

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF Thursday February 7, 2019

The Special Committee of the Whole Workshop Meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Great Meadows Middle School Media Center, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Lori Prymak, 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, Tim Koeller, Ed O'Melia (left @ 6:44), Doug Smith, William Vonder Haar, Courtney Wenthen and Lori Prymak.

Absent: Joe Mailloux.

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 20 member of the public in attendance.

Committee Reports

At this point each of the committees held their respective meetings and gave updates from prior meetings and directions and topics for future meetings in the open forum. There were a wide array of topics discussed relative to each committee's charge and responsibility. There was a direct focus on the 19/20 budget as necessary when it related to and individual committee. There was a presentation made by Kathy Gesumaria on behalf of the Superintendent outlining the proposed changes for the CST in the district and actions that would need to be taken by the BOE at future meetings. Another presentation was made by Israel Marmolejos, Principal of GMMS about the testing benchmarks. It was also announced that the Regular Meeting scheduled for February 26, 2019 would be moved to the GMMS Gymnasium.

Other/New Business

Clarification was provided that even though the board approved the submittal of a SEMI waiver request, the Warren County Department of Education could not officially accept unless it was approved after the date when the official numbers of eligible students were released by the NJ DOE.

SECTION A – ADDENDUM ONLY

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Susan Cullen seconded by Doug Smith, to approve the following **OPERATIONS** item A-8.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

A-8 Approval of SEMI Waiver Submittal – BE IT RESOLVED: that **Whereas**, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2019-2020 school year, and

Whereas, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that there would be fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students with (29) based on attached notification from NJDOE;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Warren an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 as part of the budget preparation process for the 2019-2020 school year.

Public Comment/New Business

There were numerous comments and clarifications from the public and provided to the public on the topics covered in this open committee of the whole format.

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Close of Public Comment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Lori Prymak, seconded by Courtney Wenthien, to adjourn at 9:08 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Havlusch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Timothy Havlusch