

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF Tuesday, September 25, 2018

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at the Great Meadows Middle School Media Center, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jamie Cicerelle, Susan Cullen, Dawn Frost, Tim Koeller, Joe Mailloux, Lori Prymak, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: William Vonder Haar.

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 25 member of the public in attendance.

Correspondence

Ed O'Melia read the correspondence items from the agenda.

Minutes

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dawn Frost to approve the minutes as amended, from August 28, 2018 (Regular and Executive Session)

Motion carried in a voice vote with Jamie Cicerelle abstaining.

Committee Reports

Susan Cullen on behalf of the Human Resources Committee reported on the items contained in the previously distributed committee minutes and mentioned that the next committee meeting date was scheduled for October 9th, 2018.

There were no other committee reports at this time.

Superintendent's Report

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

- ✓ A presentation was made by Debbi Grigoletti, Director of Curriculum on the recently release PARCC scores from the Department of Education.
- ✓ A presentation was made by Israel Marmolejos, Principal of GMMS on the required district wide HIB self-assessment to be submitted to the Department of Education.

At the conclusion of the presentations there was a period of questions, comments and clarifications provided to both the Board of Education and members of the public regarding both presentations and the information contained therein.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

No comments at this time

Close of Public Comment

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **OPERATIONS** items A-1 through A-10 as amended.

The motion carried in a 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 through September 20, 2018 in the amount of \$1,874,065.79 (Check #'s 52879-52996) **ATTACHMENT A-1**

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- 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, 2018 through August 31, 2018 in the amount of \$280.63 (Check #'s 22532) **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(s) of August 2018. **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 August 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 2018-2019 school year. **ATTACHMENT A-3**
- A-5 Approval of Transfers – NOTHING AT THIS TIME**
- A-6 Approval of Facility Use Report – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the attached anticipated facility use report for the period 9/26/2018 through 10/31/218 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, approve in accordance with Policy #5830 the following district wide fundraising events at GMRSD as attached: **ATTACHMENT A-7**
- A-8 Approval of Collaboration Agreement -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the attached collaboration agreement with NORWESCAP Head Start and Central Elementary School. **ATTACHMENT A-8**
- A-9 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Special Education (2018-19 SY) -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement (2018-2019 SY) with Sussex County ESC (Northern Hills Academy) in the amount of \$57,161 from September 6, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as well as teacher's aide as required by IEP in the amount of \$27,452.00 and additional therapy in the amount of \$ 5,979.00
- A-10 Approval of HI Educational Services Contract - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the educational services contract with EI US, LLC for the purposes of providing educational services for an admitted student.

SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Dawn Frost, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-10 as amended.

There were clarifications provided by Administration on items B-9 & B-4

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay to item B-4.

- B-1 Approval of Revised Resignation – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised resignation of Kristine Doty, Liberty School BSI Teacher, for the 2018-2019 school year, effective August 30, 2018.
- B-2 Approval of New Staff – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint new staff, for the 2018-2019 school year attached by reference.
- B-3 Approval of Advancement on the Salary Guide - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve advancement on the salary guide, effective September 1, 2018, attached by reference.
- B-4 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 2018-2019 school year.

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- B-5 Approval to Write Curriculum - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval to write curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.
- B-6 Approval of Co-Curricular/Title I Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve co-curricular appointments for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.
- B-7 Approval of Observation Hours - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve observation hours for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.
- B-8 Approval of Homebound Instruction Provider- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Ryan Tatarka as a homebound instruction provider for a 7th Grade Middle School student as needed effective immediately for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- B-9 Approval of Visiting Student - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Alex Tomczak, visiting student, to shadow a Middle School student October 9 through October 12, 2018.
- B-10 Approval of Substitutes - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve substitutes for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.

SECTION C

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **EDUCATIONAL/GOVERNANCE** items C-1 through C-6.

There were comments made on specific field trips as well as other possible sites to be considered for future trips as well as on item C-4 and its submittal for approval.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen abstaining on items C-3 and Agatha Wilke abstaining on item C-3.

- C-1 Approval of 2018-2019 Field Trips - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve field trips for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.
- C-2 Approval of 2018-2019 Workshop Attendance - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve workshop attendance for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.
- C-3 Approval of Revised Curriculum - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Curriculum Committee, approve revised curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.
- C-4 Approval of Annual Memorandum of Agreement - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, re-approve the 2018-2019 Annual Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Independence Police Department.
- C-5 Approval of the 2017-2018 School Self Assessment- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2017-2018 School Self Assessment for determining grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.
- C-6 Approval of 2nd 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 2nd reading:

P & R 1613	Disclosure and Review of Applicant's Employment History (M) (New)
P 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) (M) (Revised)
P & R 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M) (Revised)
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)

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Other Business

The topic of non-affiliates salary caps was discussed. There was a point made of how it would help define annual compensation by tying it directly to individual performance evaluations. More on this topic would be presented to the HR Committee at their next meeting.

A "Meet the Candidates" night is tentatively scheduled for November 1st to be run by the League of Women Voters.

Hackettstown Report

The topics of the roof refurbishment at HHS and the potential insurance coverage.

Independence Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Liberty Township Report

Nothing to report beyond the continued repair of the retaining wall in the Mountain Lake section of the Township.

Public Comment/New Business

Various topics and comments were made by members of the public. There were comments about the topic of the asbestos abatement in regards to the roof damage at Hackettstown High School.

The Facility Realignment Committee was announced as Joe Mailloux, Dawn Frost and Jamie Cicerelle. It was also clarified that the single biggest reason for the need to examine the realignment of facilities in the district is due to the extremely steep cuts in state aid over the next six or seven years in order to bring our funding in line with enrollment. Joe Mailloux also indicated that the makeup of the committee would be expanded to include additional stakeholders from the communities affected by this trend.

Close of Public Comment

Motion for Executive Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of HIB matters within the district.

Motion carried in a voice vote.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:41 PM.

Motion Re-Open Public Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak to re-open the Public Session at 8:57 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux 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 Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke, to adjourn at 8:59 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Havlusch