

The workshop meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 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, Joe Mahal, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall.

Absent: Matthew Mowatt, Bernie O'Hara and Jason Schaffer.

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

Brian Rizor, LDP Consulting Group, was also in attendance.

There were 0 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Richard Alexander, to approve the minutes from November 24, 2008.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Richard Alexander, to pay the bills from November 21, 2008 through December 8, 2008 in the amount of \$382,339.77.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Richard Alexander, to pay the cafeteria bills from November 21, 2008 through December 8, 2008 in the amount of \$11,038.39.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Richard Alexander, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending November 30, 2008, as per copies attached and to certify that as of November 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.

Committee reports were discussed.

Tim Nicinski, Director of Curriculum, gave Curriculum Update.

Public Comment: None.

- 9.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Finance and Technology** items 9.1.1 and 9.1.2.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cassini abstaining from item 9.1.2.

- 9.1.1 Accept the donation of a stereo system from Jennifer Koster, Special Education teacher at Central School, to Great Meadows Regional School District at an approximate value of \$500.00.

- 9.1.2 Approve a special education tuition contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Celebrate the Children, Wharton, NJ, for one student for the period of December 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a cost of \$34,675.20.

- 9.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Personnel, Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** items 9.2.1 through 9.2.3.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 9.2.1 Approve the following stipends:

Deborah Napolitano - 6th grade teacher
11/18/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00
11/20/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00

Jessica Silpoch - 7th grade teacher
11/18/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00
11/20/08 - Homework Club
.5 hour x \$34.00 per hour = \$17.00

- 9.2.2 Approve the Great Meadows Regional School District Indoor Air Quality Program.

- 9.2.3 Approve the employment of Deborah Burne as Guidance Counselor at Great Meadows Middle School at a daily rate of \$225.40 effective December 10, 2008. She is a maternity leave replacement for Dana DeKleine.

- 9.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Richard Alexander, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to approve the following **Policy** item 9.3.1.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

9.3.1 Approve the 1st reading of the following policy and regulation:

Policy #8900 - Animals on School Property

Regulation #8900 - Animals on School Property

Motion by Richard Wall, seconded by Richard Alexander, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving litigation with Liberty Township for a K-5 school and teachers negotiations discussion which included Brian Rizor who gave an overview of medical benefits for Great Meadows Regional Employees, 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 8:17 PM to discuss the above mentioned matter, to the exclusion of all others. No action will be taken.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Richard Wall recused himself at 8:30 PM before negotiations discussion and left the meeting.

Motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Richard Alexander, to re-enter regular session at 8:45 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Peggy Faulborn, to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary