

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, March 26, 2012, at the Central Elementary School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Ed O'Melia, President. A statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

New Board Member Fred Miller was sworn in as replacement for Kimberly Schaffer.

Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jennifer Cassini (arrived 7:15 PM), Jamie Cicerelle, Joe Mailloux, Fred Miller, Ed O'Melia, Glenn Sullivan, Mike Trotter, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Jason Schaffer.

Catherine Mozak, Interim Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, were in attendance.

There were 30 members of the public in attendance.

Great Meadows Middle School students presented their Bully posters.

7th grade student recognized for participation in the Regional Spelling Bee.

Teacher of the year recognition awards were presented to Deb Exley, 8th grade Middle School, Jen Koster, Special Education grades K-2, and Maria Levenstein, Liberty School Art teacher.

Regular meeting began 7:30 PM after a brief break.

Catherine Mozak, Interim Superintendent, presented the 2012-2013 Great Meadows Regional School District Budget.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the minutes from February 28, 2012.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Miller abstaining.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Mike Trotter, to approve the executive session minutes from February 28, 2012.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Miller abstaining.

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Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the months ending February 29, 2012, as per copies attached, and to certify that as of February 29, 2012, 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 voice vote with Miller abstaining.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the bills from January 13, 2012 to February 28, 2012 in the amount of \$1,928,843.08.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Miller abstaining.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the bills from February 29, 2012 to March 26, 2012 in the amount of \$1,929,901.84.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Miller abstaining.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the cafeteria bills from January 13, 2012 to February 28, 2012 in the amount of \$27,085.11.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Miller abstaining.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the cafeteria bills from February 29, 2012 to March 26, 2012 in the amount of \$26,012.55.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Miller abstaining

Catherine Mozak, Interim Superintendent's Update.

Public Comment:

Susan Cullen asked if the forensic audit was complete and if refund will be given back to the taxpayer. She was told audit results are not completed.

Susan Cullen asked if the capital projects are in the budget. She was told yes.

Susan Cullen asked about changing health plans to offer no prescription to those who do not use it.

Susan Cullen asked about the NJSBA Grant and RTTT3 grant.

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18.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jenn Cassini, seconded by Mike Trotter, to approve the following **Personnel/Curriculum** items 18.1.1 to 18.1.6.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Miller abstaining.

18.1.1 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Devin Labor, Liberty School custodian, effective March 16, 2012.

18.1.2 Approve Judy Levermore as Personal Aide for student per IEP effective April 16, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at an annual salary of \$14,707.00 pro-rated to \$3,575.00

18.1.3 Employ Franklin Bush as custodian effective April 16, 2012 to June 30, 2012, (after physical clearance and fingerprint approval) with an annual salary of \$29,100.00 pro-rated to \$6,183.75.

18.1.4 Approve Lindsay Kunz, Centenary College student, to fulfill her student teaching requirement with Phyllis Pezzato, 3rd grade teacher at Liberty School, effective August 29, 2012 through December 17, 2012.

18.1.5 Approve Elizabeth Guella, Centenary College student, to fulfill her student teaching requirement with John Skodocek, Great Meadows Middle School teacher, effective August 29, 2012 through December 17, 2012.

18.1.6 Approve the following certified personnel to attend the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip May 31, 2012 and June 1, 2012 with an overnight stipend of \$160.00:

Deb Exley, 8th grade Math teacher
Casey Ritson, 8th grade Language Arts teacher
Martha Teixeira, World Language teacher
Stephanie Conway, School Psychologist
Sharon Wojcicki, Instructional Aide
Linda O'Connor, Media Specialist
Jeff Rosequist, 8th grade Social Studies teacher
John Skodocek, 7th grade Language Arts teacher
Steve Thorpe, 8th grade Science teacher
Thom Schepis, Music teacher
Cheryl Wilson, School Nurse
Israel Marmolejos, Middle School Principal

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18.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the following **Finance** items 18.2.1 to 18.2.12

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Miller abstaining and Vonder Haar voting no to item 18.2.1.

18.2.1 BE IT RESOLVED to approve the fiscal year 2012-2013 Great Meadows Regional School District budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$18,442,871	\$12,362,011
Special Revenue Fund	307,136	
Debt Service Fund	724,950	\$ 537,321
	<u>\$19,474,957</u>	<u>\$12,899,332</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following capital outlay projects as outlined in the 2012-2013 budget be undertaken for the health and safety of the students.

Middle School - New Roof - \$253,200.00
 Liberty School - Parking Lot Paving - \$120,100.00
 Total estimated cost of all capital outlay projects is \$373,300.00

18.2.2 Adopt the "Resolution for Participation in Coordinated Transportation for the 2012-2013 School Year" with the Warren County Special Services School District for routes as needed plus an administration fee of 4%.

18.2.3 Approve the submission of a grant application for the 2012 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group for the purpose described in the application in the amount of \$4,300.00 for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

18.2.4 Approve Russ Warne, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, to attend a workshop "Maintaining Water Quality in the Distribution System" on May 9, 2012 and May 10, 2012 at a cost of \$157.50.

18.2.5 Void the following checks from the funds as listed per the auditor:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Check#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund/Acct</u>
2009-2010	24550	\$4,140.00	General Fund
2009-2010	24773	\$ 192.00	General Fund

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2009-2010	25008	\$ 100.00	General Fund
2009-2010	25454	\$ 500.00	General Fund
2009-2010	25509	\$ 2.80	General Fund
2009-2010	25570	\$ 135.00	General Fund
		<u>\$5,069.80</u>	

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Check#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund/Acct</u>
2010-2011	26133	\$ 26.70	General Fund
2010-2011	26332	\$ 22.00	Grant Funds
2010-2011	26520	\$ 150.00	Grant Funds
2010-2011	26561	\$ 20.00	Grant Funds
2010-2011	26587	\$ 199.00	Grant Funds
2010-2011	26613	\$ 20.00	Grant Funds
		<u>\$ 411.00</u>	

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Check#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund/Acct</u>
2005-2006	1189	\$ 81.29	Salary Account
2005-2006	1194	\$ 291.68	Salary Account
2006-2007	28161	\$ 86.01	Salary Account
2006-2007	28772	\$ 57.68	Salary Account
2007-2008	30114	\$ 130.01	Salary Account
2007-2008	30579	\$ 73.54	Salary Account
2009-2010	31786	\$ 72.27	Salary Account
		<u>\$ 792.48</u>	

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Check#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund/Acct</u>
2010-2011	2271	\$1,277.21	Cafeteria Account

18.2.6 Approve the following Board of Education meeting schedule for April, 2012 through December, 2012:

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to include the time and place of meeting schedule.
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Committee Meetings are held privately and not open to the public.

Regular meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month and will be held at the Great Meadows Middle School, 273 Route 46, Great Meadows, NJ at 7:30 PM.

Committee Meetings

April 2, 2012
May 8, 2012
June 12, 2012
July 10, 2012
August 14, 2012
September 11, 2012
October 9, 2012
November 13, 2012
December 11, 2012

Regular Meetings

April 16, 2012
May 21, 2012
June 18, 2012
July 16, 2012
August 20, 2012
September 17, 2012
October 15, 2012
November 19, 2012
December 17, 2012

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January 8, 2013 (Organizational Meeting)

18.2.7 Approve aid-in-lieu of transportation payment to the parent/guardian of a Great Meadows Regional School District student attending Tranquility Adventist School effective March 5, 2012 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$338.79.

18.2.8 Approve the extension of the weightlifting club at the middle School through May 29, 2012, originally approve until March 20, 2012 for Martha Teixeira. No additional stipend requested.

18.2.9 Adopt the "Resolution for Participation in Coordinated Transportation for the 2012-2013 School Year" with the Sussex County Regional Cooperative for routes as needed plus an administration fee of 4%.

18.2.10 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

NAME	WORKSHOP	COST	DATE
\$ Romanczyk, Jan	Book Expo America	\$193.00	6/5, 6/6/2012

18.2.11 Approve the application and acceptance of the New Jersey Race to the Top Phase 3 competition in the amount of \$3,487.00.

18.2.12 Approve the following budget transfers:

From: 11-190-100-320-000-000 OT Regular Students
To: 11-150-100-101-000-00 Home Instruction Regular
\$666.00 Home instruction for one GMRSD student

From: 10-111-100-561-000-000 Charter School Tuition
To: 11-000-230-332-000-000 Auditor Fees
\$25, 834.83 Forensic Audit amount due

18.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Glenn Sullivan, seconded by Jenn Cassini, to approve the following **Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** items 18.3.1 and 18.3.2.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Miller abstaining.

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18.3.1 Approve the building usage of Great Meadows Middle School to Just Dancz, Hackettstown, NJ on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at a cost of \$75.00 per hour x 3 hours = \$225.00, which includes custodial coverage of ½ hour before and after event.

18.3.2 Approve Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein and Celso LLC to review the terms and conditions of the two proposed bids (Liberty parking lot and Middle School roof) at an estimated cost of \$960.00.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Mike Trotter, to table item 18.4 regarding policy.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment/New Business

Susan Cullen read from the OPRA public act and stated the Board of Education has been shutting out the public. She stated William Vonder Haar volunteered to be Hackettstown Representative and the Board of Education ignored him and appointed another board member.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Mike Trotter, 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 8:52 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 Jenn Cassini, seconded by Mike Trotter, to re-enter regular session at 9:50 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary