

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 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: Jen Cassini, Joe Mailloux, Ed O'Melia, David Schmitz, Lori Prymak, Susan Cullen, Glenn Sullivan and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Fred Miller.

David Mango, Superintendent, Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, and Nathanya Simon, School District Attorney were in attendance.

There were 15 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, to approve the minutes from December 17, 2012 and January 7, 2013.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Cullen and Prymak abstaining from the December 17, 2012 minutes.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, to approve the executive session minutes from December 17, 2012 and January 7, 2013.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Cullen and Prymak abstaining from the December 17, 2012 minutes.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the months ending December 31, 2012 and January 31, 2013 as per copies attached, and to certify that as of December 31, 2012 and January 31, 2013 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.

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Motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the General Fund bills from December 17, 2012 to February 19, 2013 in the amount of \$4,107,354.12.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the cafeteria bills from December 17, 2012 to February 19, 2013 in the amount of \$39,227.81.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Board members were reminded to complete the on line School Ethics forms that are required annually.

Awards were given to Sabatino Falgiano, 6th grade student who was selected as Artsonia's 4th -6th grade. "ARTIST OF THE WEEK" and to Jacklyn Russo, 8th grade student who was selected as a finalist during the week of January 20 through January 26, 2013, based on the number of online votes received.

Recognition was also given to two students - Jacob DeGregoris, 6th gr. student, 1st place winner of the Great Meadows Regional Spelling Bee contest and to Thomas Bohm, 8th gr. student, 2nd place winner.

Robynn Meehan, NJSBA, explained the procedures and process for Strategic Planning. There are two plans, the 3 month process at \$3,500 or the 9 month process at \$6,000.00.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving negotiations and contracts, 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 9:33 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 Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, to re-enter regular session at 10:42 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Dave Mango gave the Superintendent's update that included consideration of changing the existing high school schedule, Open Block and Unit Lunch. He also touched on the collaboration between Hackettstown School District and Great Meadows School District.

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Dan Riggle of Schneider Electric gave a presentation on Energy Savings Improvement Plan (ESIP), GMRSD goals and the next step in the process: issuing an RFP to select an Energy Services Company to develop and implement GRMSD's ESIP.

Israel Marmolejos, Principal of GMMS gave a presentation explaining DEAC (District Evaluation Advisory Committee).
Public Comment: Mr. Cullen inquired about the meaning of the SEMI Waiver.

13.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jen Cassini, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **PERSONNEL/CURRICULUM** items 13.1.1 to 13.1.21.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.1.1 Accept, with regret, the retirements of the following personnel: Dale Hart, Middle School custodian, Linda McClune, middle school guidance counselor, and Marcheta Scott, Liberty School special education teacher, effective June 30, 2013.

13.1.2 Accept, with regret, the resignation of Sheena Tahajjod, Central School instructional aide effective February 1, 2013.

13.1.3 Approve the change of aide assignment for Terry Sickels, special education aide, from a 3rd grade student at Liberty School to a 1st grade student in Central School effective February 1, 2013.

13.1.4 Approve maternity leave to Maria Levenstein, Liberty School Art teacher, effective April 15, 2013. Ms. Levenstein will return on September 1, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year.

13.1.5 Approve the following after-school activity club (February 5, 2013 through March 26, 2013) and stipend to the following:

Art Club - Tjasa Bienus, art teacher
\$25.00 per hour x 8 sessions = 8 hours x \$25.00 = \$200.00

13.1.6 Approve stipends for the following personnel with additional days as needed through the 2012-2013 school year:

Katie Schumm, Aide - Central School - Bus aide in AM

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11/26/12, 11/27/12, 11/29/12, 11/30/12
3.75 hours X \$12.50 per hour = \$46.88

Katie Schumm, Aide - Central School - Bus aide in AM
12/3/12, 12/4/12, 12/5/12, 12/6/12, 12/7/12, 12/10/12,
12/11/12, 12/13/12, 12/14/12, 12/17/12, 12/18/12, 12/20/12,
12/21/12
9.75 hours x \$12.50 per hour = \$121.88

Jennifer Daly, Aide - Central School, Bus aide in PM
11/27/12, 11/28/12, 11/29/12, 11/30/12
3 hours X \$12.50 per hour = \$37.50

Jennifer Daly, Aide - Central School, Bus aide in PM
12/3/12, 12/4/12, 12/5/12, 12/7/12, 12/10/12, 12/11/12,
12/13/12, 12/14/12, 12/17/12, 12/20/12
6.33 hours X \$12.50 per hour = \$79.13

Michelle Thorry - Aide - Liberty School - Bus aide
11/19/12, 11/26/12, 11/27/12, 11/28/12, 11/29/12, 11/30/12
9 hours X \$16.36 per hour = \$147.24

Michelle Thorry - Aide - Liberty School - Bus aide
12/3/12, 12/4/12, 12/5/12, 12/6/12, 12/7/12, 12/10/12,
12/11/12, 12/12/12, 12/13/12, 12/14/12, 12/17/12, 12/18/12,
12/19/12, 12/20/12, 12/21/12
21.75 hours X \$16.36 per hour = \$355.83

Katie Kline - Aide - Liberty School - Bus aide
1/14/13, 1/15/13, 1/16/13, 1/17/13, 1/18/13, 1/22/13, 1/23/13,
1/24/13, 1/25/13, 1/29/13, 1/30/13, 1/31/13
18 hours X \$12.50 per hour = \$225.00

13.1.7 Approve stipends for the following personnel:

Jeannie Tagliareni - PSD Aide - Mtn. Villa School 1/21/13 -
Martin Luther King Day - school in session Daily rate = \$81.25

Tara Warnock - PSD Aide - Mtn. Villa School 1/21/13 - Martin
Luther King Day - school in session Daily rate = \$81.25

Lynn Quinto - .5x PSD Aide - Mtn. Villa School 1/21/13 -
Martin Luther King Day - school in session Daily rate = \$40.63

Christina Black, 8th grade special education teacher Homebound
Instruction 1/14/13, 1/15/13, 1/16/13, 1/17/13, 1/18/13,
1/21/13, 1/22/13, 1/23/13, 1/24/13

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27 hours X \$38.00 per hour = \$1,026.00

13.1.8 Approve the placement of Julian Diaz to fulfill his student teaching requirements with Jim Bechtel, Middle School Wellness teacher, effective January 29, 2013 through March 22, 2013.

13.1.9 Approve Kim Blanchard, 7th grade Special Education teacher, as a homebound instructor to a 7th grade student effective January 30, 2013. Instruction will be 2 hours per day, 10 hours total per week, at \$38.00 per hour.

13.1.10 Approve the following field trip for the 3rd grade on April 25, 2013, to Montclair University's Theaterworks, Montclair, New Jersey.

13.1.11 Approve a field trip for the 5th grade on June 10, 2013, to Camp Bernie, Mansfield, NJ. (Farewell Day)

13.1.12 Approve the 4th grade trip on March 28, 2013, to the Growing Stage Theater, Netcong, NJ.

13.1.13 Approve Elizabeth Guella, as an instructional aide at Liberty School, effective January 22, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at an annual salary of \$14,707.00 pro-rated to \$7,881.25. Ms. Guella is replacing Kathy Stuber, instructional aide, who will be a maternity leave replacement for Rachel Crane, 5th grade teacher.

13.1.14 Approve Katie Schumm, instructional aide at Central School, as a homebound instructor for a Kindergarten student effective January 28, 2013, at \$38.00 per hour x 10 hours per week totaling \$380.00 per week for approximately 5-6 weeks.

13.1.15 Approve a stipend to the following teacher for an after-school club:

Joe D'Agostino, 5th grade Teacher, Cartooning Club, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning February 21, 2013, 1 hour sessions at \$25.00 per hour with a maximum of \$750.00.

13.1.16 Approve Rebekah Unangst as a substitute nurse for the Great Meadows Regional School District during the 2012-2013 school year.

13.1.17 Acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB

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incidents report for the month of January 2013.

13.1.18 Approve Brittnee Lerp, a Centenary College graduate student in the counseling program, to fulfill her internship of 300 hours under the supervision of Linda McClune, Great Meadows Middle School guidance counselor, beginning immediately.

13.1.19 Approve the following certificated staff to attend the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip from May 29, 2013 to May 31, 2013 at \$175.00 per night:

Bechtel, Jim - Wellness teacher
Blanchard, Kim - 7th grade Special Education teacher
Green, Janessa - Wellness teacher
Marmolejos, Israel - Middle School Principal
Mattieson, Jared - Personal Care Aide (stand by)
McClune, Linda - Guidance Counselor
Ritson, Casey - 8th grade Language Arts teacher
Rosequist, Jeffrey - 8th grade Social Studies teacher
Thorpe, Steven - 8th grade Science teacher
Tshudy, Dean - Technology Education teacher
Wilson, Cheryl - Middle School Nurse
Wojcicki, Sharon - Special Education Aide

13.1.20 Approve Roderick Stewart, a Warren County College student, to observe 15 hours various teachers in the Middle School effective February 21, 2013.

13.1.21 Approve Alysia Arcona as a substitute teacher for Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2012-2013 school year.

13.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Jen Cassini, to approve the following **Finance** items 13.2.1 to 13.2.8.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.2.1 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

| <u>PERSONNEL</u> | <u>WORKSHOP</u> | <u>COST</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| \$ Amy Fancher | Social Studies Conference | \$150.00 | 4/12/13 |
| \$ Anita Holochwost | Social Studies Conference | \$150.00 | 4/12/13 |

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| \$ Lisa Baatz | Annual NJAHPERD Convention | \$110.00 | 2/25-26/13 |
| \$ Betsy Hart | Annual NJAHPERD Convention | \$110.00 | 2/25-26/13 |
| \$ Judy Arnold | Teach Reading in small groups | \$189.00 | 3/11/2013 |
| \$ Judy Williams | Teach Reading in small groups | \$207.00 | 3/11/13 |
| \$ Lois Davis | Teach Reading in small groups | \$189.00 | 3/11/13 |
| \$ Phyllis Pezzato | Teach Reading in small groups | \$189.00 | 3/11/13 |
| \$ Jennifer Billeci | Teach Reading in small group | \$189.00 | 3/11/13 |
| \$ Barb Wohlgemuth | Teach Reading in small groups | \$203.00 | 3/11/13 |
| Jill Boyle | CST Directors Inservice | 0.00 | 2/21/13 |
| Donna Colaco | Bridging Prompt Workshop | \$734.41 | 5/13,14,15/13 |
| \$ Cheryl Wilson | PEOSHA Trng. Course | \$ 7.88 | 4/19/13 |
| Lauren Ackerman | Spec Ed Attorney Workshop | \$ 0.00 | 2/21/13 |
| \$ Marcia Goralczyk | WC Tech Day | \$ 82.75 | 3/15/13 |
| \$ Martha Teixiera | Edge Technology Wrkshp. | \$239.13 | 4/19/13 |

13.2.2 Approve the 1st Amendment to the 2012-2013 NCLB Grant to add carryover funds from 2011-2012 in the amounts of Title I - \$6,368.00 and Title IIA \$12,807.00.

13.2.3 Approve a Special Education Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Ranch Hope-Strang School in Salem County for one high school student for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost of \$ 46,227.15 pro-rated from December 18, 2102 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$24,081.12.

13.2.4 Approve the cancellation of the following checks from the Great Meadows Regional School District Payroll Agency account per the auditor:

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| Check # 3182 | dated: November 10, 2006 | \$ 2.94 |
| Check # 3511 | dated: June 12, 2009 | \$28.00 |

13.2.5 Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Karen Rymon, OTR/L, for occupational therapy services at an estimated cost of \$35,000.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.

13.2.6 Approve the following:

Resolution
Waiver of Requirements
Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2013-14 school year, and

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Whereas, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that there would be fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Warren an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2013-14 school year.

Date:

Adopted:

13.2.7 Approve the following transfers:

From: 10-000-100-561-000-000 Charter School Tuition

To: 11-000-240-103-000-000 Principal Sal

\$3,200.00 - Adjust salary from increases from May 2012 BOE mtg.

From: 11-000-270-511-000-000 Reg Transp Cont.

To: 11-000-219-600-000-000 CST supplies

\$811.75 - state required items for PSD to be reimbursed by state.

From: 11-000-100-561-000-000 Charter school Tuition

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

\$7,611.62 - Boiler repairs at Liberty School.

13.2.8 Approve Donna Roth to attend the Warren County Tech Day to be held at the Lopatcong School District on March 15, 2013 at a cost of \$83.37. A substitute teacher will also be needed.

13.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Glenn Sullivan, seconded by Jen Cassini, to approve the following **Finance** items 13.3.1 to 13.3.4.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.3.1 Approve building use in the Central School gym to the Cub Scouts Pack #138 for their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 12, 2013, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM at a cost of \$25.00 per hour x 4 hours = \$100.00. This fee includes ½ hour before and after usage for custodial services.

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13.3.2 Approve the following new bus stops:
198 Petersburg Road - Independence Township
39 Marble Hill Road - Liberty Township

13.3.3 Approve Cannella Roofing, Inc., 783 Market Street, Paterson, NJ 07513 to repair the soffit at the Central School in the amount of \$31,600.00. The other bidders were as follows:

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| DeSapio Construction, Inc., Frenchtown, NJ | \$ 40,760.00 |
| Gen II Contracting Co., Inc., Clarksburg, NJ | \$ 47,875.00 |
| Arista Builders & Designers, Inc., Jackson, NJ | \$ 49,300.00 |

13.3.4 Approve the application "Soffit Repair at the Central School" to be sent to the State as an Other Capital Project.

Public Comment: Mr. Cullen requested a copy of the addendum that contained the following motions Finance 13.2.8 and Buildings/Grounds/Transportation motions 13.3.3 and 13.3.4.

New Business: Jen Cassini requested that the cartooning club include grades 3 and 4. She also requested that before the Warren County VO Tech visits the 8th grade to please notify the parents or have their presentation in the evening.

Mr. Mango, Superintendent, informed the BOE that the new Colonial Little League would like to use the old field behind Central School. The field will be upgraded by the Little League Association and will not be solely used by them.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jen Cassini, to adjourn at 11:40 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary