

The workshop meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, April 20, 2009, at Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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, Matthew Mowatt, Jason Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: Richard Alexander, Joe Mahal and Bernie O'Hara.

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

There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

Committee reports were discussed.

Public Comment:

Susan Cullen commented about the PERS Pension obligation resolution and item 6.1.3.

- 6.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following **Finance and Technology** items 6.1.1 to 6.1.4.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Vonder Haar voting no to item 6.1.4.

- 6.1.1** Approve the Business Administrator to pay the March BC/BS premium of \$135,068.41 and the March Delta Dental premium of \$10,166.77.

- 6.1.2** 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.

	PERSONNEL	WORKSHOP	APPROX. COST	DATES
	Marilyn Kosiorek	Spring Yearbook Covers	\$50.00	5/14/09
	Marilyn Kosiorek	Lopatcong Tech Day	\$50.00	5/22/09
*	Joe D'Agostino	Lopatcong Tech Day	\$50.00	5/22/09
	Danielle Hamblin	Lopatcong Tech Day	\$50.00	5/22/09
	Marcia Goralczyk	Lopatcong Tech Day	\$50.00	5/22/09
*	Kara Feulner	Lopatcong Tech Day	\$50.00	5/22/09

6.1.3 Approve the application for a \$1,000 New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group Safety Grant program for the 2008-2009 School Year. Funds will be used to purchase hand held "No Chemical Related Health Warning" Cleaning Systems for all three Great Meadows Regional School District schools.

6.1.4 Approve amending the Long Range Facility Plan 2006-2012 to add the following projects:

Classroom Renovations at the lower level of the Central School - \$151,000.

Electrical Upgrades at the Central School - \$58,550

Ceiling Tile Removal and Replacement at Liberty School - \$140,350

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the following Resolution on Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Pension Obligation Deferral.

RESOLUTION ON PERS PENSION OBLIGATION DEFERRAL

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-15 as Chapter 22, P.L. 2009 that reduces the State Aid for the Great Meadows Regional school district for the 2008-2009 school by an amount approximating \$37,517.00;

AND WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-21 as Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 that provides school districts with two options concerning their obligation to pay the Public Employees Retirement System, namely payment in full by April 30, 2009, or payment of one-half of the pension obligation by April 30, 2009;

AND WHEREAS, payment of one-half of the pension obligation requires the district to apply for a deferral schedule which will start in April 2012 and continue for 15 years to repay the deferred portion to the retirement system;

AND WHEREAS, deferred payments are subject to normal actuarial growth on accrued liabilities of the pension system, which most recently was a rate of 8.25%;

AND WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has reviewed the cash flow needs of the Great Meadows Regional school district, the surplus balance position of the district, and the impact of the deferral on future budgets if the district should elect to take the deferral or reject the deferral;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education that: It hereby rejects the offer of a deferral by the New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System and authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay the 2009 PERS pension obligation in full before April 30, 2009.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

6.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following **Policy and Curriculum** item 6.2.1.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

6.2.1 Approve the 2009-2010 Great Meadows Regional School District calendar.

Jason Schaffer, Kimberly Schaffer and William Vonder Haar participated in *Meet the Candidates Night*.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Richard Wall, to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary