

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, July 23, 2007, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Robert Jones, 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, Robert Jones, Joe Mahal, Matthew Mowatt, Bernie O'Hara, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Maryann Citro and Peggy Faulborn.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the minutes from June 11, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the minutes from June 25, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Matthew Mowatt, to approve the executive session minutes from June 25, 2007.

Motion carried in a voice vote with O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Matthew Mowatt, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the months ending June 30, 2007, as per copies attached and to certify that as of June 30, 2007, 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 Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Matthew Mowatt, to approve the bills from May 30, 2007 through June 25, 2007 in the amount of \$ 2,575,844.45.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the bills from June 26, 2007 through June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$ 443,597.09.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the bills from July 1, 2007 through July 23, 2007 in the amount of

\$660,340.45.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: None

- 15.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the following **Personnel & Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** items 15.1.1 to 15.1.10.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Richard Alexander to table approval of stipend for Stephanie Conway, School Psychologist, in the amount of \$2,500.00 until further information gathered.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Jones voting no to item 15.1.8, Mowatt abstaining from item 15.1.9 and Vonder Haar voting no to item 15.1.8.

- 15.1.1** Approve the following stipends:

Juliette Skoldberg, Speech Correctionist - evaluations and IPMs for students at Liberty and Central Schools

May 25, 2007 through June 26, 2007

27.75 hours x \$37.42 per hour = \$1,038.41

Thomas Schepis, Music Teacher - music lessons and concerts for Liberty and Central School students during 2006-2007 school year - \$1,550.00

Stephanie Conway, School Psychologist

January 2007 through June 2007

504/IEPs/I&RS - \$600.00

Stephanie Conway, School Psychologist

Testing, Meetings, Reports

June 19, 2007 through June 29, 2007

8 days x \$307.83 per day = \$2,462.64

Barbara Ciniewicz, Pre-school Disabilities teacher - Attendance at 5 IEP meetings totaling 8.5 hours.

8.5 hours x \$32 per hour = \$272.00

Gina Pagliaro, Great Meadows Middle School Wellness teacher - Teacher for Summer School held at Great Meadows Middle School

July 5, 2007 through August 2, 2007

8 days x 4 hours per day x \$32 per hour = \$1,024.00.

Jessica Toussaint, Great Meadows Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

- Teacher for Summer School held at Great Meadows Middle School

July 5, 2007 through August 2, 2007

10 days x 4 hours per day x \$32 per hour = \$1,280.00.

Barbara Wohlgemuth, Liberty School 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher - Attendance at 2 IEP meetings  
3.5 hrs. x \$32 per hour = \$112.00.

Barbara Wohlgemuth - Teacher for Summer School held at Great Meadows Middle School July 3, 2007 through July 31, 2007  
9 days x 4 hours per day x \$32 per hour = \$1,152.00.

**15.1.2** Approve Robin Morris-Marano as a substitute teacher for Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

**15.1.3** Approve a maternity leave for Martha Teixeira, Spanish teacher, effective November 7, 2007 through January 18, 2007.

**15.1.4** Approve an extended maternity leave for Jamie Long, Music teacher, for the 2007-2008 school year.

**15.1.5** Approve the employment of Rosetta Woods as an Instructional Aide in the PSD classroom at Liberty School effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007, at an annual salary of \$10,920.

**15.1.6** Approve movement on guide for Kristine Doty from Step 5 BS+30 to Step 5 MA at an annual salary of \$46,805.00.

**15.1.7** Approve movement on guide for Jessica Toussaint from Step 4BS to Step 4BS+15 at an annual salary of \$44,955.00.

**15.1.8** Approve Betsy Hart as the general supplies coordinator for Great Meadows Regional School District during July 2007 and August 2007 for a maximum of 30 hours at \$9.00 per hour.

**15.1.9** Approve the attached list of substitutes for the 2007-2008 school year.

**15.1.10** Approve the following personnel for the 2007-2008 school year:

Kathy Ascolese - Office Aide at Great Meadows Middle School and Central School  
\$8.92 per hour x 5 hours per day x 181 days = \$8,072.60

Charleen Finn - Instructional Aide at Central School  
At an annual salary of \$10,500.00

Katie Gelok - Instructional Aide at Central School  
At an annual salary of \$10,500.00

Meredith Head - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher at Liberty School  
At Step 5BS at an annual salary of \$44,030.00

Charlene McCormack - Cafeteria Aide at Central School  
\$8.75 per hour x 2 hours per day

MaryAnn Williams - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Teacher for Maternity Leave position  
at Central School at Step 1BS at an annual salary of \$43,130.00

Marianne Woods - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher at Central School  
At Step 1BS at an annual salary of \$43,130.00

MaryAnn Zino - Instructional Aide at Central School  
At an annual salary of \$10,500.00

- 15.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the following **Curriculum/Technology** items 15.2.1 and 15.2.2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 15.2.1** Approve notice from Thomas Gross, Interim Warren County Superintendent, that the Great Meadows Regional School District's Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) for 2007-2010 has been approved by the State of New Jersey.

- 15.2.2** Approve notice from Thomas Gross, Interim Warren County Superintendent, that the Great Meadows Regional School District's Technology Plan for 2007-2010 has been approved by the Warren County Coordinating Council for Distance Learning and Technology.

- 15.3** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the following **Policy/Finance** items 15.3.1 to 15.3.8.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Alexander abstaining from item 15.3.8, Cassini abstaining from items 15.3.3, 15.3.4, and 15.3.5, and Mowatt abstaining from item 15.3.8.

- 15.3.1** Accept the 2006-2007 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Grant awards as follows:

Title I	\$37,105
Title IIA	27,260
Title IID	162
Title IV	2,402
Title V	<u>1,336</u>
	\$68,265

- 15.3.2** Accept the 2006-2007 IDEIA Consolidated Grant award as follows:

IDEIA Basic	\$271,262
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IDEIA Preschool	<u>6,566</u>
	\$277,828

**15.3.3** Approve a Special Education Contract for ESY 2007 and the 2007-2008 School Year between Great Meadows Regional School District and PG Chambers School for one student effective July 9, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a rate of \$282.58 per diem for a total cost of \$59,341.80.

**15.3.4** Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Hope Township Board of Education for the extended school year program from July 16, 2007 to August 24, 2007 for two students at \$2,500.00 each for a total cost of \$5,000.00.

**15.3.5** Approve a Special Education Contract for ESY 2007 and the 2007-2008 School Year between Great Meadows Regional School District and Stepping Stone School (ARC of Essex County) for one student effective July 2, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a rate of \$230.39 per diem for a total cost of \$47,000.00.

**15.3.6** Approve an ABA therapy contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Diane Stickel, ABA therapist, effective August 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007 at a rate of \$90 per hour x 3 hours per week x 6 weeks = \$1,620.00.

**15.3.7** Approve the following transfers:

From: 11-000-223-320-000-000 In-service/Consultant  
To: 11-000-216-320-000-000 OT/PT Blind Com.  
Amount: \$6,035.50. Reason: Student Needs.

From: 11-000-262-420-000-000 Contracted Services  
To: 10-000-561-000-000 Charter School Tuition  
Amount: \$6,810.00. Reason: Increased Tuition 2006-2007.

From: 11-000-240-105-000-000 Sec & Clerical  
To: 11-000-230-331-000-000 Adm Legal Services  
Amount: \$9,222.52. Reason: Legal Fees.

From: 11-000-251-890-000-000 Miscellaneous  
To: 11-000-230-339-000-000 Adm Professional Services  
Amount: \$3,273.06. Reason: Recruitment Ads.

From: 11-000-291-333-000 Prescription  
To: 11-000-270-515-000-000 Spec Ed Transportation  
Amount: \$21,732.64. Reason: Special Ed Transportation Costs.

**15.3.8** Approve a settlement with former Central School Principal, David Smith, in the amount of \$65,000.00

Motion by Jennifer Cassini, seconded by Matthew Mowatt, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving 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 8:20 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 Matthew Mowatt, seconded by Jennifer Cassini, to re-enter regular session at 8:40 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Matthew Mowatt, seconded by Richard Alexander, to adjourn at 8:48 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw  
Board Secretary