

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Great Meadows Middle School Cafeteria, Independence Township. The meeting was call to order at 7:00 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 referencing the change from Tuesday the 17th to Thursday 19th due to inclement weather.

Flag Salute was led by President Prymak.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Matthew Begley, Joe Mailloux, Ed O'Melia, Douglas Smith, Courtney Wenthon, Tim Koeller arrived at 7:30, William VonderHaar, Lori Prymak

Absent: Matthew Begley, Sue Cullen, Tim Koeller arrived at 7:30.

Administration / Other:

David C. Mango-Superintendent; Israel Mamolejos-Principal of GMMS, Michael Mai-Principal of GM Central, Kevin O'Leary-Director of Special Services. Approximately 12 members of the public.

Correspondence **None**

Minutes

Motion moved by Prymak , seconded by Wenthon

To approve the minutes, inclusive of executive session, as presented for November 26, 2019.

Vote: Ayes-4; Nays-0. Abstention- 2 (Mailloux, O'Melia) Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: The following members summarized their committee reports:

Education/Governance - Ed O'Melia indicated the committee recommends the approval of the new curricular course presented for 6-8 grade.

Human Resources - Courtney Wenthon noted the motion on the job descriptions will be tabled until January.

Operations Committee . No report. The committee did not meet.

Governance Committee No report.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Mango provided the Board and Public with an update on various topics:

- ✓ Transportation matters:
 - Hazardous routes identified for winter weather conditions and notification process established utilizing phone blast. If bussing is not able to be provided to some students, their absence would be excused.
 - Campus traffic pattern will be adjusted to best serve the safety of students. One way traffic pattern will be established for pick-up and drop-off times.
 - Parent forum will be scheduled after the new year.

- ✓ Students of Month : Short video presentation, administrative words of recognition and congratulations to: Isabelle Flanders- Central and Steven Cassese - Middle School students.

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- ✓ Statement of appreciation to the departing members of the Board, Ms. Prymak; Mr. O'Melia; Mr. Mailloux, for their many years of service to their community as well as their positive and professional working relationship.

- ✓ Annual Audit Presentation – Mr. William Colantano and Ms. Laura Atwell from BKC. The audit synopsis and management report were available for public review. Ms. Atwell presented and reviewed a comprehensive document which highlighted the changes from prior year as well as a ten year trends. An areas of concern from a financial position is the limited reserved funds and from a funding standpoint is the dramatic decreases in student enrollment. Mr. Colantano offered some insight into the budgeting process for educational vs. municipal governing parties. Mrs. Moyer indicated the acceptance motion would be reflected on the January agenda.

Mr. Koeller arrived at 7:30 pm during the Audit Presentation.

Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None

Action Items

Motion moved by Lori Prymak, seconded by Joe Mailloux

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve
Section A-Operations items A-1 through A-10;
Section B- Human Resources items B-1 through B-5; table B-2 job descriptions
Section C –Education/Governance item C-1

Discussion:

Brief discussion of proposed program for grades 6 -8 entitled financial literacy.
Concern expressed for use of facilities being managed by Independence Recreation League and inability of Liberty Basketball coaches to secure practice times. It was noted Mr. Cummings is no longer managing the Independence Recreation.

Roll Call Vote Summary:

Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O'Melia-aye; Douglas Smith-aye; William VonderHaar-aye; Courtney Wenthen-aye except A-6 abstain; Tim Koeller- aye; and Lori Prymak-aye
Motions carried by roll call vote: ayes-7 ; nays-0; abstentions-0, except A-6 ayes-6 ; nays-0; abstentions-1 (Wenthen).

SECTION A

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 as follows:

Payroll & Benefits	November	\$ 932,819.73
December Bill List	Check #s 54593 thru 54610	\$ 788,353.57

ATTACHMENTS A-1(a-b)

A-2 Approval of Check Register (Food Service Account) – BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the bill list from Dec 1st thru 13th as listed:

Ck # 2552	Maschio's Food Service	\$ 12,733.38
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SECTION B

- B-1 Approval of Additional Title I Club Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve additional Title I Club appointments for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)
- B-2 Approval of Revised District Job Descriptions–** Tabled
- 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 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)
- B-4 Approval of Side Bar Agreement - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Side Bar Agreement between the Great Meadows Regional Education Association and the Great Meadows Regional School District's Board of Education for extended course work at Centenary University for a Great Meadows staff member, for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference.
- B-5 Acceptance of Resignation(s) - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignations for the 2019-2020 school year attached by reference.

SECTION C

- C-1 Approval of New Curriculum - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Curriculum Committee, approve new curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)

Other Business

President Prymak noted articles in the most recent issue of School Leaders, NJSBA publication and referenced:

- Lens
- Volunteers in District
- Later school start and end times

Ed O'Melia shared information from his attendance at the NJSBA convention in October. Suggested the district look into owning our own busses and shared services with the township for maintenance. Grants are available for technology and possibly advantageous for GMR.

Hackettstown Report: No Report

Independence Report: No Report

Liberty Report: No Report

Public Comment

- Mrs. Ascolese offered comments relating to historical results of public vote on the budget which in her opinion were not positive for the district's educational programs.

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- President Prymak read a statement addressing the Board, outlining some of the high points during her tenure on the board as well as some of the challenging times. Appreciation was extended to the administration for the assistance and guidance. In summary she offered congratulations to the newly elected members and wished the Board success as they face new challenges.

Executive Session

Motion moved by Lori Prymak seconded by Joe Mailloux : to adjourn to executive session at 8:38 pm for discussion of student personnel matters specifically HIB and personnel matters, discussion of which may or may not be made public upon return to public session. Return to public session is anticipated in approximately 30 minutes with action to take place at that time. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Return to Open Session

Motion moved by Lori Prymak seconded by Ed O'Melia to return to public session at 9:05 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Student Personnel Matters

November Final HIB – Motion moved by Prymak, seconded by O'Melia.

Be It Resolved: the Board accepts the final HIB report for November 2019 as presented by the Superintendent. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

HIB Appeal -Motion moved by Prymak, seconded by Wenthen

Be It Resolved : by the Board to deny the HIB appeal as heard and presented in Executive Session.

Roll call vote: Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O'Melia-aye; Douglas Smith-aye; William VonderHaar-aye;

Courtney Wenthen-aye; Tim Koeller- aye; and Lori Prymak-aye

Ayes: 7; nays -0; abstentions -0.

Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote

Personnel/Negotiations

Stipend Transportation Coordination – Motion moved by Prymak, seconded by Wenthen

Be It Resolved: by the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award a \$4,000 annual stipend for the coordination of transportation for the 2019-2020 year retroactively to Mr. Israel Marmolejos to be paid in semiannual payments.

Roll call vote: Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O'Melia-aye; Douglas Smith-aye; William VonderHaar-aye;

Courtney Wenthen-aye; Tim Koeller- aye; and Lori Prymak-aye.

Ayes: 7; nays -0; abstentions -0.

Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote

Adjournment

Motion made by Lori Prymak, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Moyer
Board Secretary