

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 Cicerelle, Susan Cullen, Joe Mailloux, William Vonder Haar, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Fred Miller, Lori Prymak (arrived 8:53 PM), David Schmitz

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Timothy Havlusch, Jaime O'Grady Supervisor of Special Services, Michael Mai Principal of Central School were also present.

There were eight members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the minutes from December 16, 2014 and January 5, 2015.  
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to approve the executive session minutes from November 25, 2014 and December 16, 2014.  
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to table the Financial Reports for the Month of December 2014.  
Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to approve the General Fund bills from December 16, 2014 through January 23, 2015 in the amount of \$1,273,996.08. (Check #'s 2431-2433)  
Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Susan Cullen, to approve the cafeteria bills from December 16, 2014 through January 20, 2015 in the amount of \$29,206.62. (Check #'s 2431-2433)  
Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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Communications - None

Committee Reports - None

David Mango updated the Board on meetings with Independence and Liberty Townships as it pertained to ongoing and upcoming items in the current and 2015\_16 School years. Mr. Mango also updated the Board on upcoming security walkthroughs at all of the facilities as it related to security upgrade projects as part of the district's ROD Grants.

Jaime O'Grady, Supervisor of Special Services for Great Meadows Regional, gave a presentation on the possibility and feasibility of bringing certain programs under her responsibility back into the district. She also informed the Board of a planned survey to gauge interest in other programs within the district.

Joseph Coscia of Honeywell, Inc. gave the Board an update on the ECIP project within the district and answered questions on the resolution on the agenda for approval.

Public Comment

Comments from the public came to the Board about a second "Girls on the Run" (GOTR) program that would be offered in the spring of 2015. An overview of the program and its success was provided to the Board for future consideration.

Comments from the Public came to the Board regarding PARCC Testing and any options for an "opt out" of the testing.

Close of Public Comment

**Section A** - Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **BUSINESS/FINANCE** items A-1 through A-8.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote, with William Vonder Haar abstaining on item A-7.

**A-1** Approve an anonymous donation of \$200.00 to the Great Meadows Regional School District for the purchase of Chrome books or for use by the first or second grade teachers for reading enrichment materials.

**A-2** Approve the Nonpublic Transportation funds for 13-14

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(\$26,746.00) and the excess Extraordinary Aid for 13-14 (\$13,332.00) to be appropriated into the 2014-15 budget.

**A-3 1.** Approve additional aid-in-lieu of transportation payments to parent/guardian of Great Meadows Regional School District students in the amount of \$884.00 per student that are attending the following private schools during the 2014-2015 school year:

The Craig School	1
Winston Preparatory School	1

**2.** Approve aid-in-lieu of transportation payments to parent/guardian of Great Meadows Regional School District students in the amount of \$884.00 per student that are attending the following choice school during the 2014-2015 school year.

Lenape Valley Regional High School	1
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**A-4 1.** Approve a Special Education Tuition Contract for the 2014-2015 school year between GMRSD and Green Brook Academy, Bound Brook, NJ for one student in the annual amount of \$70,796.00. (Pro-Rated effective January 8, 2015) The Lakewood New Jersey School District will reimburse the district for all tuition and transportation costs.

**2.** Approve a Special Education Tuition Contract for the 2014-2015 school year between GMRSD and Green Brook Academy, Bound Brook, NJ for one student in the annual amount of \$70,796.00. (Pro-Rated effective November 24, 2015) The State of NJ will reimburse the district for all tuition and transportation costs.

**A-5** Approve the building usage (Liberty School) to the **Cub Scouts Pack #138** for their Pinewood Derby event on January 9, 2015, from 8:30-11:30 AM @ \$25/hr. x 4 hrs. (3 hrs. + 1 hr.) = \$100 including ½ hr. of custodial coverage beginning and ending this time period).

**A-6** Approve the building usage (GMMS) to the **TSA of HHS** on February 16, 2015, for basketball from 5:00-9:00 PM @ \$25/hr. x 5 hrs. (4 hrs. +1 hr.) = \$125.00 including ½ hr. of custodial coverage beginning and ending this time period.

**A-7** Approve the following resolution:

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GREAT MEADOWS  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY  
APPROVING THE ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE  
REQUEST FOR LEASE PURCHASE BIDS TO FINANCE ALL OF A  
PORTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS COMPRISING THE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT'S ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Great Meadows in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby) has, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6, (the "ESIP Law"), determined to undertake an energy savings plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has appointed Honeywell International ("Honeywell") to develop an Energy Savings Plan (the ESIP") pursuant to the ESIP Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Honeywell has developed an ESIP based upon a scope of projects including individual energy conservation measures ("ECM's") and including annual energy and operational savings and a proposed cash flow pro forma (the "ESIP"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the ESIP Law, the Board appointed Strunck Albert Engineering to act as a "third party verifier" in order to verify the savings set forth in the ESIP; and

**WHEREAS**: Strunck Albert Engineering has verified the savings set forth in the ESIP as set forth in its report dated October 21, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the ESIP, as verified, has been submitted to and approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities on November 24, 2014 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the energy savings generated from ESIP will be sufficient to cover the cost of the program's ECM's set forth in the ESIP, and, therefore, has determined to implement the ESIP pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6 et seq. and to finance the ESIP thorough the issuance of energy savings obligations authorized as a lease purchase agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6(c); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to continue to move the ESIP forward,

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the Board seeks to (i) approve and adopt the ESIP; (ii) authorize a contract with Honeywell to provide and install, in accordance with the ESIP Law; and (ii) authorize the seeking of bids for the lease purchase financing of the ECM's and other costs of the ESIP.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board hereby adopts the Energy Savings Plan and awards a contract to Honeywell to provide and install, in accordance with the ESIP Law, the approved ESIP in an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.00. The Board additionally authorizes the execution and delivery of a contract with Honeywell with respect to same and with respect to Honeywell's proposed guaranty of energy savings, upon review and advice of counsel.

**SECTION 2.** The Board hereby authorizes and directs the distribution of a request for bids for a lease purchase agreement to finance the improvements set forth in the ESIP.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**A-8** Approve R.D. Architectural Products Inc., of Fair Lawn, NJ to perform the Window Replacement at the Central School in accordance with SDA Project #1785-050-14-G2TQ. The proposed cost is \$141,200.00.

The other bids were:

D&E Window and Door, Inc.           \$146,700.00

**SECTION B -**

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to amend item # B-7 to read through **June 30, 2020**.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke, to approve the following **PERSONNEL/CURRICULUM** items B-1 through B-9.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

**B-1** Approve the medical leave for **Harry Unangst**, custodian, effective November 17, 2014, through an end date TBD upon

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medical recommendation.

**B-2** Accept, with regret, the following retirements:

1. **Lisa Baatz**, Wellness teacher at Liberty School, effective March 1, 2015.
2. **Carol Gibson**, B.S.I. teacher at Liberty School, effective July 1, 2015.

**B-3** Approve to Interim Business Administrator **Timothy Havlusch** four (4) days worked during the month of December 2014 at the rate of \$350 per diem totaling \$1,400.00.

**B-4** Approve **Rachel Crane** as a mentor to **Elizabeth Jensen**, B.S.I. teacher at Liberty School, effective immediately at a monthly mentor fee to Ms. Jensen of \$55/month, not to exceed \$550.00.

**B-5** Approve the horizontal movement on the guide to 2<sup>nd</sup> gr. teacher, **Laurie Washburn**, to BS+30, effective September 1, 2015.

**B-6** Approve the unpaid leave of absence of **Candy Dushaj** on March 30, 31, April 1, 2, 2015. Substitute coverage for this time has been attained.

**B-7** Approve the following resolution regarding shared services for David C. Mango, Superintendent:

**WHEREAS**, the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education ("Board") desires to maintain the current arrangement with the Hackettstown Board of Education ("Hackettstown") for the sharing of the position of Superintendent and to maintain Mr. Mango in the position of Superintendent;

**WHEREAS**, Hackettstown previously took action to maintain the current arrangement with the Board for the sharing of the position of Superintendent, and to maintain Mango in the position of Superintendent by approving a new shared employment contract for Mr. Mango that would be effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j) and N.J.A.C.

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6A:23A-3.1(a) and prior to the action taken by Hackettstown, the Interim Executive County Superintendent for Warren County provided written approval for the proposed continuation of the sharing of the position of Superintendent and that the new shared Employment Contract for Mr. Mango is in compliance with the Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Regulations;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board approves the continued sharing of the position of Superintendent with Hackettstown, and adopts the new shared Employment Contract for Mr. David Mango as Superintendent, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth therein, and as approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent for Warren County, per N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j) and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(a).

**B-8** Approve a Chess Club at GMMS with **Steven Thorpe**, 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Science teacher, to become the club's supervisor. Club will meet on Tuesdays (10 weeks) from 2:30-3:45 PM, effective February 3, 2015. This club will be funded by **Municipal Alliance**.

**B-9** Acknowledge the receipt of the **Superintendent's HIB** Report for the month of January 2015.

**SECTION C -**

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to amend item # C-1 to read:

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading** of the following policies:

Policy **#155** Board Committees

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **POLICY** Item C-1.

Roll Call vote was as follows:

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Jamie Cicerelle - Yea; Susan Cullen - Nay; Joe Mailloux - Yea;  
Lori Prymak - Yea; William Vonder Haar - Nay; Agatha Wilke -  
Yea; Ed O'Melia - Yea.

Motion Carried by a 5-2 affirmative vote.

**C-1** Approve the **1<sup>st</sup> reading** of the following policies:

Policy #0155 Board Committees

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to approve  
tabled item from Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2015  
under Section 7.2 Finance Committee:

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

7.2.2 Motion to approve William Vonder Haar as Liberty  
Township Representative.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed  
O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to approve the following  
**PERSONNEL/CURRICULUM** item:

The Great Meadows Regional Board of Education approves the  
Girls on the Run (GOTR) program and expenses for the Spring  
2015 season at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Lori Prymak, seconded by William Vonder Haar to  
approve tabled item from Reorganization Meeting of January 5,  
2015 under Section 7.2 Finance Committee:

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

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7.2.3 Motion to approve that the Board of Education, as determined by the board president, appoints Susan Cullen as representative of the board as follows:

County School Boards Association:  
New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak, 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 9:38 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 Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak, to re-enter regular session at 9:57 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to adjourn at 9:58 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch  
Board Secretary