

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Jennifer Cassini, Board 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 (arrived 7:45 PM), Joe Mailloux, Matthew Mowatt (arrived 7:40 PM), Ed O'Melia, Jason Schaffer, Kimberly Schaffer and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Joe Mahal.

Dr. Tim Frederiks, Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, were in attendance.

There were 12 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the minutes from January 13, 2010 and January 19, 2010.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the executive session minutes from January 19, 2010.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Matt Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending January 31, 2010, as per copies attached and to certify that as of January 31, 2010, 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 Joe Mailloux, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the bills from January 20, 2010 to February 16, 2010 in the amount of \$1,740,100.18.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the cafeteria bills from January 20, 2010 to February 16, 2010 in the amount of \$24,647.33.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Tim Frederiks, Superintendent's Update.

Public Comment: Comments were made regarding the realignment of Great Meadows Regional School District.

- 15.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Personnel and Curriculum** items 15.1.1 to 15.1.9.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 15.1.1** Approve LisaMarie Castner as a substitute teacher for Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2010-2011 school year.
- 15.1.2** Approve Alysia Arcona, Hackettstown High School senior, to observe Laurie Washburn, 2nd grade teacher, in the afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays in order to complete her Senior Project, starting February 18, 2010 through the spring semester.
- 15.1.3** Approve Alysia Arcona, Hackettstown High School senior, to observe Steven O'Hara, 7th grade Social Studies teacher, in the afternoons on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays in order to complete her Senior Project, starting February 18, 2010 through the spring semester.
- 15.1.4** Approve the employment of Leah Thorn as a .5x Pre-school Disabilities aide effective February 16, 2010, through June 30, 2010, at an annual rate of \$5,650.82 pro-rated to \$2,560.04.
- 15.1.5** Authorize the district to submit application for 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:

Leah Thorn

- 15.1.6** Approve the following class trips:

Grade 4 - Central School - Sandy Hook, NJ
May 6, 2010
Places to visit: Fort Hancock
Sandy Hook Bay/Beach
Horseshoe Cove

Grade 5 - Central School - DaVinci Science Center,
Allentown, PA -April 13, 2010

Grade 8 - Great Meadows Middle School - Allamuchy Township
School District - March 12, 2010
Character Education - Anti Bullying/Harassment

Great Meadows Middle School Girls' Volleyball Team -

Allamuchy Township School District - 3/4/10, 3/11/10, and
3/16/10 - After-school Volleyball Program

15.1.7 Approve the Great Meadows Regional School calendar for the
2010-2011 school year.

15.1.8 Approve the following stipends:

Linda McClune - Guidance Counselor at Central School
1/12/10 - Workshop "Magical Phrases to Build Powerful Kids" - 3
hours x \$34.00 = \$102.00

Laurie Washburn - 2nd grade teacher at Central School
2/3/10 - Math Night - 1.5 hours x \$34.00 = \$51.00

Joanne Coppola - 2nd grade teacher at Central School
2/3/10 - Math Night - 2 hours x \$34.00 = \$68.00

15.1.9 Approve the following Volunteer Coaches/Advisors for after-
school Volleyball:

Jeanmarie Tagliareni - PSD aide
Kathy Ascolese - Office aide

15.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Peggy
Faulborn, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to approve the following
Finance items 15.2.1 to 15.2.7.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to waive the
fee for the PTO in item 15.2.1.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to sever item
12.2.5 from the 15.2 finance section.

Motion carried in a roll call vote amending item 15.2.1,
approving items 15.2.2 to 15.2.4, 15.2.6, and 15.2.7 with Vonder
Haar voting no to items 15.2.4 and 15.2.6 and severing item
12.2.5 from the finance section.

15.2.1 Approve the building use request by Central School PTO for
Book Fair set up for Saturday, March 6, 2010, at a cost of
\$25.00 per hour x 2.5 hours = \$62.50 - WAIVED - No cost.

15.2.2 Approve the transfer of \$250,000.00 from fund 12-000-400-
450-000-000 Renovations, to fund 30-000-402-450-000-002 -
\$60,000 electrical panels at Central School and 30-000-401-450-
001-001 - \$190,000 - Liberty School tiles for the capital
projects approved in the 2009-2010 budget.

15.2.3 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.

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>APPROX COST</u>	<u>DATES</u>
\$ Anne Amundsen	Conduct Disorders	\$ 169.00	3/11/10
\$ Amy Fancher	Conduct Disorders	\$ 169.00	3/11/10
Sandra Simone	Introduction to Prompt Technique	\$ 475.00	3/28, 3/29, 3/30/10
Marilyn Kosiorek	Lopatcong Tech Day	\$ 25.00	3/19/10
\$ Martha Teixeira	Lopatcong Tech Day	\$ 25.00	3/19/10

15.2.4 Approve the following resolution:

Resolution Requesting Additional Federal Aid to the States

WHEREAS, the Federal Government passed the American recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009, which included domestic spending for education; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey benefited from this legislation with over \$1 billion being directly utilized for funding the education budget for 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, as all states in the union, are amidst a fiscal crisis that could potentially and negatively affect the educational system; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey continues to score above the national average in achievement tests; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey's Educational system has made great strides in increasing the improvement of student achievement, and has been recently recognized by the Education Trust as one of the top states in closing the achievement gap between low-income or minority students and their peers; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Education has focused on implementing an accountability system for the spending of taxpayers resources; and

WHEREAS, the future of all the states and the nation as a whole are dependent upon the education of our children; in the words of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy: "Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource;" and

WHEREAS, without the infusion of federal aid, education in the State of New Jersey is destined to go backwards;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education, Warren County, New Jersey to respectfully request the enactment of federal legislation that would secure funding for the 2010-2011 school year similar to the American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 that funded the 2009-2010 education budgets.

15.2.5 See below.

15.2.6 Approve the following dates and times:

3/01/10 - Nominating Petition Filing Deadline 4 PM in Board of Education Office

3/10/10 - Secretary of BOE Drawing for Ballot Positions at 2 PM in BOE office

3/22/10 - Adoption and Filing of Budget to County Superintendent

3/26/10 - Earliest date for Public Hearing on Budget

4/3/10 - Deadline to Adopt Budget for 2010-2011

4/20/10 - School Election Date - 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

15.2.7 Approve the following budget transfers:

From: 11-130-100-101-000-000 Grade 6-8 Salaries

To: 11-150-100-320-000-000 OOD Students - Home Instruction Amount: \$1,627.52

From: 11-190-100-500-000-000 Repairs/Maintenance

To: 11-150-100-320-000-000 OOD Home Instruction
Amount: \$988.48

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to amend item 12.2.5 to one classroom instead of two.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to amend item 12.2.5 to add the word MD for MD class

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

15.2.5 Approve the annual lease between Warren County Special Services School District and Great Meadows Regional School District for one MD classroom for the 2010-2011 school year at an annual rent of \$6,810.00 and use of ancillary services of \$4,120.00 for a total cost of \$10,930.00 to be paid quarterly

15.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Policy** items 15.3.1 and 15.3.2.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to amend item 15.3.2 to read fifth grade or above instead of age of 12.

Motion carried in a roll call vote to approve items 15.3.1 and 15.3.2 and change the wording in item 15.3.2 to read fifth grade or above.

15.3.1 Approve 1st reading of By Laws, Policies, and Regulations which have been put into Strauss Esmay format for Great Meadows Regional School District.

Section 0000	BYLAWS
Section 1000	Administration
Section 2000	Program
Section 3000	Teaching Staff Members
Section 4000	Support Staff members
Section 5000	Pupils
Section 6000	Finances
Section 7000	Property
Section 8000	Operations
Section 9000	Community

15.3.2 Approve the 1st reading of revised Policy #8600 - Transportation. There is no verbiage taken out of policy but the following is the new added verbiage:

"The Board will only drop off pupils in grades Kindergarten through one if parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is present at bus stop. As an option, parents may designate one alternate individual responsible for meeting students at the bus stop. This designee must either be an adult (over the age of 18), or a sibling in the 5th grade or above. This designation must be made in writing by the parents/guardians through the appropriate school office, utilizing an approved form. Otherwise, the pupil will be brought back to their respective school."

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve William Vonder Haar to attend Webinair by March 12, 2010 at a cost of \$50.00. Motion carried in voice vote with Vonder Haar abstaining.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary