

A special meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 30, 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, Joe Mahal, Joe Mailloux, Matthew Mowatt, Jason Schaffer (arrived 8:00 PM), Kimberly Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: None.

Mike Selvaggi, Board Attorney, was in attendance.

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

There were 60 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Joe Mailloux, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving personnel and litigation, 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 7:41 PM to discuss the above mentioned matter, to the exclusion of all others. Action may or may not be taken.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Peggy Faulborn left the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to re-enter regular session at 9:10 PM.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment:

There was a question and comment period regarding dismissal of administrator, the censure resolution, superintendent search, and agenda items that were not presented.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Richard Wall, to approve the censure resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION TO CENSURE BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, all school board members are obligated under N.J.S.A.:18A:12-24.1 to abide by the Code of Ethics for School Board Members

WHEREAS, the board believes that Mr. Matthew Mowatt, with the best intentions, violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1e which states "I will

recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board" by holding private meetings with a district employee and engaging in email communications over a period of time, beginning on April 24th, 2009

WHEREAS, the board believes that Mr. Matthew Mowatt, with the best intentions, also violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1g which states "I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools" by providing inaccurate information to the community in an email.

WHEREAS, the board believes that Mr. Matthew Mowatt, with the best intentions, also violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1j which states "I will refer all complaints to the chief school administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after the failure of an administrative solution." by responding to emails from community members giving them inaccurate information and offering to act on their behalf if provided with information to contradict the Superintendent of Schools.

RESOLVED, That the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby wishes to formally acknowledge the inappropriate actions taken by Mr. Matthew Mowatt, as a board member and will censure him for such actions.

Roll call vote: Yes: Cassini, Mahal, J. Schaffer, K. Schaffer, Vonder Haar, Wall.

Abstain: Mailloux, Mowatt - motion carried.

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Joe Mahal, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving the Memorandum of Agreement between Great Meadows Regional Board of Education and Great Meadows Regional Education Association, 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 10:00 PM to discuss the above mentioned matter, to the exclusion of all others. Action will be taken.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to re-enter regular session at 10:32 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the Memorandum Agreement between Great Meadows Regional Board of Education and Great Meadows Regional Education Association as attached.

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

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to adjourn at 10:35

PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary