellness teacher at Great Meadows Middle School, effective March 9, 2009 through May 1, 2009.

14.1.8 Approve the following resolution:

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
FOR SHARED SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 26th day of January 2009, between the **GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**, located in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as "GMRSD"), with Board Offices located at 281 Route 46, PO Box 74, Great Meadows, New Jersey 07838 and the **TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**, a body politic and corporate of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, (hereinafter referred to as "Independence"), with municipal offices located at 286-B Route 46, PO Box 164, Great Meadows, New Jersey 07838; and

WHEREAS, the GMRSD and Independence have agreed that it will be in both parties best interest to share certain services.

WHEREAS, Independence has agreed to provide the following services: salt spreading and assistance with mowing equipment repair; and

WHEREAS, GMRSD has agreed to mow the Township's Green Acres property and allow the Township to use the Districts gymnasium facilities

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED, between the parties that this Interlocal Service Agreement shall be entered into to memorialize the services to be shared by the parties.

1. Independence will provide the service of spreading salt on the parking lots and driveways of the Independence Central School and the Great Meadows Middle School as needed during the winter months.
2. Independence will help with the maintenance of the mowing equipment owned by GMRSD.
3. GMRSD will provide mowing for the Green Acres Property during the growing season while school is in session.
4. GMRSD will provide for the use of the gymnasiums of the Independence Central School and the Great Meadows Middle School for recreation activities at no cost - Monday through Friday. Use of the gymnasiums shall be permitted only if the facilities are not being used by the GMRSD.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the term of this contract shall be for one (1) calendar year ending December 31, 2009. This Agreement may be extended upon mutual consent of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party has executed this agreement pursuant to a resolution adopted by each governing body as indicated by the signatures of the respective municipal and district officials appearing below.

ATTEST:

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jason Bing, School Superintendent

Julie R. Mumaw, BOE Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Robert Giordano, Mayor

Deborah Hrebenak, Municipal Clerk

- 14.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the following **Policy and Curriculum** items 14.2.1 and 14.2.2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 14.2.1** Approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policy and regulation:

Policy #8900 - Animals on School Property
Regulation #8900 - Animals on School Property

- 14.2.2** Approve the 1st reading of the following policy:

Policy #5331 - Anaphylaxis to Food and Other Substances

- 14.3** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following **Finance and Technology** items 14.3.1 through 14.3.7.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Alexander abstaining from item 14.3.2.

- 14.3.1** Accept a donation of a 17" LCD Flat Screen monitor from Sandy Crisafulli at an approximate value of \$250.00.

- 14.3.2** Accept the donation of fifteen 17-inch monitors to Great Meadows Regional School District from Atlantic Health Corporation based in Morris Plains, New Jersey at an approximate value of \$850.00.

- 14.3.3** Approve a Special Education Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Hope Township Board of Education for three pre-school students at a cost of \$4,400.00 per student from January 5, 2009 through June 30, 2009 and the students will also receive OT/PT/Speech at an estimated cost of \$14,304.00 for an entire cost of \$27,504.00.

14.3.4 Approve Liberty BSI teacher, Maryann Gatyas, as the Title I teacher for the 2008-2009 school year which salary consists of Title I funds of \$39,355.00 and the balance of \$34,805.00 from the General Fund.

14.3.5 Approve the following transfers:

From: 12-120-100-730-000-000 Grade 1-5 Video FL
To: 12-000-260-730-000-000 Plant Equipment
Amount: \$3,491.34 Equipment for building repairs.

14.3.6 Approve the following personnel to attend workshops and/or conferences for the dates and costs listed below:

\$ - Denotes the need for a Substitute Teacher at \$80.00 per diem.

* = State Mandated

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>	<u>DATES</u>
\$ Barbara Wohlgemuth	NJASK & LA – Burlington, NJ	\$ 170.00	2/20/09
\$ Amy Broxton	NJASK & LA – Burlington, NJ	\$ 201.00	2/20/09
* Tim Nicinski	Trauma & Grief in Youth –Sussex	\$ 0.00	2/11/09
Bill Nutt	18 th Annual NJAGC– Gifted Children	\$ 215.60	2/27/09
\$ Rachel Crane	Multi-Sensory Ed – Secaucus, NJ	\$ 975.00	3/16,17,18,19,20/09
\$ Melissa Kowtko	Multi- Sensory Ed – Secaucus, NJ	\$1,153.00	3/16,17,18,19,20/09
*\$ Israel Marmolejos	EVVRS Training – Kenilworth, NJ	\$ 16.00	2/19/09
*\$ Dana Gruszecki	Asperger's Disorder & Autism –E.Hanover	\$ 161.09	1/27/09
* Danielle Hamblin	EVVRS Training – Kennilworth, NJ	\$ 34.10	2/19/09

14.3.7 Approve the following resolution:

SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 26th day of January, 2009 by and between ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, having offices at 20 Johnsonburg Road, Allamuchy, New Jersey 07820 (hereinafter referred to as "Allamuchy") and the GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION having offices at 273 Route 46, Great Meadows, New Jersey 07838 (hereinafter referred to as "GMRSD").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A:1 et seq., authorizes local school districts to enter into a contract with each other to subcontract any service which the parties to the agreement are empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, both Allamuchy and GMRSD are authorized to provide a Preschool Disabled Program to their respective school districts and have been providing this program; and

WHEREAS, Allamuchy and GMRSD have operated a successful Preschool Disabled Program; and

WHEREAS, Allamuchy has facility space dedicated to the provision of education and related services for a Preschool Disabled Program; and

WHEREAS, GMRSD has limited space and resources for same; and

WHEREAS, both Allamuchy and GMRSD are of the opinion that all of the services relating to a Pre-school Disabled Program can be more efficiently, economically and appropriately provided to their respective school districts through an Agreement for the sharing of services, and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of entering into a Service Agreement which would authorize the sharing of facilities and services between and among the parties for the benefit of their respective students and taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Boards of Education of Allamuchy and GMRSD, pursuant to the terms and conditions of N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1 et seq., and the applicable rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Board of Education, do hereby enter into this Service Agreement, as set forth hereinafter.

1. Facilities.

The parties agree that Allamuchy shall operate on its premises a Pre-school Disabled Program.

2. Services.

The parties agree that Allamuchy will operate a Pre-school Disabled Program for the benefit of GMRSD residents and Allamuchy residents who qualify for this program. The program in Allamuchy shall be considered the in-district program for GMRSD students who qualify to attend a Pre-school Disabled Program.

3. Standards.

The services provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be in accordance with applicable Federal and State statutes and regulations.

4. Term.

This Agreement shall commence July 1, 2009 and end June 30, 2010. This Agreement may be renewed or extended upon appropriate Board action. In the event either party desires not to renew this Agreement, it is agreed that written notice shall be delivered on or before April 1st for the next ensuing year. The absence of receipt of written notice from one Board to the other shall constitute an intent to renew for the successor school year on the same terms and conditions.

5. Compensation.

GMRSD agrees to pay tuition to Allamuchy, based upon the estimated cost per pupil to attend the Pre-school Disabled Program. On the first of each month, GMRSD agrees to pay Allamuchy a tentative tuition charge based upon a per diem rate for the total number of days such pupil is enrolled during the

month. The per diem rate is determined by dividing the tentative tuition rate for the school year for the Program by the estimated number of days school will be in session.

GMRSD agrees to pay Allamuchy the tentative tuition charge no later than the fifteenth day of each month subsequent to services being rendered. If the tentative tuition rate in the Agreement is greater than the actual tuition rate charge, Allamuchy will return to GMRSD the excess amount at a time mutually agreed upon. If the tentative tuition rate in the Agreement is less than the actual tuition rate charge, GMRSD must pay to Allamuchy the difference at a time mutually agreed upon. In the event that a student leaves the Preschool Disabled Program prior to the conclusion of the school year, for any reason, the amount paid shall be on a pro rata basis.

Allamuchy agrees to provide GMRSD with a monthly tuition bill based on a per diem rate times the number of enrolled days, and a monthly report showing the pupil's attendance. Monthly tuition bills will include appropriate pupil identification and the total number of days each pupil was enrolled during the month.

6. Dispute Resolution.

In the event of any dispute regarding the interpretation of this Agreement, the parties hereto shall meet, through representatives, with a view toward amicably adjusting any differences in a manner which is equitable and in accordance with the stated intent and purpose of this Agreement. In the event of a failure by the parties to amicably resolve such dispute, it is stipulated that the Commissioner of Education shall have jurisdiction to formally resolve such disputes in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.

7. Negotiations for Renewal.

Both Allamuchy and GMRSD agree to commence negotiations on or about December 1st to consider the renewal of this Agreement and any necessary modifications for the next ensuing school year.

8. Policy and Procedure.

- (a) All professional personnel employed or retained by Allamuchy shall be properly certified and otherwise qualified to perform the educational duties assigned.
- (b) Allamuchy and GMRSD shall ensure that all employment policies, programs, practices and procedures to be established pursuant hereto shall be non-discriminatory in regard to any matter involving race, religion or national origin and that such programs and practices fully comply with all laws, rules and regulations of the

State of New Jersey and the United States which related to such matters.

9. Severability and Legality.

The parties understand that this Agreement to governed by the Laws of the State of New Jersey, the Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey Department of Education and State Board of Education. If any provision of this Agreement is deemed unenforceable, illegal or inconsistent with the then current Statutes or Rules or Regulations, such Statutes or Rules or Regulations shall govern. However, to the extent that enforceable provisions of this Agreement continue to exist and are not inconsistent with such Statute or Rules or Regulations, they shall remain binding upon the parties.

10. Modification or Waiver.

No modification or waiver of any of the terms of this Agreement, including this provision, shall be held valid unless in writing and signed by the party or parties sought to be charged. No waiver of any breach or default hereunder shall be deemed a waiver of any subsequent and breach or default of the same or similar nature.

11. Complete Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and there are no representations, covenants or promises other than those expressly set forth herein.

12. Further Documents.

Each of the parties hereto agrees further at any time and from time to time to make, execute and deliver all documents or instruments necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement.

13. Counterpart Originals.

This Agreement shall be executed in more than one counterpart copy, each of which shall be deemed to be an original copy, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

14. Section Headings.

The section headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only, and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

15. Binding Effect.

This Agreement is intended to bind and shall insure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successor Boards.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Boards of Education of Allamuchy and GMRSD have, at a duly constituted Board Meeting, approved by Resolution this Agreement and authorized this Agreement to be signed by their respective Presidents, attested to by their respective Secretaries and their corporate seals affixed hereto, all on the day and year first above written.

Attest

**ALLAMUCHY BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

By: _____
Secretary

Superintendent

Attest

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

By: _____
Secretary Superintendent

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Richard Alexander, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving the grievance by the teachers association regarding the deductible and prescriptions and also the possible appellate decision on deregionalization with Liberty Township, 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 8:47 PM to discuss the above mentioned matter, to the exclusion of all others. No action will be taken.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Richard Wall, to re-enter regular session at 9:25 PM.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to submit for a New Jersey State Grant for replacement of ceiling tile at Liberty School in the amount of \$140,350.00, electrical upgrade at Central School in the amount of \$58,550.00, and classroom restoration at Central School in the amount of \$160,742.00.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to adjourn at 9:43 PM.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary