

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, December 17, 2012, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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.

Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jamie Ciccerelle, Joe Mailloux, Ed O'Melia, Fred Miller, Jennifer Cassini, Jason Schaffer, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Glenn Sullivan and Mike Trotter.

David Mango, Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, were in attendance.

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, to approve the minutes from November 6, 2012 and November 19, 2012.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Cassini, Mailloux and Schaffer abstaining from the November 19, 2012 minutes.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending November 30, 2012, as per copies attached, and to certify that as of November 30, 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 unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Fred Miller, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the General Fund bills from November 15, 2012 to December 17, 2012 in the amount of \$1,204,321.87.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Fred Miller, seconded by Jen Cassini, to approve the cafeteria bills from October 16, 2012 to December 17, 2012 in the amount of \$37,339.69.

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Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

David Mango, Superintendent gave the Superintendent's Update, which included information about the upcoming Strategic Planning and the roll of School Security within the plan.

Public Comment:

Susan Cullen wanted to know where the district got the teacher evaluation model. The Superintendent answered that the plan was already in place when he arrived at Great Meadows Regional School District, but this program is being used by many districts throughout New Jersey. She also wanted to know who evaluates the Superintendent. The Superintendent is evaluated by the Boards of Education.

- 12.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jen Cassini, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **Personnel/Curriculum** items 12.1.1 to 12.1.18.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 12.1.1** Approve Alyssa Amodio, East Stroudsburg University student, to complete her student teaching with Jim Bechtel, wellness teacher at Great Meadows Middle School, from March 25, 2013 through May 16, 2013.
- 12.1.2** Approve Holly Chitundu, Louis Dooley, and Elizabeth Guella as substitute teachers in grades K-8 for Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2012-2013 school year.
- 12.1.3** Approve Margaret DeCorso as a substitute teacher for Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2012-2013 in grades K-5 and Pre-school Disability assignments.
- 12.1.4** Approve Anna Hussey, replacement for maternity leave music teacher at Liberty School through December 31, 2012, as a substitute teacher in grades K-8 for Great Meadows Regional School District during the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.
- 12.1.5** Approve Ruth Gibbs as a substitute nurse in grades K-8 for Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2012-2013.

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- 12.1.6** Approve a Kindergarten field trip to Imagine That Discovery Museum, Florham Park, NJ on April 29, 2013.
- 12.1.7** Approve a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade GATE field trip to the Harmony Township Fire House in Harmony for Marvelous Math Day on January 24, 2013.
- 12.1.8** Approve the change in the maternity leave effective date for Rachel Crane, from January 24, 2013 to January 22, 2013 through June 30, 2013.
- 12.1.19** Approve Cathy Stuber, 5<sup>th</sup> grade instructional aide at Liberty School, to become the maternity leave replacement teacher for Rachel Crane, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Liberty School, effective January 22, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at Step 1BS with an annual salary of \$51,305.00 pro-rated to \$27,706.74.
- 12.1.10** Approve Carol Gibson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Liberty School, as mentor to Cathy Stuber effective February 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at a stipend of \$55.00 per month paid by Cathy Stuber not to exceed \$550.00.
- 12.1.11** Approve Daniel Clayton, William Paterson University student, to fulfill his student teaching requirements with the following teachers:
- Lisa Baatz, Liberty School Wellness teacher  
January 15, 2013 through March 8, 2013
- Janessa Green, Middle School Wellness teacher  
March 11, 2013 through May 24, 2013
- 12.1.12** Approve Justine Varro, College of Saint Elizabeth student, to complete three hours of observation in a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom.
- 12.1.13** Approve the adoption of Teacher Evaluation Model that the Board of Education, in accordance with the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for Children of New Jersey Act, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby adopts the Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching instrument as approved by the New Jersey Department of Education and without any modifications as the instrument for the evaluation of teaching staff members.

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**12.1.14** Approve the adoption of Principal Evaluation Model that the Board of Education, in accordance with the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for Children of New Jersey Act, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby adopts the Kim Marshall School Leadership Evaluation Model instrument as approved by the New Jersey Department of Education and without any modifications as the instrument for the evaluation of principals.

**12.1.15** Acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB incidents report for the month of November.

**12.1.16** Approve the salary of \$14,707.00, pro-rated to \$11,618.75, for Jennifer Daly, instructional aide replacement for Rachael Garrison to be paid by Title I Federal Funds.

**12.1.17** Approve stipends to the following personnel:

Katherine Schumm, Aide - CS - Bus Aide in AM  
11/20/12 and 11/21/12 - 1.5 hours x \$12.50 = \$18.75

Jennifer Daly, Aide - CS - Bus Aide in PM  
11/19/12 and 11/20/12 - 1.5 hours x \$12.50 = \$18.75

**12.1.18** Approve the following after-school clubs and stipends for the club presenters:

Insanity Workout Club - Martha Teixeira, Spanish Teacher  
January 8, 2013 through February 28, 2013  
18 sessions x 1 hour session x \$25.00 per hour = \$450.00

Weightlifting Club - Martha Teixeira  
March 5, 2013 through April 25, 2013  
13 sessions x 1 hour session x \$25.00 per hour = \$325.00

Volleyball Club - Janessa Green, Dean Tshudy, Jim Bechtel  
Tuesdays & Thursdays - February 2013 & March 2013  
1 hour practices and 2 - 2 ½ hour matches  
Approximately 35 hours x \$50.00 per hour (2 coaches) = \$1,750.00 Mr. Bechtel is a volunteer coach.

**12.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jen Cassini, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **Finance** items 12.1.1 to 12.2.6.

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Motion carried in a roll call vote with Vonder Haar voting no to item 12.2.5.

**12.1.1** Accept the donation of 19 flat screen monitors and 19 small desktops from Atlantic Health Systems of Morristown, NJ.

**12.2.2** Approve the appointment of American Appraisal to perform an inventory update for the district at a cost of \$5,700.00.

**12.2.3** Adopt the NJSBAIG Resolution for GMRSD to join the ERIC WEST Subfund for the years 2011 through 2014.

**12.2.4** Approve the distribution of 22 books titled "The Outsiders" to Middle School Students rather than dispose of them. The books are in pretty bad shape and have already been replaced.

**12.2.5** Motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION: Sequestration**

Amend Federal Budget Control Act of 2011

**WHEREAS**, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts in almost all federal programs, including education, that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as "sequestration," would have a negative impact on education through a reduction in funds of 7.8 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

**WHEREAS**, sequestration would affect almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and

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Technical Education, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools nationwide would be negatively affected by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss in just three programs alone - Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start - that serve a combined total of 30.7 million children; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey already ranks last among the states in the percentage of school expenditures (3.1%) supported by the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2013, New Jersey will lose more than \$73 million in funding for elementary and secondary education programs, administered through the U.S. Department of Education, as well as over \$11.7 million in Head Start funding; and

**WHEREAS**, with a state-imposed tax levy cap and limited growth in state aid, New Jersey local school districts have limited capacity to absorb cuts in funding resulting from sequestration.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to United States Senator Robert Menendez, United States Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Representative Scott Garrett, State Senator Steven V. Oroho, Assembly Representative Gary Chiusano, Assembly Representative Alison Littell McHose, the New Jersey School Boards Association, and the National School Boards Association.

**12.2.6** Approve the following budget transfers:

From: 11-000-263-610-000-000 Grounds Supplies

To: 11-000-262-420-000-000 Contracted Services

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\$3,004.00 - Additional HVAC services

From: 11-000-291-241-000-000 Retirement/Pensions

To: 11-000-291-249-000-000 DCRP Employer Exp.

\$2,179.00 - New Acct for DCRP Pension per Auditor

- 12.3** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** item 12.3.1.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 12.3.1** Approve building usage at Liberty School to a group of Liberty Township men to play basketball for 1 hour at \$75.00 per hour on the following Tuesdays:

12/18/12	01/08/13	01/15/13
01/22/13	01/29/13	02/05/13
02/12/13	02/19/13	02/26/13
03/05/13	03/12/13	03/19/13
03/26/13	04/09/13	04/16/13
04/23/13	04/30/13	05/07/13
05/14/13	05/21/13	05/28/13

Total of 21 hours x \$75.00 per hour = \$1,575.00.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business: William Vonder Haar requested updates on all committees' business. BOE members also requested that Maschio's Food Service attend a meeting to update them on the new menu requirements and the use of local farm produce.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving negotiations and 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 8:42 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.

Jen Cassini and Ed O'Melia left the meeting at 8:43 PM and returned at 9:10 PM.

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Motion by Jenn, seconded by Fred Miller, to re-enter regular session at 9:44 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw  
Board Secretary