

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, December 16, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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: Ed O'Melia (7:55 PM), Joe Mailloux, Susan Cullen, Jamie Cicерelle, Fred Miller, Lori Prymak, William Vonder Haar, Agatha Wilke and David Schmitz.

Absent: None

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Julie Mumaw, Nadia Inskeep, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and R. Taylor Ruilova were also present.

There were five members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by David Schmitz, to approve the minutes from November 25, 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote with Fred Miller abstaining.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Susan Cullen, to approve the executive session minutes from November 25, 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote with Fred Miller abstaining.

Motion by Susan Cullen, seconded by Fred Miller, to accept the audited Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending November 30, 2014 as per copy attached, and to certify that as of November 30, 2014 and after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (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

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fiscal year.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Fred Miller to approve the General Fund bills from November 21, 2014 to December 16, 2014 in the amount of \$2,356,382.89.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the cafeteria bills from November 25, 2014 to December 16, 2014 in the amount of \$ 1,909.69.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

William Colantano, CPA presented the 2013-2014 Audit Report.

William Vonder Haar updated the Board on the progress of the ESIP.

David Mango informed the Board about the NJQSAC results. Great Meadows Regional School District will not be visited this year as the district scored 22 points out of a possible 24. He also updated the Board on the Middle School Student Council activities.

Nadia Inskeep, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Mango did a presentation on the current status of the Strategic Plan for the district.

14.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Lori Prymak, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to approve the following **PERSONNEL/CURRICULUM** items 14.1.1 to 14.1.11, including items 14.2.3, 14.2.4, and 14.2.5.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

14.1.1 Approve the **NCLB** application amendment for Title I and Title II. Title II is not detailed, there is just \$894 added to workshops.

There was \$6,389 in carry-over funds from fiscal year 2014

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that were distributed into the 2015 fiscal year grant increasing the funds from \$43,784 to \$50,173.

- The district added extended day programs in each building, the salaries total \$13,680.
- Instructional supplies and materials to support extended day instruction \$21,192.
- Paraprofessional salary \$15,301.

The initial grant application \$43,784

- Instructional supplies total \$13,182
- Salaries for paraprofessionals \$30,602

14.1.2 Approve **Victoria Terrezza**, a student at William Paterson University, to complete her student teaching with **Kara Feulner**, Kindergarten teacher, during the Spring 2015 semester.

14.1.3 Approve **Janelle McCarthy**, a student at Lebanon Valley College, to observe Mrs. Schubert, 1st gr. teacher, and Mrs. Romagnoli, Kdg. teacher, 1-2 days during her winter break (December 15, 2014 through January 9, 2015).

14.1.4 Approve **Robert O'Callaghan** as a substitute for grades K-8 in GMRSB for the 2014-2015 school year.

14.1.5 Approve **Shawnee Smith**, to become a full time teacher in the **Special Education 3rd gr. Resource Room** class effective January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at an annual salary of BS Step 1 \$51,920 prorated to \$31,152.00.

14.1.6 Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Governor Christie recently instituted a streamlined QSAC process for school districts that have been identified by Department of Education as high performing in that they have achieved eighty percent (80%) or greater in each of the five QSAC monitor areas of Instruction and Program, Fiscal Management, Governance, Personnel and Operations;

WHEREAS, eligible school districts will be permitted to submit an Equivalency Waiver Application to the Department of Education that would, as a result of being identified as a high performing school district, exempt them from the QSAC requirements in N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.1(a)-(d) and 6A:30-3.2, respectively, and if such Equivalency Waiver is approved,

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allow them to maintain their high performing status for an additional three years;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has identified the Great Meadows Regional School District as a high performing school district and as such, the District is eligible to submit an Equivalency Waiver to the Department of Education;

WHEREAS, the Administration and the Board have determined that it is advantageous and in the best interests of the District to submit an Equivalency Waiver; and

WHEREAS, through public discussion and adoption of this resolution at its meeting on December 16, 2014, the Board has informed the community, parents, board members and administration of its desire to pursue an Equivalency Waiver, as well as allowed the opportunity for public comment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board approves the submission of an Equivalency Waiver Application to the Department of Education that, if approved, would exempt the District from the QSAC requirements in N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.1(a)-(d) and 6A:30-3.2, respectively, and allow the District to maintain its high performing status for an additional three years; and
2. The Superintendent is hereby authorized complete and sign the necessary Equivalency Waiver Application on behalf of the Board and the District.

14.1.7 Acknowledge the receipt of the **Superintendent's HIB Report** for the month of **November-December 2014**.

14.1.8 Approve **Jason Marcella**, a Centenary College student, to fulfill his responsibilities for his student teaching with **Marianne Woods**, 2nd gr. teacher.

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14.1.9 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.

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>DATES</u>
\$Barbara Wohlgemuth	Annual Conf/Reading/Writing	\$194.26	1/22/2015

14.1.10 Approve the employment of **Melissa O'Neill** as a .5x PSD aide in Mtn. Villa, Allamuchy, effective January 5, 2015, at an annual salary of \$14,707.00 x .5x = \$7,353.50, prorated to \$4,306.78.

14.1.11 Approve **Melissa Lavalle** as an accounts payable clerk effective January 1, 2015, at an annual salary of \$33,000 prorated to \$16,500.00.

14.2.3 Approve payment to **Julie Mumaw** for unused sick days upon retirement in the amount of \$15,000.

14.2.4 Approve payment to **Julie Mumaw** for unused vacation days upon retirement in the amount of \$3,794.98.

14.2.5 Approve payment to **Diane Van Heerden** for accumulated vacation days in the amount of \$4,358.92.

14.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to approve the following **Policy** items 14.2.1 to 14.2.2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Cullen voting no to 14.2.2, item #6.

14.2.1 Approve the **1st reading** of the following policies and regulations, as amended:

1. Policy #5310 Health Services - back to committee
2. Regulation #5310 Health Services-back to committee
3. Policy #5530 Substance Abuse - back to committee
4. Regulation #5530 Substance Abuse- back to committee
5. Policy #8505 School Nutrition

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14.2.2 Approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

- 1- Policy #3283 - Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students
- 2- Policy #4283 - Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students
- 3- Policy #5610 - Suspension
- 4- Regulation #5610 - Suspension
- 5- Policy #7522 - School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members
- 6- Policy #7523 - School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils
- 7- Policy #8462 - Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children
- 8- Regulation #8462 - Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children

14.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Fred Miller, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **FINANCE** items 14.3.1 to 14.3.10, excluding item 14.3.6 which is a duplicate motion.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Consent to remove item 14.3.2, moved by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Lori Prymak.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

14.3.1 Approve the following Interlocal Agreement for the 2014-2015 School Year:

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL
BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE FOR
SHARED SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this ___ day of December 2014, between the **GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**, located

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in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as " GMRSD"), with Board Offices located at 281 Route 46, P O Box 74, Great Meadows, New Jersey 07838 and the **TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**, a body politic and corporate of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, (hereinafter referred to as " Independence"), with municipal offices located at 286-B Route 46, P O Box 164, Great Meadows, New Jersey 07838; and

WHEREAS, the GMRSD and Independence have agreed that it will be in both parties best interest to share certain services.

WHEREAS, Independence has agreed to provide the following services: salt spreading for Middle School and Central School, and assistance with mowing equipment repair; and

WHEREAS, Independence has agreed to mow the Green Acres property. The district will do the trim work on the Green Acres property.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED, between the parties that this Interlocal Service Agreement shall be entered into to memorialize the services to be shared by the parties.

1. Independence will provide the service of spreading of salt on the parking lots and driveways of the Independence Central School and the Great Meadows Middle School as needed during the winter months.

2. Independence will help with the maintenance of the mowing equipment owned by GMRSD.

3. GMRSD will provide for the use of the gymnasiums of the Independence Central School and the Great Meadows Middle School for recreation activities at no cost - Monday through Friday. Use of the gymnasiums shall be permitted only if the facilities are not being used by the GMRSD.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the term of this contract shall be for one (1) fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. This Agreement may be extended upon mutual consent of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party has executed this agreement pursuant to a resolution adopted by each governing body as

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indicated by the signatures of the respective municipal and district officials appearing below.

ATTEST: **GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Julie R. Mumaw, BOE Secretary David Mango, Superintendent

TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Deborah Hrebenak, Municipal Clerk Robert Giordano, Mayor

14.3.2 Approve the disposal of the Toro Riding Lawn Mower, circa 1980.

14.3.3 Approve the sale of a Servo Lift Up right warmer oven from Liberty School to the highest bidder. Estimated value is \$150.00.

14.3.4 Accept the 2013-2014 Great Meadows Regional School District Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit and Report with no recommendations.

14.3.5 Approve the 2013-2014 **Corrective Action Plan** with no recommendations or Prior Year Findings.

14.3.6 Duplicate Motion.

14.3.7 Accept the donation of two (2) Samsung chrome books to the Great Meadows Regional School District from Steve Parigi, CST LDTC, valued at \$279 each.

14.3.8 Amend Resolution 11-25-14-1 from the November 25, 2014 Regular Board of Education meeting to reflect the actual termination date of December 23, 2014.

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

Payroll Agency Account

Check # 3916 dated 8/13/2012 \$ 165.00

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General Fund Account

Check # 27138	dated 7/6/2011	\$ 97.01
Check # 27246	dated 8/8/2011	\$ 1,462.00
Check # 27780	dated 1/12/2012	\$ 150.00
Check # 28123	dated 5/16/2012	\$ 2,117.00
Check # 28969	dated 1/14/2013	\$ 442.00
Check # 29483	dated 6/25/13	\$ 17.11

14.3.10 Approve Colonial Little League gym usage at GMMS on January 24, 2015, for 2 hours plus $\frac{1}{2}$ custodial coverage (2 hrs. x \$25/hr. plus $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. custodial coverage = \$62.50.)

New Business:

Lori Prymak encouraged the Board to view the Liberty School Holiday Video to be sent to our Troops that is available on the school district website.

Fred Miller suggested that the Board start to consider bringing back a Preschool program to the district, and also to seek certification (for example: Blue Ribbon Schools) for the district in the future.

A parent of a student in the Central School wanted to inform and thank the district personnel for their compassionate and prompt attention to his child's recent medical diagnosis. He stated that the response was instantaneous and wonderful.

The reorganization meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on January 5, 2015 in the Great Meadows Regional School District Middle School Dining Room.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, 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 9:45 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.

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Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, to re-enter regular session at 10:44 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to adjourn at 10:45 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary