

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, February 23, 2009, at the 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, Joe Mahal (arrived 7:40 PM), Matthew Mowatt, Jason Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: Richard Alexander, Peggy Faulborn and Bernie O'Hara.

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

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the minutes from January 12, 2009 and January 26, 2009.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the executive session minutes from January 12, 2009 and January 26, 2009.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending January 31, 2009, as per copies attached and to certify that as of January 31, 2009, 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 Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to pay the bills from January 27, 2009 through February 23, 2009 in the amount of \$1,733,795.69.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to pay the cafeteria bills from January 29, 2009 through February 23, 2009 in the amount of \$18,047.58.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

A presentation was made by two Hackettstown High School students.

Jason Bing, Superintendents update.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, gave Curriculum Update.

Public Comment: None

16.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the following **Personnel & Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** items 16.1.1 to 16.1.9.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

16.1.1 Approve Liberty School gym use to 40+ Men's Basketball organization at the rate of \$75.00 per hour for one hour of gym usage January 6, 2009, January 13, 2009, January 20, 2009, January 27, 2009, February 3, 2009, February 10, 2009, February 17, 2009, March 3, 2009, March 10, 2009, March 17, 2009, March 24, 2009, and March 31, 2009 for a total of 12 hours x \$75.00 per hour = \$900.00.

16.1.2 Approve the National Multiple Sclerosis Society the use of the Great Meadows Middle School Media Center at the rate of \$45.00 per hour for one hour March 16, 2009, March 23, 2009, April 1, 2009, April 15, 2009, April 22, 2009, April 29, 2009, May 6, 2009, May 13, 2009, May 18, 2009, May 27, 2009, June 3, 2009, June 10, 2009, and June 15, 2009 for a total of 13 hours x \$45.00 per hour = \$585.00.

16.1.3 Approve the following stipends:

Mary Ann Gatyas - Basic Skills teacher @ Liberty School
10/28/08 - supervision - after-school snow emergency
1.5 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$51.00

Rosemary Kumma - 8th grade teacher
1/06/09, 1/07/09, 1/09/09, 1/13/09, 1/16/09, 1/20/09, 1/22/09,
1/27/09, 1/29/09 - Homework Club
.5 x 9 = 4.5 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$153.00

Deb Napolitano - 6th grade teacher (maternity replacement)
12/02/08 and 12/04/08 - Homework Club
.5 x 2 = 1 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$34.00

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1/06/09, 1/08/09, 1/13/09, 1/15/09, 1/20/09, 1/22/09, 1/27/09,
1/29/09 - Homework Club
.5 x 8 = 4 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$136.00

Stephanie Conway - School Psychologist
10/23/08 - preparation time for CST coffee hour
2 hours x \$48.97 per hour = \$97.94

Stephanie Conway - School Psychologist
12/29/08, 12/30/08, 12/31/08 & 1/2/09 - Completion of retired learning consultant's work
23.5 hours x \$48.97/hr. = \$1,150.80

Stephanie Conway - School Psychologist
1/08/09 - CST coffee hour and presentation prep
3 hours x \$48.97 = \$146.91

Jessica Silpoch - 7th grade teacher
1/08/09, 1/13/09, 1/15/09, 1/22/09, 1/27/09, 1/20/09 - Homework Club
.5 x 6 = 3 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$102.00

16.1.4 Approve, Cara Whitehead, Warren County Community College student, to observe Ro Kumma, Great Meadows Middle School Language Arts/Literacy teacher, for 10 hours during the spring semester of 2009.

16.1.5 Accept, with regret, the retirement of Joan Magliaro, Wellness teacher at Great Meadows Middle School, effective July 1, 2009.

16.1.6 Approve, Charles Tiliou, William Paterson University student, to fulfill his practicum placement with Betsy Hart, Wellness teacher @ Central School, every Monday effective February 9, 2009 through May 7, 2009.

16.1.7 Approve a maternity leave for Martha Teixeira, Spanish teacher, effective May 31, 2009 and returning the 1st day of school for the 2009-2010 school year.

16.1.8 Approve a maternity leave for Kristine Doty, Special Education teacher at Great Meadows Middle School, effective the 1st day of the 2009-2010 school year and returning January 4, 2010.

16.1.9 Approve an Interlocal Service Agreement with Allamuchy School District regarding substitute nursing services for the 2009-2010 school year.

16.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the following **Policy and Curriculum** items 16.2.1 to 16.2.2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

16.2.1 Approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policy:

Policy #5331 - Anaphylaxis to Food and Other Substances

16.2.2 Approve the following field trip:

April 1, 2009 Oakwood Lanes, Washington, NJ
Central & Liberty Schools - 5th Grade

16.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following **Finance and Technology** items 16.3.1 to 16.3.3.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Vonder Haar voting no to item 16.3.1.

16.3.1 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.

* - Denotes State requirement

PERSONNEL	WORKSHOP	APPROX. COST	DATES
\$ Lisa Baatz	NJAHPERD Conference	\$ 50.00	2/24/09
\$ Betsy Hart	NJAHPERD Conference	\$ 50.00	2/24/09
Danielle Hamblin	Responsive Classroom- NYC	\$1,863.00	7/13-17/09** Title IV Funds
Jason Bing	Celebrate Teaching - NYC	\$ 225.00	3/6-7/09
Ernest Batha	Celebrate Teaching - NYC	\$ 225.00	3/6-7/09
Russ Warne	NJSBGA Conference - AC	\$ 0.00	4/7-9/09
* Bud Beavers	NJASK Coordinator Training	\$ 28.00	3/19/09
Linda McClune	Student Behaviors - Paramus	\$ 35.34	4/28/09

16.3.2 Accept the IDEIA Basic and IDEIA Preschool Federal Entitlement Grants for the 2008-2009 School year in the amounts of \$285,346.00 and \$6,033.00 respectively.

16.3.3 Enter into a contract between Warren County Special Services School District and Great Meadows Regional School District for OT services at a cost of \$93.00 per hour with an estimated total cost of \$9,300.00 effective February 24, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

Public Comment:

Glenn Sullivan asked if there are any alternative energy solutions being explored for the district?

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary