

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, January 28, 2008, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Robert Jones, 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, Maryann Citro, Robert Jones, Joe Mahal, Matthew Mowatt, Bernie O'Hara, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Richard Alexander and Peggy Faulborn.

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

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the minutes from November 5, 2007.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote with O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the minutes from November 12, 2007.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote with Mahal abstaining.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the minutes from November 26, 2007.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote with Faulborn abstaining.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the minutes from December 6, 2007.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote with Alexander, Citro and O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the minutes from December 10, 2007.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the executive session minutes from July 23, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Citro and Faulborn abstaining.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the executive session minutes from August 13, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Mowatt and O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the executive session minutes from October 9, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Alexander abstaining.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the executive session minutes from October 16, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jennifer Cassini, to approve the executive session minutes from November 5, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the executive session minutes from November 26, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Faulborn abstaining.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jennifer Cassini, to approve the executive session minutes from December 6, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Alexander, Citro and O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Maryann Citro, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending November 30, 2007, as per copies attached, and to certify that as of November 30, 2007, 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 Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Maryann Citro, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending December 31, 2007, as per copies attached, and to certify that as of December 31, 2007, 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 Maryann Citro, seconded by Jennifer Cassini, to table the bills from October 23, 2007 thru November 26, 2007 in the amount of \$1,621,482.46 until next meeting.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the bills from November 26, 2007 through January 28, 2008 in the amount of \$4,813,788.52.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by William Vonder Haar, to approve the cafeteria bills from November 27, 2007 through January 28, 2008 in the amount of \$35,896.51.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Jason Bing, Superintendents Update.

Jason Bing gave the Curriculum Update.

Public Comment: None

- 14.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Jennifer Cassini, to approve the following **Personnel, Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** items 14.1.1 to 14.1.12.

Motion by Vonder Haar, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to take stipend of \$160.00 for Michael Hann out of item #14.1.1 and make a separate item #14.1.13 to approve these hours.

Motion carried in a roll call vote to approve items 14.1.1 to 14.1.13 with Vonder Haar voting no to item 14.1.13.

- 14.1.1** Approve the following employee stipends:

John Skodocek - 8th grade teacher - Great Meadows Middle School - 10/17/07 through 12/6/07 - Supervised practices for Debate Team - 10 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$320.00

William Nutt - Gifted and Talented teacher 10/17/07 through 12/6/07 - Supervised practices for Debate Team - 10 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$320.00

Laurie Washburn - 2nd grade teacher - Central School 12/04/07 - Wellness Workshop Chaperone 2 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$64.00

Laurie Washburn - 2nd grade teacher - Central School 10/30/07 - Everyday Math Family Night 2 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$64.00

Julie Skoldberg - Speech Correctionist Language sessions at Liberty Learning Center for Liberty District preschooler @ \$60.00 per session during the 2008-2009 school year to total approximately \$3,360.00

Julie Skoldberg - Speech Correctionist 10/12/07, 10/17/07 & 10/26/07 - Liberty School IEP's, case management & testing 10.25 hours @ \$41.95 per hour = \$429.99

Ellen Gulini - BSI teacher - Central School

10/30/07 - Everyday Math Family Night
2 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$64.00

Barbara Wohlgemuth - 4th grade teacher - Liberty School
10/30/07 - Everyday Math Family Night
2 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$64.00

Karen Ryan - 4th grade teacher - Liberty School
10/30/07 - Everyday Math Family Night
2 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$64.00

Kristine Doty - Resource Teacher - Great Meadows Middle School -
11/05/07 and 11/06/07 - ESL testing
.5 hour x 2 @ \$32.00 per hour = \$32.00
12/10/07 and 12/18/07 - ESL testing
.5 hour x 2 @ \$32.00 per hour = \$32.00

Israel Marmolejos - World Language Teacher - Great Meadows
Middle School
12/01/07 - Saturday Detention
3 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$96.00

- 14.1.2 Approve Kevin Piazza, East Stroudsburg University student, to perform his student teaching experience with Jim Bechtel, Great Meadows Middle School wellness teacher, effective January 16, 2008 through February 29, 2008.
- 14.1.3 Accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Janice Kern, 2nd grade teacher at Liberty School, effective June 30, 2008.
- 14.1.4 Accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Linda Nicholls, Media Specialist at Liberty School, effective June 30, 2008.
- 14.1.5 Accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Adella Wauhop, 3rd grade teacher at Central School, effective June 30, 2008.
- 14.1.6 Accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Myra Cole, kindergarten teacher at Liberty School, effective June 30, 2008.
- 14.1.7 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Charlene Finn, instructional aide @ Central School, effective January 30, 2008.
- 14.1.8 Terminate the employment of Mary Riccio, Personal Care Aide, for an out-of-district student, effective January 4, 2008.
- 14.1.9 Approve the employment of Kerri Vos, Instructional Aide at Central School, effective February 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 at an annual salary of \$10,500.00 pro-rated to \$5,104.88.

14.1.10 Approve Lili Kydland, Lucille Rhock, Linda Salernitano, and Michele Slaman, as substitute teachers for the Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

14.1.11 Approve movement on the guide for Jennifer Hypes, 5th grade teacher @ Central School, from Step 5 BS+15 to Step 5 MA at an annual salary of \$46,805.00 pro-rated to \$23,402.50 effective February 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

14.1.12 Approve Aid-in-Lieu of transportation to a parent/guardian of a district student attending St. Joseph Regional School, Newton, NJ in the amount of \$859.00 for the 2007-2008 school year.

14.1.13 Approve a stipend for Mike Hann, District Computer Technician, for Internet Outage during Thanksgiving Break 11/24/07 for 5 hours @ \$32.00 per hour = \$160.00

14.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Maryann Citro, to approve the following **Finance/Policy** items 14.2.1 to 14.2.9.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Mowatt abstaining from item 14.2.3.

14.2.1 Approve the use of Liberty School's gym to St. Mary's basketball team from November 3, 2007 through March 1, 2008 for 4 hours per day for 12 Saturdays @ \$20.00 per hour = \$960.00

14.2.2 Approve the use of Central School's gym to Long Valley's basketball team from October 27, 2007 through December 15, 2007 for 6 hours per day for 4 Saturdays @ \$20.00 per hour = \$480.00.

14.2.3 Approve the use of Central School's gym to Independence Soccer Club for 2/2/08, 2/9/08, 3/1/08, 3/8/08, and 3/29/08 for a total of 15 hours @ \$20.00 per hour = \$300.00

14.2.4 Approve the donation of two Pear Trees from James O'Donnell, Ridgedale Florist and Nursery Corporation, with a value of \$400.00.

14.2.5 Approve a Transition Program Contract between Employment Pathways of New Jersey and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for the period January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$17,900.00 being paid by the State of New Jersey.

14.2.6 Approve the following budget transfers:

FROM: 12-000-100-730-000-000 Instructional Equipment

TO: 12-000-260-730-000-001 Custodial Equipment in the amount of \$2,595.00 for 5 vacuum sweepers.

14.2.7 Accept the 2007-2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Grant as follows:

Title I Part A	\$31,242
Title II Part A	27,173
Title II Part D	216
Title IV	2,556
<u>Title V</u>	<u>1,182</u>
	\$62,369

14.2.8 Approve the following personnel/Board of Education Members to attend workshops/conferences on the dates and for the costs listed below:

Jennifer Hypes, Jennifer Koster	In Class Resource Program	\$ 30.00	2/6, 2/7/08
Susan Buechle, Phyllis Pezzato			
Christine Kohl	Medical Update – Eatontown, NJ	\$225.00	3/14, 3/15/08
Claudia Revak	Music Touches Lives – E. Brunswick, NJ	\$195.45	2/22, 2/23/08
Dana DeKleine	NJ Bar Foundation – Bullying	\$ 40.00	2/27/08
Danielle Hamblin	Conference on Reading/Writing- Somer	\$ 292.42	4/3-4/4/08
Ellen Gulini, Danielle Hamblin	Literacy Consortium	\$ 11.00	2/4/07
Matthew Mowatt	BOE Mandatory Training – Washington, NJ	\$ 32.00	3/5/08
Helene Palestri	What's New in Children's Lit – Allentown, PA	\$ 213.68	3/14/08
Dean Tshudy	Build It! – Hoboken, NJ	\$ 47.80	4/1-4/2/08
Dana DeKleine	Build It! – Hoboken, NJ	\$ 27.60	4/1/08

14.2.9 Approve the 1st reading of the following policies:

Policy #1250 – Visitors
 Policy #5121.2 – Plagiarism/Cheating
 Policy #8600 – Transportation
 Policy #8601 – Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal
 Policy #8602 – Parental/Guardian Requests for Bus Stops
 Policy #8603 – Transportation Safety

14.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Maryann Citro, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following **Curriculum/Technology** items 14.3.1 to 14.3.4

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Vonder Haar voting no to items 14.3.1 and 14.3.4.

14.3.1 Acknowledge that The Warren County Office of Education has approved The Great Meadows Regional School District's School-level Objectives for the 2007-2008 school year.

14.3.2 Acknowledge that The Warren County Office of Education has reviewed the QAAR (Quality Annual Assurance Report) for the 2006-2007 school year and found it to be consistent with the code requirements.

14.3.3 Acknowledge that The Warren County Office of Education acknowledges the receipt of the statements of assurance from Superintendent, Jason Bing, and the principals of Great Meadows Regional School District.

14.3.4 Approve a Referendum on the April School Election Ballot regarding the approval of a full-time Kindergarten program for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to adjourn at 8:55 PM.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary