

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF Tuesday, February 27 2018

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2018 at the Great Meadows Middle School Media Center, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, Susan Cullen, Dawn Frost, Tim Koeller, Joe Mailloux, Dave Schmitz, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Ed O'Melia, Lori Prymak.

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 30 member of the public in attendance.

Motion to Proceed out of Order from the Agenda

A motion was made by Joe Mailloux and seconded by Dawn Frost to proceed out of order from the agenda. Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent's Report

- ✓ Presentations were made for the Student of the Month for Central, Liberty and Middle School for the month of February 2018.

Ethics Training

At this time a presentation was made by Kathy Helewa from NJSBA for the purposes of annual ethics training for the Board of Education. The Board was briefed on recent changes and clarifications from the School Ethics Commission (SEC). There were a few brief public exercises that tested the board's understanding of current situations relating to the matter of ethics as it relates to serving on the Board of Education.

Superintendent's Report (cont.)

- ✓ At this point Mr. Steve Speirs gave his 30 and 60 day updates relating to his appointment as Shared Director of Security for the Great Meadows Regional School District. His presentation included evaluations of current practices within the district as well as changes that have been implanted for the benefits of students and staff within the district. His presentation also included additional suggestions and recommendations to be considered and follow up on by district administration in light of budgetary impacts. The presentation concluded with an open discussion with the public present and the BOE as to specific points relating to security within the district. Opinions were expressed from all parties in attendance.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

Correspondence

The practice of including and listing any OPRA requests received by the Board Office, as correspondence was reported on and clarified.

Minutes

Motion by Joe Mailloux seconded by Dawn Frost to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2017 as amended. (Regular & Executive Session)

Motion carried in a voice vote with Jamie Cicerelle abstaining on the Executive Session portion of the minutes.

Committee Reports

The HR Committee reported that as of now there appears to be no staff position changes for the 18-19 School Year as well as no organic staff growth. The committee also reported other matters discussed such as changes to the evaluation model and the improvement of classroom techniques. It was also reported that Chief Aiello would be present at the meeting in March.

The Education Committee reported on the benchmark assessments for the schools as well as the GATE program and 3rd Grade enrichment possibilities that were discussed.

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The Operations Committee reported on the status of the draft/tentative budget for 2018-19 and the cost drivers that both positively and negatively impact the creation of the 2018-19 FY budget. It was also announced by the Superintendent that the updated LRFP would be presented at the June 20th meeting.

There were questions and clarifications provided to the Board regarding the 3rd grade enrichment plan. Joe Mailloux also recognized the student council members that were present at tonight's meeting.

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

There was a request for a copy of a policy that was on the agenda for first reading even though a copy of that policy was present and available for review by the public.

Close of Public Comment

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux second by Tim Koeller, to approve the following **OPERATIONS** items A-1 through A-7. The motion carried in a roll call vote with William Vonder Haar abstaining on check #'s 52159 & 52181 in A-1 and voting nay to item A-5.

There were clarifications provided as to the timing of the bills list and how in some instances two months of bills from a particular vendor may appear on the list as separate checks giving the timing of board meetings.

- 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 January 20, 2018 through February 23, 2018 in the amount of \$2,124,460.78 (Check #'s 52113-52225) **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 January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 in the amount of \$19,324.60 (Check # 22525) **ATTACHMENT A-2.**
- A-3 Approval of Financial Reports – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the Secretary and Treasurer Reports (**BSR & TSM**) for the month of January 2018. **ATTACHMENT(s) A-3**
- A-4 Acceptance of Financial Reports Certification – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, accept the certification of the Board Secretary, and certify: in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c), that to the best of our knowledge as of January 31, 2018 no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds exist to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school years. **ATTACHMENT(s) A-3**
- A-5 Approval of Transfers -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the transfers as of as of January 31, 2018 in the amount of \$162,396.00 **ATTACHMENT(s) A-5**
- A-6 Approval of Fundraisers – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve in accordance with Policy #5830 the following fundraising events at GMMS as attached: **ATTACHMENT A-6**
- A-7 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Special Education (2017-18) -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement for 2017-18 with The Midland School in the amount of \$26,468.78 from February 12, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (\$322.79/day for 82 Days)

SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux second by Dave Schmitz, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-10 as amended.

The Board took this time to congratulate those staff members listed in Item B-1 for the dedication to the children during their time in the district.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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- B-1 Acceptance of Retirement - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the retirement upon the completion of the 2017-2018 school year attached by reference.
- B-2 Acceptance of Resignations - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept resignations for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- B-3 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-4 Approval of Co-Curricular Substitute Replacement - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve co-curricular substitute appointment of Cheryl Wilson for the Girls Volleyball Club as needed for Jean Tagliereni for the 2017-2018 school year.
- B-5 Approval of Additional Co-Curricular Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve additional co-curricular appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- B-6 Approval to Write Curriculum - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to write curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- B-7 Approval of Homebound Instruction Provider- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Jacqueline Lunden as a homebound instruction provider for a 6th Grade Middle School student for 5 hours/week effective immediately for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
- B-8 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-9 Approval of Volunteers - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alice Koster as a volunteer at the Liberty School Media Center for the 2017-2018 school year.
- B-10 Approval of Substitutes - 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.

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-4.

There was clarification provided as the policies listed for first reading in item C-4 and its impact in light of existing policies. There were also comments made as to the difficult job the district has in aligning the calendar in item C-3.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- 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.
- C-3 Approval of the 2018-2019 District Calendar - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2018-2019 District Calendar, attached by reference.
- C-4 Approval of 1st 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 1st reading:

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P 0169.02	Board Member Use of Social Networks (New)
P 3437	Military Leave (Revised)
P 4437	Military Leave (Revised)
P 5516.01	Student Tracking Devices (New)
R 7101	Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects (Revised)
P 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (New)
P & R 7440	School District Security (M) (Revised)
P 8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) (Revised)
R 8630	Emergency School Bus Procedures (M) (Revised)
P 9242	Use of Electronic Signatures (New)

Other Business

Hackettstown Report

There is a meeting for the discussion of security matters scheduled for Tuesday March 13, 2018. Also the topic of moving to grade based school was discussed at the latest public BOE Meeting.

Independence Township Report

The Municipal budget is scheduled to be approved and available for review on March 15th with a tentative increase of less than \$0.01 per hundred dollars of tax ratable property.

Liberty Township Report

An update was provided on the road closure of Lakeside Drive West and its impact on transportation for the remainder of the school year.

Public Comment/New Business

There were no public comments at this time.

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 matters of HIB.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:39 PM.

Motion Re-Open Public Session

Motion was made by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Dave Schmitz to re-open the Public Session at 9:43 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Joe Mailloux seconded by Dave Schmitz 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 9:43 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch