

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, June 23, 2008, 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: Richard Alexander, Jennifer Cassini, Peggy Faulborn, Joe Mahal, Matthew Mowatt, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: Bernie O'Hara.

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

There were 20 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the minutes from May 12, 2008 and May 27, 2008.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Alexander and Faulborn abstaining from May 27, 2008 minutes.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the executive session minutes from May 27, 2008.

Motion carried in a voice vote.

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending May 31, 2008, as per copies attached and to certify that as of May 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 voice vote.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Richard Alexander, to pay the bills from May 28, 2008 through June 23, 2008 in the amount of \$2,204,728.80.

Motion carried in a voice vote.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Richard Alexander, to pay the cafeteria bills from May 28, 2008 through June 23, 2008 in the amount of \$20,701.35.

Motion carried in a voice vote.

Public Comment:

Three parents questioned the process of hiring new teachers.

- 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 14.1.12.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 14.1.1** Approve the employment of Eric Shuler (.5x), Michael Berger, Joe D'Agostino, and Jerry Wohlgemuth as summer custodial help at the rate of \$10.15 per hour effective June 24, 2008.
- 14.1.2** Approve Christine Johnsen as 3rd grade teacher at Liberty School effective September 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009 at Step 4 BS at an annual salary of \$45,380.00.
- 14.1.3** Approve Deb Napolitano as maternity leave replacement for Anne Amundsen effective September 25, 2008 through February 27, 2009 at Step 1 BS+15 at an annual salary of \$46,080.00 pro-rated to \$23,961.60 and also approved as a substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year.
- 14.1.4** Approve Linda Wilkins as a Highly Qualified Math teacher at Great Meadows Middle School effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at Step 1 BS at an annual salary of \$45,080.00.
- 14.1.5** Approve Beverly Brooke Flynn as 2nd grade teacher at Central School effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at Step 1 BS at an annual salary of \$45,080.00.
- 14.1.6** Approve Claire Washburn as 3rd grade teacher at Central School effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at Step 1 BS at an annual salary of \$45,080.00.
- 14.1.7** Approve Erika Ackerman as a substitute teacher in grades K-8 for the 2008-2009 school year.
- 14.1.8** Approve James Holbrook, East Stroudsburg University student, to perform his practicum with Jim Bechtel, Wellness teacher at Great Meadows Middle School, effective October 20, 2008 through December 12, 2008.
- 14.1.9** Approve movement on the guide for Israel Marmolejos, Great Meadows Middle School Spanish teacher, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 from Step 5 BA to Step 5 BA+15 at an annual salary of \$46,780.00.
- 14.1.10** Approve the following stipends:

Julie Skoldberg - Speech/Language Specialist
19.5 hours x \$41.95 per hour = \$818.03

Laurie Washburn - 2nd grade teacher at Central School
Home Instruction - 6 hours x \$32.00 per hour = \$192.00

Joe Carroll, Jr. - 1st grade teacher at Liberty School
2007-2008 After-School Street Hockey = \$1,000.00

Casey Ritson - 5th grade teacher at Liberty School
Prep and Home Instruction
April 17, 2008 through May 15, 2008
26 hours x \$32.00 per hour = \$832.00

- 14.1.11** Approve the sick pay reimbursement (as per negotiated Great Meadows Regional Education Association/Great Meadows Regional Board of Education contract) to the following teachers retiring July 1, 2008:

Myra Cole - 189 days x \$37.50 per day = \$7,087.50

Janice Kern - 87 days = \$2,358.63
(35 days @ instructional aide rate of \$20.00 per day)
(7 days @ .7x instructional aide and .3x teacher rate of \$25.25 per day)
(23.5 days @ .5x instructional aide and .5x teacher rate of \$28.75 per day)
(21.5 days @ teacher rate of \$37.50 per day)

Linda Nicholls - 144 days x \$37.50 = \$5,400.00

Adella Wauhop - 95.5 days = \$3,222.50
(20.5 days @ instructional aide rate of \$20.00 per day)
(75 days @ teacher rate of \$37.50)

- 14.1.12** Appoint two Board of Education members to be part of the committee regarding the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC).

- 14.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following **Policy & Curriculum** items 14.2.1 to 14.2.3.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to table Policy #5410 Promotion, Placement and Retention in order to review it and the associated regulation.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote to approve items 14.2.1 to 14.2.3 but table Policy #5410 Promotion, Placement and Retention in item 14.2.1.

- 14.2.1** Approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following By Law, Policies, and Regulations:

By Law:

By Law #9021 - Public Participation in Board Meetings

Policies:

Policy #5131.6 - Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco (Substance Abuse)

Policy #5330.1 - Emergency Administration of Epinephrine via Pre-Filled, Single Dose Auto-Injector Mechanism for Anaphylaxis

Policy #5410 - Table policy

Policy #5550 - Disaffected Pupils

Policy #8461M - Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse

Policy #8462M - Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children

Regulations:

Regulation #5330 - Administration of Medication

Regulation #8461M - Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol, and Other Drug Abuse

Regulation #8462M - Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children

14.2.2 Approve the 1st reading of the following policy:

Policy #5615 - Suspected Gang Activity

14.2.3 Approve the following resolution:

Great Meadows Regional School District Resolution 2007-2008
Resolution to Analyze High School Tuition Rates and Number of Sending
Students each School Year

Approved by:

First Reading:

Effective Date:

WHEREAS, the state of New Jersey is significantly under funding the Great Meadows Regional School District;

WHEREAS, the local property tax payer in New Jersey continues to be overburdened by property tax costs as compared to every state in the union;

WHEREAS, responsibility to present a fiscally sound yearly school budget to its voters;

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the Great Meadows Regional School District's fiscal budget is dedicated to High School tuition to the Hackettstown Public School District;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Great Meadows Board of Education will closely review high school tuition rates and the number of students attending Hackettstown High School on a yearly basis and will report to the public in March the annual findings.

- 14.3** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Richard Wall, to approve the following **Finance & Technology** items 14.3.1 to 14.3.17.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 14.3.1** Approve 3 Board of Education members and the Chief School Administrator to attend the 2008 Annual New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop - October 28-30, 2008 in Atlantic City with an estimated cost of \$1,100.00 for the workshop and \$2,400.00 for lodging and mileage.

- 14.3.2** Approve Mary Redus for the following workshops for the 2008-2009 school year:

9/26/08 - Geraldine Dodge Poetry Festival
Waterloo Village - \$3.00

10/17/08, 10/19/08 - Integrating Writing Skills Westport,
Ontario, Canada - No cost.

11/1/08, 11/2/08 - Integrating Writing Skills
Dingman's Ferry, PA - \$25.00

- 14.3.3** Approve Danielle Hamblin, Central School Principal, to attend a free weeklong workshop (Responsive Classroom Level I Training) in South Brunswick, NJ from August 4, 2008 through August 8, 2008 at a cost of \$303.00 for mileage.

- 14.3.4** Approve Ernest Batha, Jr., Liberty School Principal, to attend a weeklong workshop (Responsive Classroom I Training) from July 21, 2008 through July 25, 2008 in Colts Neck, NJ at an estimated cost of \$847.00 including mileage.

- 14.3.5** Rescind the School Alliance Insurance Fund Resolution passed at the May 27, 2008 Board of Education meeting for the 2008-2009 School Year.

- 14.3.6** Approve the Resolution to join the Educational Risk Insurance Consortium - WEST - A fund within the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (NJSBAIG) for the 2008- 2009 School Year.

- 14.3.7** Enter into a contract with Warren County Technical School to use one classroom in the middle school for two evenings a week, Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, for Adult GED and Adult ESL classes during the 2008-2009 school year at no charge to Warren County Technical School.

- 14.3.8** Approve an agreement with Maschio's Food Services to provide a food service program for the period September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 for a management fee of \$9,855.00 and a maximum

subsidy of \$0.

14.3.9 Approve a Regular Education Tuition Contract Agreement with the Warren County Technical School for the 2008-2009 School Year for 31 students at a cost of \$67,425.00 and a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement for 9 students at a cost of \$29,250.00 for a total cost of \$96,675.00.

14.3.10 Approve an Employment Services Agreement (training) between Employment Pathways, Division of Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. and Great Meadows Regional School District for one high school student to attend one summer program for the period July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$8,586.00.

14.3.11 Approve a Special Education Contract between Celebrate the Children and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for two periods of Extended School Year 2008 programs which will run from July 9, 2008 through August 5, 2008 and the other from August 11, 2008 through August 22, 2008 at a total cost of \$7,209.00 for both programs.

14.3.12 Approve a Letter of Agreement between Community Prevention Resources of Warren County, Inc. and Great Meadows Regional School District Middle School in the grant amount of \$2,000.00 for the REBEL2 School Based Tobacco Prevention Program to be run during the period of September 1, 2008 through May, 31, 2009.

14.3.13 Approve the annual lease between Warren County Special Services School District and Great Meadows Regional School District for one classroom for the 2008-2009 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.

14.3.14 Approve an Extended School Year 2008 Pre-school Program between Great Meadows Regional School District and Hope Township Board of Education for one student to run from July 7, 2008 through August 21, 2008 at a cost of \$2,400.00 and an additional estimated cost for OT and Speech of \$1,200.00 for a total cost of \$3,600.00.

14.3.15 Accept the early release from the two year lease agreement between Great Meadows Regional School District Liberty School and Warren County Special Services School District ending June 2009, which will now be effective June 30, 2008 due to lack of enrollment.

14.3.16 Approve the following budget transfers:

FROM: 11-000-216-600-000-001 Speech Supplies

TO: 11-000-216-320-000-000 OT/PT Blind Commission \$425.57 -
OT/PT Services for HHS

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FROM: 11-000-270-519-000-000 AIL

TO: 11-000-230-339-000-000 Admin Prof Services

\$2,677.58 - Advertising County Election Bills

FROM: 11-000-291-260-000-000 Workers Comp

TO: 11-000-230-331-000-000 Admin Legal Services

\$2,128.88 - Legal Fees - Deregionalization - Mediation

FROM: 10-000-270-519-000-000 Charter School Tuition

TO: 11-000-262-620-000-000 Heat/Electric

\$9,001.00 - Heating Bills

FROM: 11-000-261-610-000-002 Central Maint. Supplies

TO: 11-000-262-620-000-000 - \$ 2,000.00 Heating Bills

14.3.17 Approve the revised Annual Agenda for the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education Public Meetings as follows:

- A. Opening - Roll Call
- B. Communications to the Board
- C. Superintendent's Report
- D. Curriculum Update
- E. Recognitions and Awards
- F. Committee Reports
- G. Requests from the Floor - Public Comment
- H. Action Items
- I. Hackettstown BOE Representative's Report
- J. Independence Township Representative's Report
- K. Liberty Township Representative's Report
- L. Public Comment/New Business
- M. Unfinished Business
- N. Adjournment

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving replacement of board of education member, 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 8:26 PM to discuss the above mentioned matter, to the exclusion of all others. If any action results, it will be taken following the re-entry into regular session.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to re-enter regular session at 9:00 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Richard Wall, to appoint Jason Schaffer as new board member replacing Maryann Citro effective immediately.

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

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Richard Alexander, to adjourn at

9:20 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary

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