

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Great Meadows Middle School Media Center, 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: Jamie Cicerelle, Dawn Frost, Joe Mailloux, Lori Prymak, Dave Schmitz, and Agatha Wilke (left @ 8:52PM).

Absent: Susan Cullen (arrived @ 7:38 PM & left @ 8:52 PM) William Vonder Haar (arrived @ 7:05 PM) and Ed O'Melia.

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Timothy Havlusch School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Debbi Grigoletti Director of Curriculum, Israel Marmolejos Principal of GMMS, and Kathy Gesurmaria Shared Director of Special Services were also present.

There was also approximately 35 member of the public in attendance.

**Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent provided the Board and public with an update on various topics:

- ✓ Presentations were made for the Student of the Month for Central, Liberty and Middle School for the months of September and October 2017.
- ✓ Debbi Grigoletti gave a presentation on the changing Global Environment.
- ✓ Kathy Gesurmaria gave a presentation on the Special Education programs in the district and projections for future improvement.
- ✓ The public was given an update on the designation of School Safety Specialist, as required by the Department of Education and the proposed requirements for that positions as it relates to current staff within Great Meadows and Hackettstown. This position does need to be in place within the all districts in the state by January 2018. This topic would be discussed in greater detail in future committee meetings.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

**Correspondence**

There was correspondence from the Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey indicating that the application by Great Meadows for the restoration of approximately \$32,000 in state aid for the 2017-18 school year had been denied.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

**Minutes**

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Dawn Frost to approve the minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as amended. (Regular & Executive Session)

Motion carried in a voice vote with Dawn Frost abstaining.

**Committee Reports**

The Operations Committee reported on the joint meeting with the Hackettstown Finance Committee focusing on the current state of the tuition adjustment schedule and how the resolution is currently ahead of the original plan. There were questions from members on any other topics that were covered.

The Governance Committee had nothing to report but was asked by the Business Administrator to look at the current class trip policy as it relates to ability to pay in light of F&R Lunch status.

**Public Comment – Agenda Items Only**

No comments at this time

**Close of Public Comment**

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**SECTION A**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux second by Jamie Cicerelle, to approve the following **OPERATIONS** items A-1 through A-8 as amended.

There was an explanation provided on item A-8 as it relates to districts seeking to have a choice in maintaining cost reimbursement contracts for FSMC operations as opposed to being unilaterally moved to a fixed price model of contracts as recommended by the NJ Department of Agriculture. There was also clarification proved on the class fundraisers that were on the agenda for approval in accordance with Board Policy.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with William Vonder Haar abstaining from Check #51700 on item A-1.

- A-1 Approval of Check Register(s) – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the bill list from September 27, 2017 through October 15, 2017 in the amount of \$2,017,917.09 (Check #'s 51655-51751) **ATTACHMENTS A-1**
- A-2 Approval of Check Register (Cafeteria Account) – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the bill list from August 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 in the amount of \$22,284.04 (Check # 22521) **ATTACHMENT A-2.**
- A-3 Approval of Financial Reports – Nothing to report at this time**
- A-4 Acceptance of Financial Reports Certification – Nothing to report at this time**
- A-5 Approval of Transfers -- Nothing to report at this time**
- A-6 Approval of Fundraiser – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, approve fundraisers at Great Meadows Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year. **ATTACHMENT A-6**
- A-7 Approval of Contract for Speech Services - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator authorize the approval a contract with Lauren L. Boden , M.S. CCC-SLP (State License #41YS0047250) for 2017-18 evaluative ACC speech services in an amount not to exceed \$850/per evaluation.
- A-8 Approval of Cost Reimbursement for FSMC Operation -- BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Whereas**, the Department of Agriculture sent a notice on June 14, 2017 to New Jersey school districts participating in the National School Lunch program announcing a significant change in the procurement protocol for the contracting of food service management companies that operate breakfast and lunch programs for New Jersey public schools, and

**Whereas**, this new procurement protocol would change the fundamental basis for awarding food service management contracts from a "Cost Reimbursement Basis" to a "Fixed Price Basis" for contract awards, and

**Whereas**, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education has engaged staff and the community year after year to provide a local food service program that addresses and meets the needs of our children, and

**Whereas**, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education credits the current "Cost Reimbursement" procurement method as the reason why the local school district can design a food service program that has the flexibility of meeting the needs of its children, and

**Whereas**, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education declares that the "Fixed Price" procurement system would dramatically reduce the school district's ability to change or alter its food service operations without the need to rebid for food service management services, and

**Whereas**, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education further declares that the "Fixed Price" procurement method would impact the quality of the meals served to its children and therefore impact the participation of children in our breakfast and lunch program, and

**Whereas**, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education further declares that the "Fixed Price" procurement method may limit the number of competitive proposals received by boards of education, and

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**Whereas**, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education rejects the Department of Agriculture's underlying reasons for making this change without giving NJ School Districts the opportunity to address their concerns in an attempt to keep this procurement method in place, and

**Whereas**, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education prefers an optional procurement system for securing Food Service Management Companies whereby the district could choose either "Cost Reimbursement" or "Fixed Price" as the basis for contract awards.

**Now Therefore be it Resolved**, that the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby requests the Department of Agriculture to reconsider its plans to move the basis of awarding Food Service Management contracts to a "Fixed Price" basis and allow the option of continuing to use a "Cost Reimbursement procurement model; or in the alternative , a "Fixed Price" procurement method, and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that copies of this resolution shall be forward to:  
New Jersey Association of School Business Officials  
New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture  
Local Legislators  
NJ School Boards, NJ School Superintendents, NJ Principals and Supervisors, NJ PTA

**SECTION B**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux second by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-5.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call.

- B-1 Approval of New Staff – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint new staff, for the 2017-2018 school year attached by reference.
- B-2 Approval of Co-Curricular Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve co-curricular appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- B-3 Approval of Observation Hours - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve observation hours for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- B-4 Approval of Substitute(s) - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- B-5 Approval of Adult Bus Monitor - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Lori Matuszek as Adult Bus Monitor, before and after school, for a GMRSD student at a rate of \$13.54/hour as needed during the 2017-2018 school year.

**SECTION C**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux second by Dawn Frost, to approve the following **EDUCATIONAL/GOVERNANCE** items C-1 through C-5 as amended.

There were comments made on the matter of the sustainability policy and on the steps being undertaken with regard to updating the LRFP.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen and William Vonder Haar voting nay to item C4.

- C-1 Approval of 2017-2018 Field Trips - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve field trips for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- C-2 Approval of 2017-2018 Workshop Attendance - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve workshop attendance for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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- C-3 Annual Approval of Nursing Services Plans - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Nursing Services Plans from each of the four district schools for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- C-4 Approval of Submission of the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve submission of the 2017-2018 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance, attached by reference.
- C-5 Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of District Policies and Regulations - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following District Policies and Regulations in a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

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| <b>P &amp; R 7424</b> | <b>Bed Bugs (New)</b>   |
| <b>P 8505</b>         | <b>Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards For Meals &amp; Other Foods</b> |
| <b>P 2700</b>         | <b>Services to Nonpublic School Students (M) (Revised)</b>                  |
| <b>P &amp; R 7100</b> | <b>Long-Range Facilities Planning (M) (Revised)</b>                         |
| <b>P &amp; R 7101</b> | <b>Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects (Revised)</b>                   |
| <b>P 7102</b>         | <b>Site Selection and Acquisition (Revised)</b>                             |
| <b>R 7102</b>         | <b>Site Selection and Acquisition (New)</b>                                 |
| <b>P 7130</b>         | <b>School Closing (Revised)</b>   |
| <b>P 7300</b>         | <b>Disposition of Property (Revised)</b>                                    |
| <b>R 7300.2</b>       | <b>Disposition of Land (Revised)</b>  |
| <b>R 7300.3</b>       | <b>Disposition of Personal Property (Revised)</b>                           |
| <b>R 7300.4</b>       | <b>Disposition of Federal Property (Revised)</b>                            |

**Other Business**

It was reported that the Sparta School District made a recent visit to look at the district's vestibule installation. It was also reported that there had been commination with the Franklin Township (Hunterdon) administrative team as it relates to Great Meadows experience with shared services. The public was also reminded of the presentation of the feasibility study which is scheduled at a joint meeting of the Great Meadows and Hackettstown BOE on Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00PM in the GMMS Gymnasium. There had also been a meeting with Mr. David Hespe and the respective Mayors and Councils to solicit additional information and concerns that will be useful in the preparation of the report being presented on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

**Hackettstown Report**

Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening however the sports programs are doing well and the dealing with the displaced Willow Grove students in GM has been moving ahead.

**Independence Township Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Liberty Township Report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Public Comment/New Business**

There were questions and concerns from the public regarding the GATE program in GM as a result of the recalibration of acceptance into the program. Mrs. Grigoletti and Mr. Mango provided an explanation on the focus of raising the bar and differentiating between high achieving and truly gifted students. Also the assessment of other factors beyond tests scores was discussed as a factor in the section process. Mr. Mango did comment that the concerns raised in this forum would be looked at.

There were questions from the public on specific aspects of the feasibility study. The public was informed that everyone would be made aware of the results of and any recommendation resulting from the study for the first time on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**Close of Public Comment**

**Motion for Executive Session**

Motion was made by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Dawn Frost to enter Executive Session for the purposes of negotiations and matters of HIB.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:49 PM.

**Motion Re-Open Public Session**

Motion was made by Dave Schmitz, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle to re-open the Public Session at 9:02 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Lori Prymak to approve the following.

**MOTION to acknowledge receipt of Superintendent's H.I.B. Report:** Acknowledge receipt of the Superintendent's H.I.B. Report as presented.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Dawn Frost, to adjourn at 9:02PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch