

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010**

A Mini Retreat and the regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, August 16, 2010, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Jennifer Cassini, Board 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, Christy Doyle, Joe Mahal (arrived 7:38 PM), Joe Mailloux, Jason Schaffer (arrived 6:45 PM), Kimberly Schaffer (arrived 6:45 PM), Glenn Sullivan, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Ed O'Melia.

Dr. Tim Frederiks, Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, were in attendance.

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

Glenn Sullivan reviewed the goals that the Board of Education devised for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board of Education wants goals that are measurable and achievable.

The Board of Education settled on three goals.

1. Public Relations/Public Involvement.
2. Curriculum - Professional Learning Center's, communication.
3. Transition - feed back on the website.

Regular Meeting started at 7:25 PM.

Motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Glenn Sullivan to approve the minutes from June 29, 2010.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Kim Schaffer, to approve the executive session minutes from June 29, 2010.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the

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month ending July 31, 2010, as per copies attached, and to certify that as of July 31, 2010, 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 Christy Doyle, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the bills from July 13, 2010 to August 16, 2010 in the amount of \$657,222.48. Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Bill Vonder Haar, seconded by Christy Doyle, to approve the cafeteria bills from July 19, 2010 to August 16, 2010 in the amount of \$485.88. Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Joe Mahal arrived 7:38 PM.

Tim Frederiks, Superintendent's Update.

Public Comment: A resident asked if 5th grade students will be changing classes.

16.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Kim Schaffer, to approve the following **Personnel & Curriculum** items 16.1.1 to 16.1.18.

Motion by Glenn Sullivan, seconded by Bill Vonder Haar to amend the number sequence from 16.1.1 to 16.1.19 because there are two 16.1.1 items on the agenda. Motion carried in a voice vote.

Motion by Jenn Cassini, seconded by Glenn Sullivan, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving personnel, 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 8:09 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 Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to re-

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enter regular session at 8:40 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote to approve items 16.1.1 to 16.1.19 with Vonder Haar voting no to items 16.1.11, 16.1.12, 16.1.14, and 16.1.15.

16.1.1 Approve the employment of Kathy Ascolese, office clerk, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for 5 hours per day x 181 days = \$8,647.37.

16.1.2 Approve a maternity leave for Jessica Silpoch, 2nd grade teacher, effective November 8, 2010 through January 28, 2011.

16.1.3 Tabled.

16.1.4 Approve Elizabeth Hart, Wellness teacher at Central School, to perform the distribution of supplies effective August 1, 2010 at \$9.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours.

16.1.5 Accept, with regret, the resignation for retirement purposes of Gayle Evans, 1st grade teacher at Central School, effective immediately.

16.1.6 Approve movement on the salary guide for Jamie Long, music teacher for grades 3-5, from Step 13 BS to Step 13 BS+15 at an annual salary of \$57,270 effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

16.1.7 Approve stipends for the following certificated personnel:

Casey Ritson, Special Education teacher at Great Meadows Middle School - CST meetings
7/27/10 - 6.75 hours x \$36.00 per hour = \$243.00

Jan Romanczyk, Special Education teacher at Great Meadows Middle School - CST meetings
7/27/10 - 1.75 hours x \$36.00 per hour = \$63.00

Laurie Washburn, 2nd grade teacher - CST meeting
7/14/10 - 2 hours x \$36.00 per hour = \$72.00
7/27/10 - 4 hours x \$36.00 per hour = \$144.00

Barbara Wohlgemuth, 4th grade teacher - CST meeting

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7/14/10 - 2 hours x \$36.00 per hour = \$72.00

- 16.1.8** Approve the rehiring of Michelle Thorry as full-time Pre-school Disabilities aide effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at an annual salary of \$17,390.16.
- 16.1.9** Approve the medical leave of Maggie Horsey, Art teacher at Great Meadows Middle School, effective September 1, 2010, with a return date to be determined. The first 10 days compensation will be a substitute's daily rate of \$80.00. After this point in time, a certified leave replacement teacher will be compensated at Step 1 BS (\$48,685.00) on the negotiated GMRBOE/GMREA salary guide.
- 16.1.10** Approve the assignment of Melissa Benbrook to Central School as a 1st grade teacher.
- 16.1.11** Approve the rehiring of Beverly Brooke Flynn as a 1st grade teacher at Central School effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at Step 3 BS at an annual salary of \$48,935.00.
- 16.1.12** Approve the rehiring of Cheryl Zeliff as a 5th grade teacher effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at Step 2 BS at an annual salary of \$48,685.00.
- 16.1.13** Approve Jeremy Mayer as a family leave replacement for Steve O'Hara, Social Studies teacher at Great Meadows Middle School, effective September 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010 at the substitute rate of \$80.00 per day from September 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 and then effective October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010 will be compensated at Step 1 BS (\$48,685.00) on the negotiated GMRBOE/GMREA salary guide for the months salary of \$4,868.50.
- 16.1.14** Approve the stipend positions for Curriculum responsibilities to Ernest Batha, Jr. and Israel Marmolejos in the amount of \$12,500.00 each for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 16.1.15** Approve the positions of PLC (Professional Learning Community) Teacher Team Leaders. The stipend for each of these positions is \$1,080.00 (\$36.00 per hour x 30 hours).

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- 16.1.16** Approve, with regret, the resignation of Pamela Ruocco, PSD aide, effective immediately.
- 16.1.17** Approve movement on the salary guide for Donna Roth, technology teacher at Central School, from Step 9 BS+15 to Step 9 BS+30 at an annual salary of \$52,140.00 effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.
- 16.1.18** Approve Tjasa Bienus as a .6x Art teacher at Central School effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at Step 7 BS at an annual salary of \$49,940.00 pro-rated to \$29,964.00.
- 16.1.19** Extend the Interlocal Agreement with Allamuchy Township School District for Dr. Timothy Frederiks, Superintendent of Schools, effective October 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at an annual sum of \$85,746.00 pro-rated to \$64,309.50.
- 16.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the following **Finance** items 16.2.1 to 16.2.11.
- Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cassini abstaining from item 16.2.4 and Vonder Haar voting no to item 16.2.2.
- 16.2.1** Approve the purchase of the CC Productions, Inc., Hoboken, NJ, QSP Point-of-Sale and Pay-For-It Online Parent Payment Systems for a cost of \$21,000.00 for the cafeteria with Funds coming from the cafeteria account.
- 16.2.2** Approve the seventh year renewal of the leased 54 passenger bus from First Student, Inc. from September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at an annual rental fee of \$16,412.40.
- 16.2.3** Approve Chester School District Camp Achieve for one student for the period June 28, 2010 through August 12, 2010 at a cost of \$4,200.00.
- 16.2.4** Approve a Special Education Contract for the 2010-2011 school year between Great Meadows Regional School District and Celebrate the Children for one student at a cost of \$64,836.00.

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16.2.5 Approve the State Employee Health Benefit Resolution, as attached, choosing the NJ DIRECT 10 Plan for the employees of Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2010-2011 School Year.

16.2.6 Approve the application for \$2,800.00 NJSBAIG (New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group) Safety Grant Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

16.2.7 MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENDITURE FOR 2010-2011.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, in each pre-budget year, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by state, local and federal funds; and

RESOLVED, That the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2010-11 school year as \$25,000 from Federal Grant Funds (20).

16.2.8 Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allison Peck, P.T., for physical therapy services for the 2010-2011 school year at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00.

16.2.9 Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Karen Rymon, OTR/L, for occupational therapy services for the 2010-2011 school year at an estimated cost of \$35,000.00.

16.2.10 Approve Great Meadows Regional School District going out for a bus bid to be awarded on August 10, 2010 for all of the Liberty and Central kindergarten through grade 5 bus routes for the 2010-2011 school year due to change in final destination.

16.2.11 Approve the following transportation contract and routes between Great Meadows Regional School District and First Student, Inc. for the 2010-2010 School Year for a total cost of \$545,329.51.

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GMR2005

M1	Middle School	\$ 20,144.73
M2	Middle School	\$ 20,144.73
M3	Middle School	\$ 20,144.73
M4	Middle School	\$ 20,144.73
M6	Middle School	\$ 20,144.73
M7	Middle School	\$ 20,144.73
M8	Middle School	\$ 20,144.73
HS1	Hackettstown High School	\$ 36,734.54
HS2	Hackettstown High School	\$ 36,734.54
HS4	Hackettstown High School	\$ 20,144.73
HS5	Hackettstown High School	\$ 20,144.73
HS6	Hackettstown High School	\$ 20,144.73
HS7	Hackettstown High School	\$ 20,144.73
		<u>\$295,061.11</u>

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FS-1(HS3)	Hackettstown High School	<u>\$ 21,880.80</u>
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LC1	Liberty School	\$ 17,596.80
LC2	Liberty School	\$ 17,596.80
LC3	Liberty School	\$ 17,596.80
LC4	Liberty School	\$ 17,596.80
LC5	Liberty School	\$ 17,596.80
CL1	Central School	\$ 17,596.80
CL2	Central School	\$ 17,596.80
CL3	Central School	\$ 17,596.80
CL4	Central School	\$ 17,596.80
CL6	Central School	\$ 17,596.80
CL7	Central School	\$ 17,596.80
CL8	Central School	\$ 17,596.80
CKdg3AM	Central School	\$ 8,613.00
CKdg3PM	Central School	\$ 8,613.00
		<u>\$228,387.60</u>

16.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the following **Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** item 16.3.1.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

16.3.1 Approve Mountain Lake Road and Rt. 46 as hazardous roads that are traveled by our students to and from school, as according to our Policy #8600 - Transportation.

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Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to re-enter regular session at 9:35 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Glenn Sullivan, seconded by Joe Mahal, to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary