

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014**

The special meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education to present the preliminary budget for 2014-2015 was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: Ed O'Melia, Joe Mailloux, Lori Prymak, Susan Cullen, Fred Miller, David Schmitz, Jamie Cicerelle, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: None

David Mango, Superintendent, Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator were also present.

There were eight members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment: Geoff Cullen asked if the security upgrades for the three schools are in line with Chief Riley's security observations and recommendations. At this time, they are.

Carmen Feula on behalf of the taxpayers of both townships requested that the BOE consider a moratorium on tax increases for the 2014-2015 school year. He also requested more communication from the District throughout the year.

5.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **FINANCE** items 5.1.1. and 5.1.2.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cullen and Vonder Haar voting no to both motions.

5.1.1 Approve the fiscal year 2014-2015 Great Meadows Regional School District Preliminary Budget to be submitted to the County Office as follows:

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$19,375,850	\$12,861,436
Banked Cap		57,727
Special Revenue Fund	265,954	
Debt Service Fund	721,563	\$ 536,107
	<u>\$20,363,367</u>	<u>\$13,455,270</u>

Increase in base budget is 1.9986%. Budget that includes ROD grant funding (no increase in tax levy) increase is 4.0820%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following capital outlay projects (awarded ROD grants) as outlined in the 2014-2015 Budget be undertaken for the health and safety of the students.

Middle School - (1785-040-14-1001-G04) - security system upgrades - \$ 36,013.00.

Central School - (1785-050-14-1002-G04) window replacement and security system upgrades - \$ 103,536.00

Liberty School - (1785-060-14-1003-G04) partial roof replacement and security system upgrades - \$ 310,606.00.

Total estimated cost of all capital outlay projects for 2014-2015 is \$ 450,155.00.

5.1.2 Approve the use of banked cap (\$57,727) in the 2014-2015 Base Budget as part of the tax levy. This amount must be completed by the end of the 2014-2015 budget year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary