

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Joe Mailloux, Vice 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: Joe Mailloux, Lori Prymak, Glenn Sullivan, Susan Cullen, Fred Miller, William Vonder Haar and David Schmitz.

Absent: Jen Cassini and Ed O'Melia.

David Mango, Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, and William Colantano, CPA were also present.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Fred Miller, to approve the minutes from November 19, 2013.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Miller abstaining.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by David Schmitz, to approve the Executive Session Minutes from November 19, 2013.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Miller abstaining.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Lori Prymak, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending November 30, 2013 as per copy attached, and to certify that as of November 30, 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 roll call vote.

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Motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the General Fund bills from November 18, 2013 to December 17, 2013 in the amount of \$1,225,946.92.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the cafeteria bills from November 20, 2013 to December 17, 2013 in the amount of \$ 17,578.42.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

William Colantano, CPA, gave the Audit Presentation for the 2012-2013 School Year.

David Mango, Superintendent, gave the Superintendent's Report that updated the Board on the results of the three Strategic Planning Meetings and what the role and function of what the Board would like to accomplish.

There was no Public Comment on Agenda Items.

13.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Lori Prymak, seconded by Susan Cullen, to approve the following **PERSONNEL/CURRICULUM** items 13.1.1. to 13.1.7.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.1.1 Approve Suzanne Buchanan as a substitute teacher in GMRSD for the 2013-2014 school year.

13.1.2 Approve 5th gr. trip to Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ on March 21, 2014.

13.1.3 Acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB incidents report for the month of November 2013.

13.1.4 Change the stipend position of Custodian/Maintenance Tech (\$2,500 Sept. - June) to Frank Bush, Liberty School, to a stipend position of Head Custodian at Liberty School effective December 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, at an annual rate of \$2,850, prorated to \$1,662.50.

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13.1.5 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. Substitute teacher cost comes from Title IIA Grant.

PERSONNEL	WORKSHOP	COST	DATES
\$ Betsy Hart	NJAHPERD Convention	\$100.00	2/24-25/2014
\$ Lisa Baatz	NJAHPERD Convention	\$100.00	2/24-25/2014
\$ Patricia Araki	Teach Social Sks	\$108.00	3/20/2014
\$ Patricia Araki	Asperger's Wksp	\$133.00	2/21/2014
\$ Judy Arnold	Read & Write Conf.	\$165.00	3/28/2014
\$ Cheryl Zeliff	Read & Write Conf.	\$165.00	3/28/2014

13.1.6 Approve Justine Wolenski, a student at Kutztown University, to complete her observation requirements of 30 hrs. observing Mrs. Casey Pach, 7th gr. ELA teacher, effective December 5, 2013.

13.1.7 Accept, with regret, the retirement of Marcia Goralczyk, technology teacher at Liberty School, effective June 30, 2014.

13.1.8 Motion by Joe Mailloux and seconded by William Vonder Haar to table this item until after executive session.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Fred Miller, to approve the following **FINANCE** items 13.2.1 to 13.2.12.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Cullen voting no to 13.2.4.

13.2.1 Accept the 2012-2013 Great Meadows Regional School District Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit and Report with no recommendations.

13.2.2 Approve the 2012-2013 Corrective Action Plan with no recommendations or prior year Findings.

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13.2.3 Approve the cancellation of the following checks from the following GMRSD bank accounts per the auditor for 2012-13.

Payroll Agency Account

Check # 33747	dated: 8/30/2011	\$ 1,024.57
Check # 33868	dated: 10/14/2011	\$ 69.93

Cafeteria Account

Check #22310	dated 6/20/12	\$ 15.60
Check #22311	dated 6/20/12	\$ 2.80
Check #22312	dated 6/20/12	\$ 2.50
Check #22314	dated 6/20/12	\$ 1.20

Middle School Student Activity Account

Check # 899	dated 6/18/2007	\$ 45.00
Check #1059	dated 4/14/2011	\$ 22.25

13.2.4 Approve **First Student Bus Co.** to provide after-school activity bus service from Monday through Thursday effective November 11, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at a cost of \$75/per diem for a total estimated cost of \$8,100.00. Contract stated November 11, 2013. REVISED MOTION.

13.2.5 Approve the following vendors for Emergency services:

Boiler Repair	Hobbie Heat & Power, Inc. - Chester, NJ
Plumbing	Lloyd Grub Plumbing - Great Meadows, NJ
Electrical	Wires Electric Shop - Hackettstown, NJ
Security	Sonitrol Security Systems - Hamilton, NJ
Fire Alarms	T & R Alarm Systems, Inc. - Clifton, NJ
HVAC	Comfort Temp, Inc. - Glen Gardner, NJ
Roofing	Cannella Roofing - Paterson, NJ

13.2.6 Approve the following transfers:

FROM 10-000-100-561-000-000 Charter School Tuition
TO 11-000-270-504-000-000 AIL Charter School \$4,500.00. New account for tracking Charter School AIL.

FROM 10-000-100-561-000-000 Charter School Tuition
TO 11-000-270-519-000-000 AIL \$ 2,983.85. Additional funds for Aid in Lieu - Closing of St. Mary's School.

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13.2.7 Accept the Preliminary Eligible Cost letter dated December 4, 2013 seeking a grant for the Middle School Security System Upgrades - SP # 1785-040-14-1001-G04. Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC) calculations are as follows: Total Project Cost \$ 68,640.00 - State Share 40% - \$ 27,456.00 - Local Share - \$ 41,184.00. The District selects State Funding support in the form of a grant and accepts the PEC as stated in the notification.

13.2.8 Accept the Preliminary Eligible Cost letter dated December 4, 2013 seeking a grant for the Central School Renovations Project (Windows and Security System Upgrades) - SP # 1785-050-14-1002-G04. Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC) calculations are as follows: Total Project Cost \$ 223,113.00 - State Share 40% - \$ 89,245.00 - Local Share - \$ 133,868.00. The District selects State Funding support in the form of a grant and accepts the PEC as stated in the notification.

13.2.9 Accept the Preliminary Eligible Cost letter dated December 4, 2013 seeking a grant for the Liberty School Renovations Project (Roof and Security System Upgrades) - SP # 1785-060-14-1003-G04. Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC) calculations are as follows: Total Project Cost \$ 677,895.00 - State Share 40% - \$ 271,158.00 - Local Share - \$ 406,737.00. The District selects State Funding support in the form of a grant and accepts the PEC as stated in the notification.

13.2.10 Approve the purchase of equipment for the wireless network for Liberty School at a cost of \$7,999.32. The cost includes a 5 year cloud controller license and represents a 5% discount.

13.2.11 Approve Phoenix Advisors, LLC. of Bordentown, NJ to provide financial advisory services and other matters relating to the financing of the local share of the three ROD grants. The estimated cost of these services will be \$5,000.00.

13.2.12 Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Fred Miller to table this item until after executive session.

12.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Fred Miller, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **ALL COMMITTEES** items 13.3.1 to 13.3.2.

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Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting no to 13.3.1 and 13.3.2.

13.3.1 Approve the **1st reading** of the following policies:

Bylaw #0000.01 - Introduction
Bylaw #0000.02 - Introduction
Bylaw #0132 - Executive Authority
Policy #2625 - Speech and Language Screening
Policy #3144.3 - Suspension upon Certification of Tenure Charge
Policy #3230 - Outside Activities
Regulation #3230 - Outside Activities
Policy #3232 - Tutoring Services
Regulation #3232 - Tutoring Services
Regulation #3281 - Inappropriate Staff Conduct
Policy #3372 - Teaching Staff member Tenure Acquisition
Policy #3373 - Tenure Upon Transfer or Promotion
Policy #3374 - Tenure Upon Transfer to an Underperforming School
Policy #4250 - Outside Activities
Regulation #4240 - Outside Activities
Regulation #4281 - Inappropriate Staff Conduct
Policy #5117 - Interdistrict Public School Choice
Regulation #5117 - Interdistrict Public School Choice
Policy #5120 - Assignment of Pupils
Policy #5300 - Use of Defibrillator(s)
Regulation #5300 - Automated External Defibrillators (AEDS)
Regulation #5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Investigation Procedure
Policy #6163 - Advertising on School Property
Policy #6480 - Purchase of Food Supplies
Policy #7434 - Smoking on School Grounds (M)
Policy #7522 - School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members
Policy #7523 - School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils
Policy #8505 - School Nutrition (M)

13.3.2 Approve the **2nd reading and adoption** of the following bylaws, policies, and regulations:

Policy #2415 - No Child Left Behind Programs (M)
Policy #2431 - Athletic Competition (M)
Regulation #2431.1 - Emergency Procedures for Athletic

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Regulation #2431.2 - Medical Examination to Determine Fitness
for Participation in Athletics

Policy #2468 - Independent Educational Evaluations

Policy #3144.12 - Certification of Tenure Charges -
Inefficiency

Policy #3281 - Inappropriate Staff Conduct

Policy #4124 - Employment Contract

Policy #4281 - Inappropriate Staff Conduct

Policy #5420 - Reporting Pupil Progress (M)

Policy #5512 - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

Policy #5533 - Pupil Smoking (M)

Regulation #7420 - Handling and Disposal of Body Wastes and
Fluids (M)

Regulation #7420.1 - Blood borne Pathogen Exposure Control
Plan (M)

New Business:

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Glenn Sullivan to approve
the following motion:

Authorize the Board Of Education Negotiations Committee to
commence negotiations with Hackettstown School District for
the possible shared services position of Director of
Curriculum and Instruction.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Fred Miller, whereas, the
Board must consider matters involving individual privacy, and
negotiations, and tactics and techniques utilized in
protecting the safety and property of the public (provided
that public disclosure could impair such protection), 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 8:32 PM to discuss the above mentioned
matters, 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 Fred Miller, seconded by William Vonder Haar to
reenter regular session at 9:47 PM.

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Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

13.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Lori Prymak, seconded by Fred Miller, to approve the following **PERSONNEL/CURRICULUM** item 13.1.8.

13.1.8 Approve the return to work for employee #33658105 effective December 18, 2013.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Fred Miller, to approve the following **FINANCE** item 13.2.12.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

13.2.12 Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between GMRSD and the parents of one student (HIB incident number 112142 -1/9/2013) to reimburse the parents in the amount of \$6,500.00 toward all costs incurred relating to this matter from date of commencement through to the date of approval by the Board of Education.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by David Schmitz, to adjourn at 9:55 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary