

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, July 28, 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 (arrived 7:50 PM), Joe Mahal (arrived 7:40 PM), Matthew Mowatt, Bernie O'Hara (arrived 7:40 PM), Jason Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: None.

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

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to table the minutes from June 23, 2008 so corrections can be made.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the minutes from June 9, 2008.
Motion carried in a voice vote with Alexander, Faulborn, and Mahal abstaining.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the executive session minutes from June 23, 2008.
Motion carried in a voice vote with Mowatt and O'Hara abstaining.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending June 30, 2008, as per copies attached and to certify that as of June 30, 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 Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, 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 Richard Alexander, seconded by William Vonder Haar, to pay the bills from June 24, 2008 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$623,812.98 and to pay the bills from July 1, 2008 through July 28, 2008 in the amount of \$1,337,068.31.

Motion carried in a voice vote.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by William Vonder Haar, to pay the cafeteria bills from June 25, 2008 through July 28, 2008 in the amount of \$2,989.78.

Motion carried in a voice vote.

Public Comment: None

14.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the following **Personnel, Buildings/Grounds/Transportation, & Technology** items 14.1.1 to 14.1.15.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Vonder Haar voting no to item 14.1.2.

14.1.1 Approve Kellie Pennington, Maria Bueso, and Valerie O'Connell as substitute teachers for the Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2008-2009 school year.

14.1.2 Approve four vacation days to Marcia Goralczyk, 12-month Part-time custodian at Central School and also 10-month Technology teacher at Central School, to be taken during the summer months of 2008.

14.1.3 Approve, with regret, the resignation of Noreen Lishak, Director of Curriculum and Special Services, effective August 31, 2008.

14.1.4 Approve Timothy Nicinski, principal of Great Meadows Middle School, as the Director of Curriculum and Special Services effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at an annual salary to be determined.

14.1.5 Approve the employment of Bud Beavers as Interim Principal of Great Meadows Middle School effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$500.00 per day.

14.1.6 Approve, with regret, the retirement of Rosemary Motzenbecker, special education teacher at Central School, effective September 1, 2008.

14.1.7 Approve the employment of Thomas Hershey as a special education teacher at Central School effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at Step 5 BS+30 at an annual salary of \$47,780.00.

14.1.8 Approve Julie Skoldberg, speech/language teacher at Central

School, to transfer to Liberty School.

14.1.9 Approve the employment of Susan Samela as speech/language teacher at Central School effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at Step 9 BA at an annual salary of \$47,450.00.

14.1.10 Approve the resignation, with regret, of Jennifer Hypes, 5th grade teacher at Central School, effective immediately.

14.1.11 Approve the employment of Joseph D'Agostino as 5th 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.

14.1.12 Approve Brigid Walsh, College of St. Elizabeth student, to complete her student practicum and student teaching requirements at Central School with the following:

Chris Caufield - Kindergarten teacher
9/15/08 through 11/21/08 & 3/16/09 through 5/8/09

Liz Szamreta - 4th grade teacher
9/15/08 through 11/21/08 & 1/20/09 thru 3/13/09

14.1.13 Approve stipends to the following personnel:

Susan Buechle - Resource Teacher at Central School
7/1/08 - Child Study Team meeting
2 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$68.00
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Kristine Doty - Resource Teacher at Middle School
6/23/08 - IEP meeting
1 hour. x \$32.00 per hour = \$32.00

Marcia Goralczyk - Technology Teacher at Central School
7/14/08, 7/15/08, 7/16/08, 7/23/09 - Technology work
33 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$1,122.00

Dana Jacoski - Special Ed. Teacher at Liberty School
7/01/08 through 7/31/08 - Summer School
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
50 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$1,700.00

Linda McClune - Guidance Counselor at Elementary Schools
I&RS during 2007-2008 school year - Liberty School
13.5 hours x \$32.00 per hour = \$ 432.00

Gina Pagliaro - Resource Teacher at Middle School 6/23/08 - IEP meeting
1 hour x \$32.00 per hour = \$32.00

Casey Ritson - 5th grade Teacher at Liberty School
5/20/08 to 6/17/08 - prep and home instruction
35 hours x \$32.00 per hour = \$1,120.00

Eileen Romagnoli - 4th grade Teacher at Central School
7/08/08 - Child Study Team meeting
2 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$68.00

Suzanne Schmidt - Special Ed. Teacher at Liberty School
7/01/08 through 7/31/08 - Summer School
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
50 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$1,700.00

Julie Skoldberg - Speech & Language Therapy
IPM's & case management work for a student at Liberty
School - 3 hours x \$41.95 = \$125.85

Jessica Toussaint - 7th grade Teacher at Middle School
7/01/08 through 7/31/08 - Summer School
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM
50 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$1,700.00

Sandy Vliet - 3rd grade Teacher at Central School
11/16/07 thru 5/16/08 - prep and accompanied chorus for concerts
- 12.25 hours x \$32.00 per hour = \$392.00

Laurie Washburn - 2nd grade Teacher at Central School
7/1/08 - Child Study Team meeting
2 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$68.00

14.1.14 Approve the employment of Katherine Fattaross as Instructional Aide at Central School effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at an annual salary of \$10,500.00.

14.1.15 Approve a contract with Allied Service of NE, Inc., Lyndhurst, New Jersey, to install air conditioning on the second floor in Central School at a cost of \$40,279.00

Bids received:

Allied Service of NE, Inc.	\$40,279.00
A&K Contracting Group, LLC	\$49,500.00

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by William Vonder Haar, to change agenda item 14.2.16 to 14.1.16.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

14.1.16 Approve a contract with Commercial Interiors Direct, Inc., Riverdale, New Jersey, to install carpet in the Library and Music Room in Central School at the cost of \$9,725.60.

Quotes received:

Commercial Interiors Direct, Inc.	\$ 9,725.60
Flemington Commercial Flooring	\$15,822.31
Hannon Floors	\$12,738.00

- 14.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Bernie O'Hara, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the following **Finance, Policy, & Curriculum** items 14.2.1 to 14.2.16.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to table item 14.2.3 '2008-2009 Nursing Services Plan'.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote to approve items 14.2.1, 14.2.2, 14.2.4 to 14.2.16, and table item 14.2.3.

- 14.2.1** Approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policy:

Policy #5615 - Suspected Gang Activity

- 14.2.2** Approve the 1st reading of the following policies:

Policy #2011 - Evaluation of Superintendent
Policy #6171.2 - Gifted and Talented Pupils

- 14.2.3** Item Tabled.

- 14.2.4** Enter into a contract with Warren County Technical School to use three classrooms 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 at no charge to Warren County Technical School. (The original motion on 6/23/08 was for one classroom.)

- 14.2.5** Approve a Special Education Contract between Liberty Learning Center and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for three weeks of Extended School Year at a cost of \$465.00.

- 14.2.6** Approve a Special Education Contract between Allegro School, Morris County, and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$64,440.00.

- 14.2.7** Approve a Special Education Contract between Celebrate the Children of Wharton, New Jersey and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$49,536.00 and the extraordinary services cost will be \$26,911.50 for a total cost of \$76,447.50.

- 14.2.8** Approve a Special Education Contract between ECLC of New Jersey and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for the 2008-2009 School Year at a cost of \$34,809.60.

14.2.9 Approve an Extended School Year Special Education Camp Program Contract for one student between Chester School District and Great Meadows Regional School District for the period July 7, 2008 through August 15, 2008 for a cost of \$4,200.00.

14.2.10 Approve a Special Education Contract between PG Chambers School and Great Meadows Regional School District for the Extended School Year and the regular 2008-2009 school year for one student at a cost of \$28,161.00.

14.2.11 Approve a Special Education Contract between PG Chambers School and Great Meadows Regional School District for the Extended School Year and the regular 2008-2009 school year for one student at a cost of \$56,322.00.

14.2.12 Approve a Parental Transportation Contract for one student for the period July 1, 2008 through August 30, 2008 for an estimated cost of \$179.40.

14.2.13 Approve a Special Education Contract between Windsor Learning Center, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for the period September 4, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a cost of \$44,974.80.

14.2.14 Approve a Special Education Contract between The ARC of Essex County (Stepping Stones School) and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for the Extended School year 2008 and the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$45,572.00.

14.2.15 Approve the following workshops and conferences:

Elizabeth Szamreta	Mentor Training – Hunterdon Cty	\$ 134.80	10/06/08
Phyllis Pezzato	Mentor Training – Hunterdon Cty	\$ 134.80	10/06/08
Brooke Flynn	Monarch Butterflies – RVCC	\$ 136.20	8/19 thru 8/21/08
Joanne Coppola	Voices from the Land – Poconos	\$ 154.80	
Marianne Woods	Monarch Butterflies – RVCC	\$ 136.20	8/19 thru 8/21/08
Dana DeKleine	Mental Health Workshops – Piscataway, NJ	\$ 230.00	7/28, 29, 31/08
Tim Nicinski	Mental Health Workshops – Piscataway, NJ	\$ 230.00	7/28, 29, 31/08
Jan Romanczyk	REBEL Training – William Paterson U	\$ 23.00	10/24/08
Christine Kohl	Medicine in the Yard – Edison, NJ	\$ 225.00	10/29/08
Elizabeth Szamreta	Mentor Teacher Training – Hunterdon Cty	\$ 110.00	10/06/08
Danielle Hamblin	Responsive Classroom – S. Brunswick	\$ 186.00	8/04 thru 08/08/08
Jen Cassini	Negotiations Workshop – Robbinsville, NJ	\$ 150.00	9/13/08
Rich Alexander	Negotiations Workshop – Robbinsville, NJ	\$ 150.00	9/13/08

14.2.16 Approve the following budget transfers:

FROM: 11-130-100-101-000-000 Grade 6-8 Salaries
TO: 11-150-100-101-000-000 Home Instruction
 \$1,000.00 Home Instruction student

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FROM: 11-190-100-800-000-002 Misc & Trip Adm
TO: 11-000-223-585-000-003 Workshop Mileage
 \$25.25 Correct Account for Mileage reimbursement

FROM: 11-000-217-320-000-000 Pers Care Aide - Contracted
TO: 11-000-216-320-000-000 OT/PT/Blind Commission
\$272.18 - Student Needs - OT

FROM: 11-000-100-562-000-000 Tuition Sp Ed
TO: 11-000-217-320-000-000 Pers Care Aide - Contracted \$2,820.00
HS Personal care aide

FROM: 11-000-240-103-000-000 Principals Salary
TO: 11-000-262-620-000-000- Heat/Electric
\$14,273.36 Electric Bill - June 2008

FROM: 11-130-100-101-000-000 Grade 6-8 Salaries
TO: 11-150-100-320-000-000 OOD Students - Home Inst \$678.00
Additional HS Home Instruction

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Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to adjourn at 7:55 PM.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary