

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, May 9, 2016**

A Special Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 Annual Budget by the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2016 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Ed O'Melia, President. A statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jamie Cicerelle, Susan Cullen, Dawn Frost, Joe Mailloux, Lori Prymak, David Schmitz, William Vonder Haar, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: None

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Timothy Havlusch School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Nadia Inskeep Director of Curriculum were also present.

There were also 4 members of the public in attendance.

**Public Hearing 2016-2017 Budget**

At this time the Board and Public were provided a presentation by David C. Mango, Superintendent and Timothy Havlusch, Business Administrator on the 2016-2017 Budget. The presentation put forth the objectives and financial direction for The Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2016-2017 School Year.

**Public Comment - Agenda Items Only**

At the conclusion of the presentation the meeting was open for public comment on agenda items only. There were questions from the public on tuition rates for GM students attending Hackettstown HS. There were also comments made about Special Education Tuition rates and the necessity of such expenditures. There were other comments and discussions about per-pupil costs and how they are calculated.

**Close of Public Comment**

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**SECTION PH (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **PUBLIC HEARING** items PH-1 & PH-2.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay to item PH-2 and William Vonder Haar voting nay to all items.

**PH-1 MOTION to approve Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget:**

WHEREAS, The proposed 2016-17 Great Meadows Regional Board of Education Budget in the amount stated in this resolution reflects an increase in total local school district taxation equal to the statutorily mandated cap of two percent (2%), and utilizes statutorily allowed adjustment for increase in health care costs in the amount of \$111,376 and statutorily allowed use of banked tax levy cap in the amount of \$63,617, resulting is a total General Fund local tax levy of \$13,698,655; and

WHEREAS, According to the State of New Jersey Department of Education's budget adequacy calculation, the school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the core curriculum content standards adopted by the State Board of Education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby adopts the Annual Budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the total amount of \$20,870,667; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there should be raised for the General Fund \$13,698,655 for the ensuing School Year (2016-2017) with Budgetary Appropriations and Revenues to be as follows:

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	<b>Appropriations</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
	<i>Budget</i>		<i>Local Tax Levy</i>	<i>Other Sources</i>
General Fund	19,909,750		13,523,662	
Local Sources				95,732
State Aide				5,983,074
Health Care Adjustment			111,376	
Banked Cap			63,617	
District Sources				132,289
Fund 20	264,954			
Grants & Entitlements				264,954
Fund 40 - Debt Service	695,963		518,156	177,807
Sub Total	20,870,667		14,216,811	6,653,856
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,870,667</b>		<b>20,870,667</b>	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby approves the adoption of the 2016-2017 school district budget as set forth herein and approved by the New Jersey State Department of Education to be in effect beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

**PH-2 MOTION to approve timeframe for use of Banked Cap for 2016-2017:**

Motion to approve the use of banked cap (\$63,617) in the 2016-17 Base Budget as part of the Tax Levy. This amount must be completed by the end of the 2016-2017 budget year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

**Motion for Executive Session**

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke to enter Executive Session.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

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**Motion Re-Open Public Session**

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by William Vonder Haar to re-open the Public Session.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

**ADDENDUM**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **ADDENDUM** items ADA-1 & ADB-1

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**ADA-1MOTION to Approve Insurance Settlement**

Resolved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt and approve the Settlement Agreement, General Release and Waiver for the student matter as discussed in Executive Session.

**ADB-1MOTION to acknowledge receipt of the Superintendent's H.I.B. Report:**

Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Superintendent's H.I.B. Report for GMR during the month of **April** 2016.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch  
Board Secretary