

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, September 21, 2009, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Joe Mahal, Vice-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 (arrived 7:31 PM), Peggy Faulborn, Joe Mahal, Joe Mailloux, Matthew Mowatt (arrived 7:31 PM), Ed O'Melia, Jason Schaffer, and Kimberly Schaffer.

Absent: William Vonder Haar.

Dr. Tim Frederiks, Interim Superintendent, Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, Ernest Batha, Liberty School Principal, Danielle Hamblin, Central School Principal, Israel Marmolejos, Middle School Principal, and Janet Martin, Child Study Team Supervisor, were in attendance.

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Joe Mahal, to approve the minutes from August 17, 2009.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Mahal, O'Melia and Mowatt abstaining.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending August 31, 2009, as per copies attached and to certify that as of August 31, 2009, 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 Kim Schaffer, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the bills from August 18, 2009 to September 21, 2009 in the amount of \$1,789,386.72.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Kim Schaffer, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the cafeteria bills from August 17, 2009 to September 21, 2009 in the amount of \$1,678.47.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Tim Frederiks, Superintendent's Update.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, 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 7:50 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 Mahal, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to re-enter regular session at 7:55 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote

13.1 Upon recommendation of The Superintendent, motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Personnel & Curriculum** items 13.1.1 to 13.1.22.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.1.1 Approve a medical leave of absence for Lynnda Herman, Middle School Resource teacher, effective September 1, 2009 through October 30, 2009 unless released from leave by her doctor at an earlier date.

13.1.2 Approve the employment of Lisa Tran as substitute teacher for Lynnda Herman at the rate of \$80.00 per diem effective September 1, 2009 through October 30, 2009.

13.1.3 Approve Cynthia Brighton, Daniel Irons, and Susan Noll as substitute teachers in grades K-8 in Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2009-2010 school year.

13.1.4 Approve Rita Piros as a substitute teacher in grades 4-8 in Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2009-2010 school year.

13.1.5 Approve Suzanne Sutton as a substitute nurse in Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2009-2010 school year.

13.1.6 Approve the attached substitute list for the 2009-2010 school year.

13.1.7 Rescind the offer of employment to Nikki DeSouza as School Social Worker as she has accepted a position in her former district.

13.1.8 Approve a maternity leave for Rachel Crane, 2nd grade teacher at Central School, effective January 4, 2010 through

June 30, 2009 with an expected date of return as September 1, 2010.

13.1.9 Approve the employment of Adrienne Larsen as an Aide for a Great Meadows Regional Pre-School student in the Allamuchy School District in their Pre-School Disabilities class for the 2009-2010 school year at an annual salary of \$10,500.00 at .5x = \$5,250.00 effective September 10, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

13.1.10 Approve Kelly Keiser, Morris County College student, to observe four classes at Central School for a total of two hours to fulfill a course requirement beginning September 22, 2009.

13.1.11 Approve Ellen Grayson as a Social Worker for Great Meadows Regional School District effective October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at Step 15 MA at an annual salary of \$61,835.00 pro-rated to \$55,651.50.

13.1.12 Authorize the district to submit an application for emergency hiring and applicant's attestation that she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 18:6-7.1 et. seq. for the following new employee:

Ellen Grayson

13.1.13 Approve the classification of employees who are working under Related Services or the Child Study Team (i.e. psychologist, speech and language specialist, LDTC, OT, PT, social worker) as DISTRICT employees and not employees related to just a particular school. Please note the following personnel:

Janet Martin - CST Director (shared services)
Stephanie Conway - School Psychologist
Julie Skoldberg - Speech and Language Specialist
Cheryl Panetta - LDTC
Ellen Grayson - Social Worker

13.1.14 Approve the following field trips for the 2009-2010 school year:

GATE - Grade 2 - January 2010, "Math Day" at Blairstown Free Evangelical Church

GATE - Grade 3 - June 2010, "Pick-A-Packet Day," Trinity United Methodist Church, Hackettstown

GATE - Grade 4 - October 27, "Mystery & Mayhem Day," at Trinity United Methodist Church, Hackettstown

GATE - Grade 5 - November, "Strategic Thinking Day," Washington Borough School

GATE - Grade 6 - Trenton, NJ

GATE - Grade 8 - Rock n Roll Hall of Fame Annex - NYC, NY

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Grade 6 - Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant, NJ

Grade 6 - Planetarium @ RVCC, Somerset, NJ
Grade 6 - Theatre Works @ Montclair Memorial Auditorium, Montclair, NJ
Grade 7 - Jockey Hollow - Morristown, NJ
Grade 7 - Philadelphia, PA
Grade 7 - Community Theatre - Morristown, NJ
Grade 7 - Dorney Park, Allentown, PA
Grade 8 - Pax Amicus Theatre - Budd Lake, NJ
Grade 8 - Washington, D.C.
Grade 8 - Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ
Grade 8 - RVCC - Holocaust Seminar - Somerset, NJ

Liberty School

Kindergarten - Crayola Factory, Easton, PA
Grade 1 - Space Farms, Sussex, NJ
Grade 2 - The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Cntr, Chatham, NJ
Grade 3 - Quiet Valley Historical Farm, Stroudsburg, PA
Grade 4 - Ellis Island, Jersey City, NJ
Grade 4 - State House, Trenton, NJ
Grade 4 & 5 - Band and Chorus - Dorney Park, Allentown, PA
Grade 5 - Oakwood Lanes - Washington, NJ
Grade 5 - The Museum of Natural History, NYC, NY
Grade 5 - Community Theatre, Morristown, NJ
Grade 5 - Hunterdon Art Museum (Music/Art trip), Hunterdon, NJ
Grade 5 - Philadelphia Art Museum (Picasso exhibit) (Art trip)

Central School

Kindergarten - Kev Laur Farms - Hampton, NJ
Grade 1 - Melick Orchards - Oldwick, NJ
Grade 2 - The American Museum of Natural History - NYC, NY
Grade 3 - Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY
Grade 4 - Millbrook Village, Delaware Water Gap State Park
Grade 4 & 5 - Band and Chorus - Dorney Park, Allentown, PA
Grade 5 - Oakwood Lanes - Washington, NJ
Grade 5 - Fairview Lake, Newton, NJ
Grade 5 - Hunterdon Art Museum (Music/Art trip), Hunterdon, NJ

13.1.15 Approve stipends to the following personnel:

Joseph D'Agostino - 5th grade teacher at Central School
CST meetings - 2 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$68.00

Susan Buechle - Special Education teacher at Central School -
CST meetings
8/25/09 4.5 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$153.00

Barbara Ciniewicz - Kindergarten teacher at Liberty School - CST
meetings
8/13/09 4 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$136.00

Stephanie Conway - Psychologist
CST - 6/22/09, 6/23/09, 6/24/09, 6/25/09, 6/26/09, 6/29/09,
6/30/09
7 days x \$355.03 per day = \$2,485.21
CST - 7/1/09, 7/2/09, 7/3/09, 7/5/09, 7/6/09, 7/7/09, 7/8/09,
7/9/09, 7/10/09, 7/11/09, 7/13/09, 7/14/09, 7/15/09, 7/16/09,

7/17/09, 7/20/09, 7/21/09, 7/22/09, 7/23/09

18.5 days x \$374.80 per day = \$6,933.80

CST - 7/24/09, 7/27/09, 7/28/09, 8/3/09, 8/4/09, 8/5/09, 8/6/09,
8/10/09, 8/11/09, 8/12/09, 8/13/09, 8/14/09, 8/15/09, 8/17/09,
8/18/09, 8/19/09, 8/20/09

15.5 days x \$374.80 = \$5,809.40

CST - 8/28/09 daily rate of \$374.80

Beth Ann Hendershot - School Nurse at Central School

8/27/09 - Workshop for Free & Reduced Lunch

3 hours x \$32.20 per hour = \$96.60

Megan King - Special Education teacher at Central School

CST meetings - 8/20/09

7 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$238.00

Cheryl Panetta - Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant

CST - 6/25/09, 6/26/09, 6/30/09, 7/1/09, 7/2/09

5 days x \$297.40 per day = \$1,487.00

CST - 7/13/09, 7/14/09, 7/15/09, 7/16/09, 7/20/09, 7/21/09,
7/22/09, 7/23/09

8 days x \$314.43 per day = \$2,515.44

CST - 7/29/09, 8/4/09, 8/5/09, 8/6/09, 8/17/09, 8/20/09, 8/25/09

7 days x \$314.43 per day = \$2,201.01

Casey Ritson - 8th grade Language Arts teacher

CST meetings - 8/10/09, 8/18/09, 8/19/09, 8/20/09, 8/25/09,
8/31/09

18.5 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$629.00

Jeffrey Rosequist - 7th grade Language Arts teacher

CST meetings - 8/10/09, 8/11/09, 8/13/09, 8/18/09, 8/19/09,
8/20/09

21 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$714.00

CST meetings - 8/31/09

4 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$136.00

Cheryl Wilson - School Nurse at Liberty School

8/27/09 - Workshop for Free & Reduced Lunch

3 hours x \$32.76 per hour = \$98.28

Barbara Wohlgemuth - 4th grade teacher at Liberty School

CST meetings - 8/25/09

4.5 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$153.00

13.1.16 Approve the removal of the term "Interim Superintendent" to "Superintendent" and to the extension of the Inter-local Agreement with Allamuchy School District for Superintendent Dr. Timothy Frederiks until June 30, 2010, pending the approval of the Executive County Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Brennan.

13.1.17 Approve payment to Susan Samela for one day at the rate of

\$250.85 per diem for her attendance September 1, 2009 "first day for teachers."

13.1.18 Approve a 12th grade Hackettstown High School student to complete her senior project which is to work with Jeff Rosequist, 7th grade teacher at Great Meadows Middle School, until the end of January 2010 or 100 hours.

13.1.19 Approve a Hackettstown High School student to help Ro Kumma, Great Meadows Middle School, after hours with the Willie Wonka Municipal Alliance performance.

13.1.20 Approve the following for after-school activities at the contractual rate between Great Meadows Regional School District and Great Meadows Regional Education Association:

Judy Arnold - Student Council Advisor
Jim Bechtel & Dean Tshudy - Volleyball (pay-to-play)
Jim Bechtel - Cross Country (pay-to-play)
Joseph D'Agostino - Detention Supervisor
Dana DeKleine - Student Leadership Council
Deb Exley - NJ Math League & 8th Gr. Team Leader
Dana Gruszecki & Karen Ryan - Student Council Advisors
Dana Gruszecki - Yearbook Advisor
Elizabeth Hart - Safety Patrol Advisor
Justine Hemberger & Deanna Frayne - Rebel 2 (paid by grant)
Marilyn Kosiorek - Yearbook Advisor
Kimbra Miller - 6th Gr. Team Leader
Gina Pagliaro - Encore Team Leader
Ian Platt - Futsol (pay-to-play)
Casey Ritson - Student Council
Donna Roth - Detention Supervisor
Jeff Rosequist - 7th Gr. Team Leader
Jessica Silpoch, Jim Bechtel, Dean Tshudy, Gina Pagliaro, and Jeff Rosequist - Detention
Vera Walker - Yearbook Advisor
Barbara Wohlgemuth & Colleen Schubert - Safety Patrol Advisors

13.1.21 Approve the amended (Article III, Section E) Employment Agreement between Great Meadows Regional Education Association and Great Meadows Regional Board of Education for the 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 school years.

13.1.22 Create a .4x Guidance Councilor position for the Great Meadows Regional School District.

13.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation** items 13.2.1 to 13.2.6.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.2.1 Approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Great Meadows Regional School District and the New Jersey State

Police for the 2009-2010 school year.

13.2.2 Approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Great Meadows Regional School District and the Independence Township Police Department for the 2009-2010 school year.

13.2.3 Authorize the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement: Great Meadows Regional School District/Warren County - Independence Township Central Elementary School Project description: Remove and replace existing electrical panels. DOE project #1785-050-09-1003; SDA Project #1785-050-09-0ZNZ; Grant #G5-3608. Total Project cost: \$58,550.00. Grant Amount \$23,420.00.

13.2.4 Authorize delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project: Independence Township Central Elementary School Project description: Remove and replace existing electrical panels. DOE project #1785-050-09-1003; SDA Project #1785-050-09-0ZNZ; Grant #G5-3608. Total Project cost: \$58,550.00. Grant Amount: \$23,420.00.

13.2.5 Authorize the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement: Great Meadows Regional School District/Warren County - Liberty Township Elementary School Project description: Remove and replace existing asbestos ceilings. DOE project#1785-060-09-1002; SDA Project #1785-060-09-0ZOA; Grant #G5-3609. Total Project cost: \$140,350.00. Grant Amount: \$56,140.00.

13.2.6 Authorize delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project: Liberty Township Elementary School Project description: Remove and replace existing asbestos ceilings. DOE project#1785-060-09-1002; SDA Project #1785-060-09-0ZOA; Grant #G5-3609. Total Project cost: \$140,350.00. Grant Amount: \$56,140.00.

13.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the following **Finance** items 13.3.1 to 13.1.19.

Motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to add a workshop to item 13.3.17 for Russ Warne, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor.

Motion carried in a roll call vote to approve items 13.3.1 to 13.1.19 and add a workshop to item 13.3.17 and also Cassini abstaining from items 13.3.5 and 13.3.8, and Mowatt abstaining from item 13.3.2.

13.3.1 Approve the donation of school supplies valued at approximately \$40.00 received from the Vienna United Methodist Church Women's Group.

13.3.2 Approve aid-in-lieu of transportation in the amount of \$884.00 per student to parents/guardians of district students attending the following schools during the 2009-2010 school year:

Blair Academy - 2 students
Deer Path Montessori - 1 student
Friendship Center - 1 student
Good Shepherd Christian Academy - 6 students
Pope John XXIII HS - 22 students
Ridge & Valley Charter School - 7 students
St. Joseph Regional School - 1 student
St. Michael School - 2 students
Tranquility Adventist School - 1 student

13.3.3 Approve the transportation of 3 district students to Northwest Christian School in Newton, NJ contracted with Sussex County Co-Op.

13.3.4 Approve the transportation of the 46 district students on our High School buses to St. Mary's School, Hackettstown, NJ.

13.3.5 Approve a Special Education Contract between Celebrate the Children (SCALS), Wharton, NJ and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for the 2009-2010 School Year at a cost of \$58,944.00.

13.3.6 Approve a Special Education Contract between The Craig School and Great Meadows Regional School District for one student for the 2009-2010 School Year at a cost of \$ 32,578.00.

13.3.7 Approve a Physical Therapy Contract between Allison M. Peck and Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$80.00 per hour with an estimated cost of \$45,000.00.

13.3.8 Approve two Special Education Contracts between Great Meadows Regional School District and PG Chambers School for two students for the Multiple Disabilities Program for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost of \$55,179.00 per student, total cost \$110,358.00.

13.3.9 Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Sunny Days Daycare for the period September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for the use of one classroom in the Middle School for a rent of \$500.00 monthly with a total rental cost of \$5,000.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

13.3.10 Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Hope Township Board of Education for three students for the 2009-2010 school year for the Pre-school Disabilities

program from September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for a cost of \$13,000.00 per student and an estimated Speech/OT/PT cost of \$12,000.00 for a total cost of \$51,000.00.

13.3.11 Approve two Special Education Contracts between Great Meadows Regional School District and Chester School District for one student for the 2009-2010 School Year at a cost of \$4,200.00 per month, total cost \$42,000.00.

13.3.12 Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Hunterdon Learning Center for one student for the 2009-2010 school year for the period September 11, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for a tuition cost of \$38,619.00.

13.3.13 Approve a Speech Language Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Linda Maffei for the 2009-2010 school year at a per diem rate of \$450.00 for four days per week, 7-hour workday, starting September 8, 2009 with an Estimated Cost of \$63,000.00.

13.3.14 Approve the payment of \$175.00 (League Dues), \$110.00 (Team Race) and \$110.00 (Grade level Race) from the After School Program Account for the Middle School Cross Country Team participation in the 2009-2010 Great Morris County Junior School Coaches Association, Inc.

13.3.15 Approve an Itinerant Agreement between Great Meadows Regional School District and Mountain Lakes Board of Education for one student for required services for the 2009-2010 school year for thirty-six hours in the amount of \$4,248.00.

13.3.16 Approve Mansfield Township Board of Education to be the Lead LEA for the Title III Consortium for the 2009-2010 Federal Fiscal Year. Great Meadows Regional School District's fund amount is \$1,297.00.

13.3.17 Approve the following conferences/workshops:

\$ Denotes the need for a substitute Teacher at a cost of \$80/per diem

Ernest Batha	Leadership Wksp – Monroe, NJ	\$ 0.00	10/13/09
\$ Maggie Horsey	AENJ Conference	\$188.40	10/5,6,7/09
Mary Redus	Writing Wksp – Dingmans Ferry,PA	\$ 9.00	10/24,25/09
\$ Suzanne Lauricella	AENJ Fall Conference	\$121.04	10/6,7/09
\$ Jan Romanczyk	Aspen Fall Conference	\$212.00	10/23/09
Dana DeKleine	Ethics/Law Workshop	\$ 89.00	10/15/09
\$Cheryl Wilson	School Health Conference	\$210.00	10/28/09
Russ Warne	Asbestos Operations/Mgmt. Refresher	\$135.00	10/8/09

13.3.18 Approve the following budget transfers for August 2009:

From: 11-000-219-104-00-000 CST Salary
To: 00-219-320-000-001 Purchased Service - Supervisor

\$26,000.00 - Contracted CST Supervisor

From: 11-000-100-563-000-000 Tuition Vo-tech

To: 11-000-100-567-000-000 Tuition Out of NJ

\$782.17 - Mentor Student June Tuition

From: 11-000-230-890-000-000 Adm Misc Exp

To: 11-000-251-890-000-000 Miscellaneous

\$923.85 - Bank Analysis Fee - August 2009

13.3.19 Accept the New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP) grant award from Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

13.4 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Policy** items 13.4.1 and 13.4.2.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

13.4.1 Approve the 1st reading of the following policies:

Policy #2131.1 Employment of Chief School Administrator

Policy #4200 Dress and Grooming

Policy #4300 Teaching Staff Members/School District Reporting Responsibilities

13.4.2 Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Struass Esmay for professional services for policy advertisement at a cost of \$7,500.00.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary