

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, October 27, 2008, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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: Jennifer Cassini, Peggy Faulborn, Joe Mahal, Matthew Mowatt, Jason Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: Richard Alexander and Bernie O'Hara.

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

There were 15 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Richard Wall, to approve the minutes from September 8, 2008 and September 22, 2008.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Mahal abstaining from September 22, 2008 minutes.

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the executive session minutes from September 8, 2008.

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

Motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Richard Wall, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending September 30, 2008, as per copies attached and to certify that as of September 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 unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to pay the bills from September 23, 2008 through October 27, 2008 in the amount of \$1,739,356.42.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Vonder Haar voting no.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to pay the cafeteria bills from September 23, 2008 through October 27, 2008 in the amount of \$33,731.99.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Jason Bing, Superintendents update.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, gave Curriculum Update.

Public Comment: None

14.1 Tabled.

14.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Matt Mowatt, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Personnel & Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** items 14.2.1 to 14.2.11.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

14.2.1 Approve Lauren Settembrino as an instructional aide in Great Meadows Middle School effective October 28, 2008, at an annual salary of \$10,500 pro-rated to \$8,237.42.

14.2.2 Approve Vedanira Fernandez and Karen Felix as substitute teachers in Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

14.2.3 Authorize the district to submit applications for emergency hiring and applicant's attestation that he/she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 18:A6-7.1 et. seq. for the following new employees:

Karen Felix, Vedanira Fernandez, Lauren Settembrino

14.2.4 Approve a maternity leave for Dana DeKleine, guidance counselor at Great Meadows Middle School, effective December 23, 2008 with a return date of March 30, 2009.

14.2.5 Approve Linsey Hrebenak, Warren County Community College student, to fulfill five hours of observation in an art class with Angie Borgstrom November 7, 2008 at Central School's.

14.2.6 Approve Catherine Stuber, Centenary College student, to fulfill ten required hours of observation to be done at Liberty School during the fall semester.

14.2.7 Approve the following college students to fulfill their practicum requirements:

Travis Whitehead - William Paterson University

Cooperating teachers: Jodi Schantzenbach - January 21, 2009 - Special Education and Lois Davis - March 16, 2009 to May 7, 2009 - Grade 3 Regular Education.

Colleen Sweeney - Centenary College

Cooperating teacher: John Skodocek - January 20, 2009 to May 16, 2009 - Grade 5 Regular Education.

Megan King - Centenary College

Cooperating teachers: Susan Buechle - Special Education and
Judy Williams - Grade 1 Regular Education
January 20, 2009 through May 16, 2009.

Matthew Nagel - Centenary College

Cooperating Teacher: Anita Holochwost - January 20, 2009
through May 16, 2009 - Grade 6 Regular Education.

14.2.8 Approve stipends to the following teaching personnel:

Marcia Goralczyk - technology teacher

10/8/08 - (2) after-school PowerPoint workshops and
prep time - 3 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$102.00

10/14/08 - on-course prep time (in-service day workshop)

1 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$34.00

Linda McClune - Central School & Liberty School guidance
counselor - Writing of Guidance Curriculum -

Total of 10 hours x \$34.00 per hour = \$340.00

Jeff Rosequist - 7th grade teacher

10/02/08 - bus chaperone/driver's assistant (Judy Kenny sick) -
2 hours x \$34 per hour = \$68.00

14.2.9 Motion to announce that Great Meadows Regional School District's Mentoring Plan for 2008-2011 has been approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, Warren County Office.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to correct the Bus/Custodian substitute line for Glenn Kuhnsman to read Custodian only.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

14.2.10 Approve Great Meadows Regional Substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year as attached:

14.2.11 Approve the usage of the Middle School gymnasium to St. Luke's CYO, Long Valley, NJ at the rate of \$50.00 per hour for the following Sundays: 11/23/08, 12/7/08, 12/14/08, 12/21/08, 1/11/09, 1/25/09, 2/1/09, 2/8/09, and 2/22/09 from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM = 45 hours x \$50.00 per hour = \$2,250.00.

14.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Policy and Curriculum** items 14.3.1 to 14.3.2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

14.3.1 Approve the following field trips for Central School, Liberty School, and the Great Meadows Middle School for the

2008-2009 school year:

Central School:

Kev Laur Farms (Hampton) - grade 1
Hensler's Pumpkin Farm (Belvidere) - grade 2
American Museum of Natural History - (NYC) - grade 2
Bronx Zoo - (Bronx) - grade 3
Trinity United Methodist Church - (Hackettstown) - grades 3 & 4
GATE
Millbrook Village - (Delaware Water Gap) - grade 4
Liberty Science Center (Jersey City) - grade 5
Memorial School (Washington Boro) - grade 5 GATE

Liberty School:

Crayola Factory & Landing Canal Museum - (Easton) - Kindergarten
Space Farms (Beemerville) - grade 1
Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center - (Chatham) -
grade 2
Living Historical Farm - (Stroudsburg, PA) - grade 3
Trinity Methodist Church (Hackettstown) - grades 3 & 4 GATE
Ellis Island & Statute of Liberty - (Jersey City) - grade 4
State House & Old Barracks - (Trenton) - grade 4
Memorial School - (Washington Boro) - grade 5 GATE
American Museum of Natural History - (NYC, NY) - grade 5

Great Meadows Middle School:

Raritan Valley Comm. College Planetarium (North Branch) - grade
6
Medieval Times (Lyndhurst) - grade 6
Hackettstown HS - All Star Band Festival - grade 6
HHS - (Hackettstown) - grade 6 Instrumental Music
All Star Band Festival)
NJMEA Choral Festival - (Rutgers) - grades 6, 7, & 8 Chorus
(N.J.M.E.A. Choral Festival)
Memorial MS & Randolph HS - (Fair Lawn & Randolph) - grade 7 & 8
Select Music students
(J.H.S. Region I Chorus/Band Rehearsals)
Paramus HS - (Paramus, NJ) - grades 7/8 Chorus/Band
(J.H.S. Region I Chorus & Band Auditions)
Hershey Park - (Hershey, PA) - grades 7 & 8 band
Hershey Park - (Hershey, PA) - grades 7 & 8 concert band
Jockey Hollow (Morristown) - grade 7
Philadelphia, PA - grade 7
Community Center (Morristown) - grade 7 (Spanish)
Pax Amicus Castle Theatre - (Budd Lake) - grade 8
Stevens Institute of Technology - (Hoboken) - grade 8
Washington, DC - grade 8

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

Policy #1100

Communicating With The Public

Policy #3220/3230	State Funds; Federal Funds
Policy #3326	Payment for Goods and Services
Policy #3327	Relations with Vendors
Policy #3541.32	District Owned Vehicles
Policy #4112.8/4212.8	Nepotism
By Law #9250	Expenses and Reimbursements

- 14.4** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Richard Wall, to approve the following **Finance and Technology** items 14.4.1 to 14.4.13.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 14.4.1** Motion to announce that the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan for Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2008-2009 school year has been approved.

- 14.4.2** Approve Jason Gratt, Esq., of Bevan, Mosca, Giuditta, & Zarillo, PC as special counsel for the dissolutionment at the same rates of the board attorney, Courter, Kobert, & Cohen, PC. This approval will be effective until December 31, 2008, with an estimated cost of less than \$17,500.00.

- 14.4.3** 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 2008-2009 school year:

Blair Academy, Blairstown, NJ - (1)
The Craig Lower School, Mountain Lakes, NJ - (1)
Friendship Center, Hackettstown, NJ - (1)
Good Shepherd Christian Academy, Washington, NJ - (7)
Parsippany Christian School, Parsippany, NJ - (1)
Pope John XXIII HS, Sparta, NJ (26)
Rev. George A. Brown Memorial School, Sparta, NJ - (2)
Ridge & Valley Charter School, Blairstown, NJ - (10)
St. Joseph Regional School, Newton, NJ - (1)
St. Michael School, Netcong, NJ - (1)
Tranquility Adventist School, Andover, NJ - (7)
Veritas Christian Academy, Sparta, NJ - (1)

- 14.4.4** Approve the transportation of 21 district students to be transported to St. Mary's School, Hackettstown, NJ on our Hackettstown High School buses.

- 14.4.5** Approve the transportation of two district students to be transported to Northwest Christian School in Newton, NJ by contracting with Sussex County Co-Op at a total cost of \$1,768.00.

- 14.4.6** Approve the 2008-2009 transportation bus routes and bus stops for the students of Great Meadows Regional School

District.

14.4.7 Approve the following personnel to attend workshops and/or conferences for the dates and costs listed below:

\$ - Denotes the need for a Substitute Teacher at \$80.00 per Diem

PERSONNEL	WORKSHOP	APPROX. COST	DATES
\$ Stephen Thorpe	Build It! – Hoboken, NJ	\$38.00 each (\$114.00)	11/18/08, 4/1/09, 6/3/09
Dana DeKleine	Section 504 in NJ – Parsippany	\$208.00	11/12/08
\$ Israel Marmalejos	Section 504 in NJ – Parsippany	\$208.00	11/12/08
\$ Israel Marmalejos	Blueprint for Safe Schools	\$208.00	10/28/08-10/29/08
\$ Martha Teixeira	2 Part Technology Workshop	\$276.00	10/23/08, 1/21/09
\$ Martha Teixeira	2 Part Special Needs Workshop	\$23.00	12/4/08, 2/6/09
\$ Claudia Revak	NJSMA –Regional Chorus	\$200.00	3/12/09-3/24/09
\$ Claudia Revak	Music! Just Imagine	\$186.00	2/20/09-2/21/09
Ernest Batha, Jr.	Multiple Intelligences	\$185.00	11/21/08
\$ Kim Miller	Numbers/Probability - Rutgers	\$200.00	1/12/09
\$ Kim Miller	Geometry & Algebra - Rutgers	\$200.00	1/27/09
\$ Kim Miller	Discrete Math & Statistics- Rutgers	\$200.00	1/29/09
Tim Nicinski	Multiple Intelligences	\$165.00	11/21/08
Linda McClune	Responsive Classroom – Mahwah	\$217.00	11/18/08
Linda McClune	One Size Does not Fit All	\$ 31.00	12/8/08
Danielle Hamblin	One Size Does not Fit All	\$37.00	12/8/08
\$ Ellen Gulini	I & RS Technical Assistance	\$52.00	11/17-18/2008
\$ Jennifer Koster	I & RS Technical Assistance	\$52.00	11/17-18/2008
Danielle Hamblin	Intervention Model – Parsippany	\$ 252.00	1/28/09
Linda McClune	Intervention Model- Parsippany	\$257.00	1/28/08
\$ Anne Latimer	Sex Ed Conference - Somerset	\$139.00	11/13/08
\$ Dana Gruszecki	Dev Disorders – Saddle Brook	\$199.00	11/4/08
\$ Suzanne Schmidt	Dev Disorders – Saddle Brook	\$215.00	11/4/08
Nancy Cole	Observe Responsive K Class	\$ 3.10	11/4/08
Helene Palestri	Tri County Reading Assoc.	\$ 4.03	1/29/09
Linda McClune	Warren Cty. School Counselor Mtg.	\$ 00.00	12/6/08, 12/12/08, 5/9/09

14.4.8 Motion to apply for the 2008-2009 IDEIA BASIC Consolidated Grant award as follows:

BASIC	\$285,346.00
<u>PRESCHOOL</u>	<u>\$ 6,033.00</u>
TOTAL	\$291,379.00

14.4.9 Accept the donation of four Dell Laptop computers valued at \$1,000.00 from the Zeliff Family to be used in a fourth grade classroom (room 202).

14.4.10 Approve the Plan Document Agreement for 403B Plans for Public Schools as mandated by the Internal Revenue Service effective date January 1, 2009.

14.4.11 Approve a Special Education Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Hunterdon Learning Center for the 2008-2009 School Year for one student at a cost of \$206.75 per day x 180 days = \$37,215.00.

14.4.12 Approve the following budget transfers:

From: 11-000-100-562-000-000 - Tuition Special Education To: 11-000-100-565-000-000 Tuition Warren County Special Services School District
\$84,916.00 - Three new Elementary Students to Warren County Special Services School District for 2008-2009.

From: 11-000-100-566-000-000 - Tuition Private School To: 11-000-100-565-000-000 - Tuition Warren County Special Services School District
\$38,800.00 - One new High School Student to Warren County Special Services School District for 2008-2009

14.4.13 Approve James Plosia, Jr. Esq. of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro, and Murphy, PC as the Board of Education negotiations attorney. Mr. Plosia's fee not to exceed \$17,500:

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving an update on the teachers grievance concerning the medical deductible made from the 2006-2009 teachers contract, 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 8:30 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 Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to re-enter regular session at 8:40 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to adjourn at 8:41 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary