

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, September 22, 2008, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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, Matthew Mowatt (arrived 7:40 PM), Bernie O'Hara, Jason Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: Joe Mahal.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, was also in attendance.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the minutes from August 25, 2008.

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

Motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to approve the executive session minutes from August 25, 2008.

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

Motion by Bernie O'Hara, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending August 31, 2008, as per copies attached and to certify that as of August 31, 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 unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Bernie O'Hara, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to pay the bills from August 26, 2008 through September 22, 2008 in the amount of \$1,225,117.18.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Bernie O'Hara, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to pay the cafeteria bills from August 26, 2008 through September 22, 2008 in the amount of \$2,153.88.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, gave a Curriculum Update.

Tim Nicinski, Curriculum & Special Ed, gave the Curriculum Update.

Public Comment: None

13.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the following **Personnel & Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** items 13.1.1 to 13.1.15.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to amend item 13.1.1 to read September 11, 2008 through March 6, 2009 and to delete Stephanie Conway in item 13.1.7.

Motion carried in a roll call vote to approve items 13.1.1 to 13.1.15 and include amended changes.

13.1.1 Approve Debra Napolitano, as maternity leave substitute teacher for Anne Amundsen at Great Meadows Middle School, effective September 11, 2008 through February 27, 2009, at Step 1 BS+15 at the annual salary of \$46,080, pro-rated to \$26,035.20.

13.1.2 Approve Anne Amundsen to begin her maternity leave earlier than already approved by Board of Education with an effective date of September 11, 2008 and a return date of March 2, 2009.

13.1.3 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Susan Samela, speech correctionist at Central School, effective November 9, 2008.

13.1.4 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Debra Capalbo, instructional aide at Liberty School, effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

13.1.5 Approve, with regret, the resignation of Cindy Case, instructional aide at Great Meadows Middle School, for the 2008-2009 school year.

13.1.6 Approve Gina Pagliaro as the team leader of Encore for the 2008-2009 school year at a stipend of \$1,000.00.

13.1.7 Approve the following professional staff members as detention monitors for the 2008-2009 school year at an hourly rate of \$34.00:

Jim Bechtel, Ro Kumma, Joan Magliaro, Gina Pagliaro, Jeff Rosequist, Jessica (Toussaint) Silpoch, Dean Tshudy.

13.1.8 Approve Darcie Strohmaier, Eric Obernauer, and Abigail Davis as substitute teachers for Great Meadows Regional School District schools for the 2008-2009 school year.

13.1.9 Approve Melissa Rothe, Warren County Community College

student, to observe two classes at Central School for a total of ten hours to fulfill a course requirement beginning in October 2008.

13.1.10 Approve the following mentors and payments for the 2008-2009 school year to be paid through payroll deduction with no cost to the Board of Education:

Joseph D'Agostino - Mentored by Carol Gibson - \$550.00
Claire Washburn - Mentored by Phyllis Pezzato - \$550.00
Carol Woodcock - Mentored by Linda O'Connor - \$1,000.00

13.1.11 Approve Cheryl Wilson, New Jersey City University student, to fulfill her practicum assignment with the following nurses:

Maureen Leavy - Central School Nurse
September 8, 2008 through October 19, 2009

Chris Kohl - Great Meadows Middle School Nurse
October 20, 2008 through December 15, 2009

13.1.12 Approve the following stipends:

Sheila Castanien - 6th grade teacher
8/21/08 - Tutoring Services - 5.5 hours
8/26/08 - Tutoring Services - 5 hours
8/27/08 - Tutoring Services - 5.5 hours
Total Hours = 16 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$544.00

Stephanie Conway - School Psychologist
3 days during July/August - CST work
\$355.03 per day x 3 days = \$1,065.09

Dana DeKleine - Great Meadows Middle School guidance counselor -
8/7/08 and 8/22/08 - Curriculum Writing
6 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$408.00

Marcia Goralczyk - Technology teacher - Central School
8/22/08 - technology work
7 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$238.00

Eric Shuler - 7th grade teacher
CST summer meetings - 2 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$68.00

13.1.13 Approve Allison Malysso and Steven Tuttle, East Stroudsburg University students, to complete their student teaching with the following:

Steven Tuttle with Jim Bechtel, Middle School teacher, September 3, 2008 through October 17, 2008.

Allison Malysso with Lisa Baatz, Liberty School teacher, October 20, 2008 through December 4, 2008.

13.1.14 Approve the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) for the 2008-2009 school year between Great Meadows Regional School District and the New Jersey State Police (Washington Barracks-which covers Liberty Township).

13.1.15 Approve the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) for the 2008-2009 school year between Great Meadows Regional School District and the Independence Township Police.

13.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following **Policy and Curriculum** items 13.2.1 to 13.2.3.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.2.1 Approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies:

Policy #5410 - Promotion, Placement and Retention
Policy #8603 - Transportation Safety

13.2.2 Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2008-2009 school year.

13.2.3 Approve the hours for the following contracted stipend positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

Student Council Advisors (3) - 25 hours
Math League Advisor - 25 hours
Team Leaders - 30 hours
Team Leader - CST - 30 hours
Student Leadership Corps - 25 hours
Detention Supervisor - hours as needed
Yearbook Advisor (3)- 20 hours
Building Safety Patrol Coordinators (2)- 15 hours

13.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Bernie O'Hara, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following **Finance and Technology** items 13.3.1 to 13.3.13.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.3.1 Approve a Parental Transportation Contract for one student effective September 2, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at the rate of \$56.19 per diem x 180 days for a total cost of \$10,114.20.

13.3.2 Approve a Special Education Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Warren County Special Services School District for four Middle/Elementary School students for the 2008-2009 school year at a total cost of \$154,800.00, which will be deducted from the state aid payment.

- 13.3.3** Approve a Special Education Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Warren County Special Services School District for one High School student for the 2008-2009 school year at a total cost of \$38,700.00, which will be deducted from the state aid payment.
- 13.3.4** Approve an Itinerant Agreement between Great Meadows Regional School District and Mountain Lakes Board of Education for one student for required services for 36 hours during the 2008-2009 School year in the amount of \$4,248.00.
- 13.3.5** Approve a Special Education Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allamuchy Board of Education for one student effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$26,168.00.
- 13.3.6** Approve a transportation joiner between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allamuchy Board of Education for one student to ECLC of New Jersey, effective September 9, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$19,500.00.
- 13.3.7** Approve a contract for the 2008-2009 school year with Linda Maffei, MS, CCC/SLP at the rate of \$450.00 per diem x 3 days per week = \$1,350.00 per week effective October 15, 2008 for a total cost of \$49,950.00.
- 13.3.8** Approve a contract for the 2008-2009 school year for OT, PT and speech between Great Meadows Regional School District and J&B Therapy, LLC of Augusta, NJ for \$85.00 per hour for an estimated cost of \$45,000.00.
- 13.3.9** Approve a contract effective September 26, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year for OT with Karen Ryman at \$60.00 per hour.
- 13.3.10** Approve the following workshops/conferences:
- Carol Gibson, Elizabeth Szamreta, Phyllis Pezzato
Mentor Teacher Training - Hunterdon County
10/6/08 - \$375.00
- Julie Mumaw - QSAC- Mt. Olive, NJ
10/20/08 - \$109.00
- Marilyn Kosiorek - Yearbook Advisor Workshop, Rockaway
10/1/08, 10/21/08 - \$14.00
- Marilyn Kosiorek - NJ Assoc of Ed Tech, Lakewood
10/14/08 - \$52.00
- Kristine Doty - Differentiated Intervention Strategies
10/14/08 - \$216.00

Dean Tshudy - Build It! - Hoboken, NJ
11/18/08, 3/25/09, 4/1/09 - \$325.00

Danielle Hamblin - Fierce Conversations - Monroe
10/21/08, 12/4/08 - \$475.00

Maggie Horsey - Art Education of NJ - Somerset
10/7-10/8/08 - \$24.00
Suzanne Lauricella - Art Education of NJ - Somerset
10/8/08 - \$152.00

Jan Romanczyk - Teaching Literature by Design - Saddle Brook
10/6/08 - \$38.00

Linda Wilkins - Classroom Management - Edison
9/26/08 - \$132.00

William Nutt - WC Consortium - Phillipsburg
9/26/08 - \$11.00

Tiffany Lutz - Transforming the Difficult Child - Allentown, PA -
9/23/08 - \$113.00

13.3.11 Approve the payment of \$175.00 for League Dues and \$110.00 for Team Race to Great Morris County Junior School Coaches Association, Inc. for participation in the Middle School Cross Country Championships. Payments are from the After School Programs Account and no cost to the board.

13.3.12 Motion to apply for the 2008-2009 IDEIA BASIC Consolidated Grant award in the amount \$ 285,346.00.

13.3.13 Motion to apply for the 2008-2009 NCLB Consolidated Grant awards in the amounts listed below:

Title I	\$50,523
Title IIA	27,421
Title IID	409
Title IV	<u>2,074</u>
	\$80,427

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary