

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at the Great Meadows Middle School Cafeteria, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Tim Koeller, 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 was led by Vice President Koeller.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Susan Cullen, Joe Mailloux, Ed O'Melia, Douglas Smith, Courtney Wenthen and Tim Koeller.

**Tardy :** William VonderHaar arrived at 7:50 pm.

**Absent:** Lori Prymak

**Administration / Other:**

David C. Mango-Superintendent, Angela Moyer- Interim BA/Board Secretary, Mr. Taylor Ruilova, Esq.- Comegno Law Group as Board Attorney, Debra Grigoletti-Director of Curriculum, Israel Mamolejos- Principal of GMMS and Michael Mai-Principal of GM Central, Kevin O'Leary-Director of Special Services.

Approximately 36 members of the public.

**Correspondence**

- Dr. Rosemary Lamonte: Notification of appointment of Mr. Begley to the vacancy on the Board representing Liberty Township.
- Ms. Mariela Moron: Concern for some novels included in the literacy curriculum.

**Minutes**

Motion moved by Tim Koeller, seconded by Susan Cullen.

To approve the minutes as presented for the meetings:

August 27, 2019 Regular and Executive Session

Vote: Ayes-6; Nays-0. Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports:** The following members summarized their committee reports:

Tim Koeller: Reviewed the items discussed and the recommendations forwarded by the Operations Committee. The committee supported the replacement and expanding the fencing on the low roof. The initial summary of audit review was positive and indicated surplus available recommendation two-thirds into capital reserve one-third into maintenance reserve. They requested expanded notification by security monitoring service to additional staff and an update on the status of return of Liberty security equipment and licenses.

Susan Cullen: Human Resources - Focused on the review and proposed revisions to job description. Job descriptions presented tonight shall be verbally amended for the Elementary & MS Principals. The committee reviewed policy alert #218 although the committee recommendations are not indicated on the attachment distributed.

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Ed O'Melia: Education/Governance- Indicated the committee received report on the NJSLA and ESL processes and results to be presented this evening.

**Superintendent's Report**

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

- ✓ H.I.B 2018-2019. Mrs. McDonagh presented the results of the annual self assessment explaining the scoring scale of 0-3 with 3 indicating the district exceeds expectations. A sample of the various components of the assessment was shared with an indication the district scored 2 or 3 in the majority of components. Summary scores on a scale of 78 were: Central 71; Liberty 79; Middle 66. Mr. Mango confirmed there were no H.I.B. incidences this month and no executive session needed.
- ✓ NJSLA 2018-2019. Mrs. Grigoletti presented the data on the testing completed by students in a three year comparative grid utilizing the mandated state template. Math and English test results were reflected comparing our students to the state averages. Although the district is making progress, the goal set by the district is to achieve at a level 20% above the state averages. NJASK Science data has not been released to date.
- ✓ L.E.N.S. Presentation  
Prior to the presentation Mr. Mango addressed the public presenting an overview of the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Specifically sharing the facts and time line from the opening of the hatch at approximately 1 am, historical events of alerts by our monitoring services and the changes in protocols set in place in coordination with the local police. Mr. Mango confirmed there was no faulty equipment, alarm or notification by Sonitrol. It was also confirmed, had the police received a call at the time of the incident, they had access to the security video during the events.  
Mr. Speirs introduced the representatives of Eastern DataComm. Paul Jenne & Paul Zimmerman provided a detailed presentation of the capabilities of the all-encompassing system L.E.N.S.. In addition to the slide presentation, a "mock" alert system was demonstrated. An extended period of discussion took place involving members of the public and board. Estimated cost for system installation was stated as \$110,000 and annual recurring cost of \$2,600 to \$2,800 per building.

Mr. VonderHaar arrived during the presentation / discussion at approximately 7:50 pm.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items)**

- Mrs. Miriela Moron – Textbook adoption item C4 on the agenda. Requested the board reconsider the negative inspired novels and move in a more positive direction.

**Close of Public Comment**

**SECTION A**

Motion moved by Koeller, seconded by Cullen

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Section A-Operations items A-1 through A-9;

Roll call vote: Susan Cullen-aye ; Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O'Melia-aye; Douglas Smith-aye; William VonderHaar-aye; Courtney Wenthen-aye; Tim Koeller- aye.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

**A-1 Approval of Check Register – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the bill list from August 29, 2018

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through September 20, 2018 in the amount of \$832,528.78 (Check #'s 54264 -54352)

*ATTACHMENT 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 July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019 in the amount of \$442.50 (Check #'s 22547 & 22548)

*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 July 2019.

*ATTACHMENT 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 July 31, 2019, 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 2019-2020 fiscal year.

*ATTACHMENT 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 listed July 1 through August 31, 2019 in the amount of \$500.00

*ATTACHMENT A-5*

- A-6 Approval of Facility Use Report – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the attached anticipated facility use report for the period 9/25/2019 – 6/30/2020 subsequent to appropriate building level approval as needed. (*Please note that in some instances requests have been submitted and the space has been “reserved” however the formal application cannot be approved until a current COI has been received.*)

*ATTACHMENT A-6*

- A-7 Approval of Fundraisers – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves in accordance with Policy #5830 the following district wide fundraising events at GMRSD as attached: *ATTACHMENT A-7*

- A-8 Approval of Contract Student Pictures – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the board acknowledge the agreement with Lifetouch for student pictures for the 2020-2021 school year at no annual cost to the district.

*ATTACHMENT A-8*

- A-9 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Special Education (2019-20 SY) – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement (2019-2020 SY) with ESC of Morris County for 3 students at annual tuition rate of \$65,230, as well as teacher's aide as required by IEP in the amount of \$28,550. and additional therapy billed at \$92/hr with estimated annual cost of \$5,244 for 1 student and \$6,992 for one student.

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**SECTION B**

Motion moved by Koeller, seconded by Cullen

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Section B- Human Resources items B- through B-12 as verbally amended.

Discussion:

Job Descriptions for Elementary & MS Principal (B9 & B10), eliminate verbiage regarding safety officer.  
Item B-7 inquiry why substitute nurse aide on bus only for p.m.

**Vote:**

Roll call vote:

Susan Cullen-aye except nay on B-5 and abstain B-10; Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O'Melia-aye; Douglas Smith aye; William VonderHaar-aye; Courtney Wenthon-aye; Tim Koeller- aye.

Summary

Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote - except B-5 (ayes 6; nays 1 Cullen); B-10 (ayes 6; nays 0; abstain-1 Cullen).

- B- 1 Approval of New Staff – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the new staff for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference.
- B-2 Approval of Revised Co-Curricular Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve revised co-curricular appointments for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference.
- B-3 Approval of Aide Training Hours- BEITRESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Colleen Flanagan, IEP Classroom Aide, for 1 hour of training on 9/3/19 at a rate of \$13.28 hour.
- B-4 Approval of Bus Aide Hours- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Michael Bade, as a Middle School bus aide not to exceed 2 hours/day at an hourly rate of \$13.02/hour for the 2019-2020 school year
- B-5 Approval of Revised Team Leaders and PLC Leaders Stipends - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the revised stipend amounts for Team Leaders and PLC Leaders, attached by reference.
- B-6 Approval of Nurses for Bus Routes - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Cheryl Wilson and Bethanne Hendershot, as nurses for the morning and afternoon bus routes, at a rate of \$42/hour for a minimum of 1 hour each for the 2019-2020 school year.

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- B-7 Approval of Substitute Nurse for Afternoon Bus - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alison Milian, RN from Hackettstown High School, as a substitute nurse for the afternoon bus run, as needed for the 2019-2020 school year.
- B-8 Approval of School Security Specialists – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Stephen Speirs and Michael Mai as School Security Specialists for the 2019-2020 school year.
- B-9 Approval to Abolish Job Descriptions – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approval to abolish the following job descriptions, attached by reference.
- B-10 Approval of Revised Job Descriptions – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the revised job descriptions of the Great Meadows Elementary School Principal and Great Meadows Middle School Principal, attached by reference.
- B-11 Approval of Observation Hours- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves observation hours for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference.
- B-12 Approval to Write Curriculum – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves staff to write curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. **(ATTACHMENT)**

**Section C**

Motion moved by Koeller, seconded by Cullen

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Section C- Education/Governance - items C-1 through C-6 as amended.

Discussion: Items C-5 and C-6 attachments do not reflect the “option(s)” recommended by the Education/Governance committee.

Motion moved by VonderHaar, seconded by Smith.  
To table items C-5 and C-6 until the October meeting.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vote on section C as amended excluding tabled items:

Roll call vote: Susan Cullen-aye except nay on C-4; Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O’Melia-aye; Douglas Smith-aye- except abstain on C-2; William VonderHaar-aye except nay on A-5 and B-5; Courtney Wenthen-aye except nay on B-5; Tim Koeller- aye.

Summary of C-1 through C-4: Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote - except C-2 (ayes 6; nays 0: abstain-1 Smith); C-4 (ayes 6; nays 1-Cullen)

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- C-1 Approval of Workshop Attendance - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve workshop attendance for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. . **(ATTACHMENT)**
- C-2 Approval of 2019-2020 Field Trips - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve field trips for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. **(ATTACHMENT)**
- C-3 Approval of the 2018-2019 School Self Assessment- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2018-2019 School Self Assessment for determining grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.
- C-4 Adoption of Textbooks - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Curriculum Committee, adopt new textbooks for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference.

**Other Business**

Mrs. Cullen reported the following:

- Mr. William Poch has returned to Warren County as Executive County Business Administrator
- Attended WCSBA program "Equality vs. Equity"
- Attended MCSBA program."Mastering Learning vs. Student Achievement"
- Mt. Olive has been awarded "Future Ready School"
- Wharton Board has achieved "Board Certification"

**Hackettstown Report**

- Soccer program Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm and 7 pm

**Independence Report** Mr. Norton invited participation on the various committees..

**Liberty Report** None at this time.

**Public Comment**

- When board returns from executive session, all members should be in the meeting room before discussion continues.
- Reference to Title I homework club, inquiry if available for all students in all grade levels.
- Inquiry of the school hours for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Inquiry was made concerning the amount of time students have to prepare prior to PE.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Tim Koeller, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela J. Moyer  
Interim BA/Board Secretary