

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Timothy Havlusch, Board Secretary. 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, Ed O'Melia (left at 7:45 PM), Lori Pymak, Dave Schmitz, William Vonder Haar and Agatha Wilke.

The Board Secretary read the results of the election and administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board member: Jen Spuckes, Independence Township.

Absent: None

David Mango, Superintendent, and Timothy Havlusch, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, were in attendance.

There were two members of the public in attendance.

Board Secretary called for nominations for President. Bill Vonder Haar was nominated by Susan Cullen and seconded by William Vonder Haar. Ed O'Melia was nominated by Dave Schmitz and seconded by Joe Mailloux.

Board Secretary called for any other nominations for President. There were no other nominations for President. Vote for William Vonder Haar as President was by voice vote. 2 yes, 7 no, 1 abstention.
Vote for Ed O'Melia as President was by voice vote.
7 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention.

Ed O'Melia was elected President.

Meeting was turned over to Ed O'Melia, President.

Board President called for nominations for Vice-President. Lori Prymak was nominated by William Vonder Haar and seconded by Susan Cullen. Joe Mailloux was nominated by Ed O'Melia and seconded by Agatha Wilke.

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Board President called for any other nominations for Vice - President. There were no other nominations for Vice President.

Vote for Lori Prymak as Vice-President was by roll call vote. Jamie Cicerelle, Susan Cullen, Lori Prymak and William Vonder Haar voting yes, Joe Mailloux, David Schmitz, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia voting no and Jen Spuckes abstaining. Motion did not carry.

Vote for Joe Mailloux as Vice-President was by roll call vote. Joe Mailloux, David Schmitz, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia voting yes, Jamie Cicerelle, Susan Cullen, Lori Prymak and William Vonder Haar voting no and Jen Spuckes abstaining. Motion did not carry.

There was some discussion as to the consequences of such an outcome, how to proceed and as to the merits of both nominations.

At this time a motion was made by William Vonder Haar to **reconsider** the motions before the Board for the nominations of Vice President. Motion was seconded by Joe Mailloux. The motion passed with a voice vote with 1 abstention.

The nominations for Vice President were then put before the Board for another vote.

Vote for Lori Prymak as Vice-President was by roll call vote. Susan Cullen, Lori Prymak and William Vonder Haar voting yes, Jamie Cicerelle, Joe Mailloux, David Schmitz, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia voting no and Jen Spuckes abstaining. Motion did not carry.

Vote for Joe Mailloux as Vice-President was by roll call vote. Jamie Cicerelle, Joe Mailloux, David Schmitz, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia voting yes, Susan Cullen, Lori Prymak and William Vonder Haar voting no and Jen Spuckes abstaining. Motion carried.

Joe Mailloux was elected Vice-President.

There was a discussion on agenda for reorganization as it pertains to the committee structure for the upcoming year.

The Meeting was open to public comment on agenda/action items only. With there being no public comment the meeting was

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closed to public comment.

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Susan Cullen, to approve the following **OPERATION** items A-1 through A-12.

There was clarification provided on Item A-4 as to what accounts signatures were being authorized.

There was a comment made on item A-7.

There was a brief discussion about item A-3 where Ed O'Melia appointed Susan Cullen based on her interest to serve the Board in the positions noted. It was also mentioned that anyone interested in serving as in an alternate capacity for any of these positions should contact the Board President for consideration.

At this time it was noted that the Board President would continue to serve in the position of liaison to the Hackettstown BOE from Great Meadows.

It was also noted that a future date for ethics training would be established and communicated the Board when set.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay on item A-2, William Vonder Haar voting nay on item A-7 and Jen Spuckes abstaining on all items.

A-1 MOTION to approve BOE meeting dates for 2016:

Motion to approve BOE meeting dates for 2016 at 7 PM in the Dining Room of GMMS unless otherwise specified:

<u>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u>	<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>
January 11, 2016	January 26, 2016
February 8, 2016	February 23, 2016
March 14, 2016	March 22, 2016
April 11, 2016	April 26, 2016
May 9, 2016	May 24, 2016
June 13, 2016	June 28, 2016
July 11, 2016	July 26, 2016
August 8, 2016	August 23, 2016
September 12, 2016	September 27, 2016
October 17, 2016	October 18, 2016
November 14, 2016	November 22, 2016
December 12, 2016	December 20, 2016

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A-2 MOTION to approve Adoption of all existing board policies and regulations:

Motion to approve Adoption of all existing board policies and regulations.

A-3 MOTION to approve, as determined by the board president, the following:

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

County School Boards Association:
New Jersey School Board Association
New Jersey School Board Association
Delegate
Legislative Delegate

A-4 MOTION to approve authorization of signatures:

Motion to approve Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, authorize the signatures on checking and savings accounts, and further, authorize a resolution for signatories and facsimile signatures.

A-5 MOTION to approve the adoption by the Board of Education the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics:

Motion to approve the adoption by the Board of Education the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1, as read.

A-6 MOTION to approve UMCA for NJ Public Schools:

Motion to approve the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools.

A-7 MOTION to approve line item transfers:

Motion to approve that the BOE, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 authorizes the Superintendent in conjunction with Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve line item transfers as necessary between board meetings and such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting.

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A-8 MOTION to approve district Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) :

Motion to approve that the BOE, appoint the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, *Timothy Havlusch*, as the district purchasing agent to implement policy and procedure in accordance with Chapter 18A:18A etc., "Public School Contracts Law."

A-9 MOTION to approve the BOE designated Bid and Quote Thresholds:

Whereas the district's appointed temporary purchasing agent, Timothy Havlusch, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9(g), and;

Whereas if the purchasing agent is qualified, the BOE may establish a bid threshold up to \$40,000, now, therefore,

Whereas the quote threshold is 15% of the bid threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3;

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education designate a bid threshold of \$40,000 and a quote threshold of \$6,000.

A-10 MOTION to approve Board Secretary to approve the payment of bills between board meetings:

Motion to approve that the BOE, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1, authorizes the Board Secretary to approve the payment of bills between board meetings. Such approval shall be presented to the board at the next meeting for ratification.

A-11 MOTION to approve Board Secretary:

Motion to approve that the BOE, hereby appoints *Timothy Havlusch* to serve as Board Secretary of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education through June 30, 2016.

A-12 MOTION to approve Adoption Roberts Rules of Order:

Motion to approve Roberts Rules of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual.

At this time the Board President, Ed O'Melia apologized to the Board and Public but had to leave the meeting at this time. The meeting was turned over to Vice President, Joe Mailloux.

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SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux second by Susan Cullen, to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCE items B-1 through B-5.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Jen Spuckes abstaining on all items.

B-1 MOTION to approve substitute teacher for 2015-2016 school year:

Motion to approve *Jeannette Castner* as a substitute teacher in the GMRSD for the 2015-2016 school year.

B-2 MOTION to approve the administrative internship of a Centenary College student:

Motion to approve the administrative internship of *Glenn DiLoreto*, a Centenary College student, with *Mr. Israel Marmolejos*. This internship is 300 hours and is part of the NJDOE approved program leading to a CEAS as Principal in the state of New Jersey.

B-3 MOTION to approve workshops:

Motion to approve the following workshops:

Name	Workshop	Cost	Date(s)	Grant Funded	School
Linda DeJesus	Increased proficiency of technology in World Language Instruction	\$180.00	2/26 & 2/27 2016	T(II)	Middle School

B-4 MOTION to approve substitute teacher:

Motion to approve, *Kristen Perkalis*, as a substitute teacher in the GMRSD for the 2015-2016 school year.

B-5 MOTION to approve a MAT Leave position at Central School:

Motion to approve a maternity leave position for *Lindsay Bloom*, instructional aide at Central School, effective February 1, 2016, through April 29, 2016, to *Gail Duarte* at an annual salary of \$14,707.00 prorated to \$4,631.25.

SECTION C

Nothing on the agenda at this time.

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SECTION D

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux second by Susan Cullen, to approve the following GOVERNANCE item D-1 as amended.

There was a discussion to change a word to keep similar policies consistent.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Jen Spukes abstaining and Susan Cullen abstaining.

D-1 MOTION to approve the 2nd reading and adoption the following policies:

Motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies:

Policy #3431.1 - Family Leave

Policy #4431.1 - Family Leave

Policy #5516 - Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECRD)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was an inquiry from the public regarding a requested new bus stop. The Operations Committee informed all that the matter would be taken up as part of their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Susan Cullen reported on the recent string concert that took place. She also reported that Maker's Day would be March 19th.

The Board also discussed the Interlocal Agreements in place and possible revisions as well as facility usage and the need to look at setting "goals" in all areas as it pertains to future Interlocal Agreements.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Dave Schmitz, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 8:01 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch
Board Secretary

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