

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, September 20, 2010, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jennifer Cassini, Board 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: Jennifer Cassini, Christy Doyle, Joe Mahal, Joe Mailloux, Ed O'Melia, Jason Schaffer, Kimberly Schaffer, and William Vonder Haar.

Absent: Glenn Sullivan.

Dr. Tim Frederiks, Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, were in attendance.

There were 11 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Glenn Sullivan to approve the minutes from June 21, 2010, July 19, 2010, August 16, 2010, and August 23, 2010.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Doyle and Mailloux abstaining from July 19, 2010 minutes, O'Melia abstaining from August 16, 2010 and August 23, 2010 minutes, and Jason and Kim Schaffer abstaining from August 23, 2010 minutes.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the executive session minutes from June 21, 2010 and August 16, 2010.

Motion carried in a voice vote O'Melia abstaining from August 16, 2010 minutes.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending August 31, 2010, as per copies attached, and to certify that as of August 31, 2010, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of my knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.12(e) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jenn Cassini, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to approve the bills from August 16, 2010 to September 20, 2010 in the amount of \$1,770,307.00.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jenn Cassini, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to approve the cafeteria bills from August 17, 2010 to September 20, 2010 in the amount of \$496.80.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Timothy Frederiks, Superintendent's Update.

- 14.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Jason Schaffer, seconded by Kim Schaffer, to approve the following **Personnel and Curriculum** items 14.1.1 to 14.1.14.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Vonder Haar voting not to item 14.1.13 and 14.1.14.

- 14.1.1** Approve stipends to the following personnel:

Casey Ritson - Great Meadows Middle School Special Education teacher

8/16/10 - IEP meeting

1 hour x \$36.00 per hour = \$36.00

Marianne Woods - 2nd grade teacher at Central School

8/20/10 - IEP meeting

1.5 hours x \$36.00 per hour = \$54.00

Laurie Washburn - 2nd grade teacher at Central School

8/04/10 and 8/16/10 - IEP meetings

3 hours x \$36.00 per hour = \$108.00

- 14.1.2** Approve the Updated Substitute List for the 2010-2011 school year as attached:

- 14.1.3** Approve the following class trips for the 2010-2011 school year:

GATE (Math-grade 2) - Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment, Blairstown, NJ - January 2011

GATE (grade 6) - State House, Trenton, NJ

GATE (grade 8) - New York City, NY

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Grade 3 - Bronx Zoo, Bronx, NY
Grade 4 - Ellis Island, NJ and Sandy Hook, NJ
Grade 5 - DeVinci Science Center, Allentown, PA
Grade 5 - Oakwood Lanes, Washington, NJ
Grade 6 - Jenkinson's Aquarium, Point Pleasant, NJ
Grade 7 - Philadelphia, PA
Grade 7 - Jockey Hollow, Morristown, NJ
Grade 7 - Dorney Park, Dorney, PA
Grade 8 - Maurice Levin Theatre, West Orange NJ
Grade 8 - Washington, DC - June 9, 2011 and 10, 2011
(date has been changed from June 2 and 3 as indicated on school calendar)

- 14.1.4** Approve the rehiring of Mary Ann Pilgrim, as a Part-time instructional aide for 3 students at Great Meadows Middle School effective September 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011 at \$11.76 per hour x 3 hours daily x 181 days = \$6,385.68.
- 14.1.5** Approve the payment of unused sick days for retired teacher, Gayle Evans, at the rate of \$60.00 per day x 155.5 days = \$9,330.00.
- 14.1.6** Approve Great Meadows Regional School District using an Allamuchy School District aide for 12.5 hours per week for their Pre-school Disabilities class retroactive to September 7, 2010 at the hourly rate of \$8.92 for a Great Meadows student.
- 14.1.7** Approve a stipend for Child Study Team Co Facilitators of \$2,500.00 each for Sandy Simone (Professional) and Deb Berger (Para Professional) effective September 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.
- 14.1.8** Approve the change of teacher assignment for Kyle Kays, Centenary College student, to complete his student teaching with Judy Williams, 3rd grade teacher, effective September 1, 2010 through December 23, 2010.
- 14.1.9** Approve Samantha Saris and Jessica Budzinski, two Hackettstown High School students, to complete their senior projects with Jeff Rosequist, 7th grade teacher at Great Meadows Middle School.
- 14.1.10** Approve Kelly Schmidt, Hackettstown High School student, to complete her senior project at Liberty School

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with Judy Williams, 3rd grade teacher.

- 14.1.11** Approve Joe D'Agostino, 5th grade teacher, as a volunteer advisor to form a "Cartooning Club" at Liberty School.
- 14.1.12** Accept, with regret, the resignation of Dana DeKleine, guidance counselor of the elementary schools, effective as soon a replacement can be found.
- 14.1.13** Approve the following stipend positions for the 2010-2011 school year as per the negotiated Great Meadows Regional Board of Education/Great Meadows Regional Education Association contract.

Building Yearbook Advisors

Central - Vera Walker
Liberty - Dana Gruszecki
Middle - Marilyn Kosiorek

Detention Supervisors

Liberty - Joe D'Agostino
Middle - Dean Tshudy, Stephanie Conway,
Jeff Rosequist, Jim Bechtel

Encore Team Leader - Jim Bechtel

Math League Advisor - Deb Exley

Student Council Advisors

Liberty - Judy Arnold & Karen Ryan
(co-advisors)
Middle - Casey Ritson

Student Leadership Corp - Linda McClune

Student Safety Patrol - Lisa Baatz

Team Leaders

Grade 6 - Anita Holochwost
Grade 7 - Jeff Rosequist
Grade 8 - Deb Exley

- 14.1.14** Approve the following certificated staff as Professional Learning Communities Team Leaders:

Amy Fancher - Great Meadows Middle School

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Linda Wilkins - Great Meadows Middle School
Joseph Carroll, Jr. (K-1) - Central School
Donna Roth - (21st Century readiness skills)
- Central School
Laurie Washburn - 2nd grade - Central School
Julie Skoldberg - RTI (Response to Intervention)
Phyllis Pezzato - 3rd grade - Liberty School
Barbara Wohlgemuth - 4th grade - Liberty School
Carol Gibson - 5th grade - Liberty School
Jamie Long - Specials (21st Century readiness
skills) - Liberty School
Ellen Gulini - RTI - Liberty School

- 14.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Joe Mahal, to approve the following **Finance** items 14.2.1 to 14.2.18.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Doyle voting no to item 14.2.10 and 14.2.12.

- 14.2.1** Approve Mansfield Township Board of Education to be the Lead Local Education Agency (LEA) for the Title III Consortium for the 2010-2011 Federal Fiscal Year. Great Meadows Regional School District's fund amount is \$1,372.00.

- 14.2.2** Approve the application for and accept the IDEA BASIC - PART B (\$292,068.00) and IDEA PRE-SCHOOL (\$6,533.00) Grants for the 2010-2011 Fund Year for a total amount of \$298,601.00.

- 14.2.3** Approve the application for and accept the NCLB Fiscal 2010-2011 Grant in the amounts listed:

Title I Part A	\$47,410.00
Title II Part A	27,861.00
Title II Part D	91.00
Title III	<u>1,372.00</u>
Total	\$76,734.00

- 14.2.4** Approve entering into the Hunterdon County Education Commission Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purpose of a joint bid for the purchase of the following items: paper products and fuel oil for the school year 2010-2011.

- 14.2.5** Enter into a contract with Warren County Technical

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School to use three classrooms in the middle school for two evenings a week from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM for Adult GED and Adult ESL classes for the period September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at no cost to Warren County Technical School.

- 14.2.6 Approve an Extended School Year Joint Transportation Agreement with Allamuchy Township Board of Education for seventeen students at a cost of \$3,225.00 for the period July 6, 2010 through August 12, 2010.
- 14.2.7 Approve a 2010-2011 School Year Joint Transportation Agreement with Allamuchy Township Board of Education for ten students at a cost of \$19,181.50.
- 14.2.8 Approve the payment of \$135.00 for the services of the Allamuchy Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant for four hours during the summer of 2010.
- 14.2.9 Approve a Special Education Extended School Year Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allamuchy Township Board of Education for the Summer Autistic Program for one student at a cost of \$3,518.00.
- 14.2.10 Approve a Special Education Extended School Year Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allamuchy Township Board of Education for the Summer Pre-school Disabilities Program for eight students at a cost of \$1,858.00 per student to equal a total cost of \$14,864.00.
- 14.2.11 Approve a Special Education Extended School Year Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allamuchy Township Board of Education for the Summer Program for eight students at a cost of \$360.00 per student to equal a total cost of \$2,880.00.
- 14.2.12 Approve a Special Education Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allamuchy Township Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year for nine students at a cost of \$9,135.00 per student to equal a total cost of \$82,215.00. OT/PT/Speech services at an estimated cost of \$8,000.00 will be billed separately.
- 14.2.13 Approve a Special Education Contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Allamuchy Township

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Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year for one student at a cost of \$20,198.00. OT/PT/Speech services at an estimated cost of \$4,000.00 will be billed separately.

14.2.14 Approve an Itinerant Agreement between Great Meadows Regional School District and Mountain Lakes Board of Education for one student for required services for the 2010-2011 School year for 50 hours in the amount of \$6,300.00.

14.2.15 Approve a Regular Education Tuition Contract Agreement with the Warren County Technical School for the 2010-2011 School Year for 28 students at a cost of \$2,175.00 per student to equal a total cost of \$60,900.00 and a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement for five students at a cost of \$3,250.00 per students to equal a total cost of \$16,250.00.

14.2.16 Approve five Board of Education members and the Great Meadows Regional School District Superintendent to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association 2010-2011 School Boards Convention in Somerset, New Jersey on October 19, 2010 and October 20, 2010 using part of the \$2,000.00 credit from School Boards and no other cost to the Board.

14.2.17 Approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Sunny Days Daycare for the period September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for the use of one classroom in the Middle School for a rent of \$500.00 per month at a total rental cost of \$5,000.00 for the 2010-2011 school year.

14.2.18 Approve the sending/receiving agreement between Great Meadows Regional School District and Hackettstown Public Schools for the period commencing July 1, 2010, and terminating June 30, 2015.

14.3 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **Policy** items 14.3.1.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

14.3.1 Approve the 1st reading of the following by laws and

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policies:

- #0146 - Board Member Authority
- #0171 - Duties of Board President and Vice President
(Revised)
- #0173 - Duties of Public School Accountant (Revised)
- #2431.3 - Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation
for Interscholastic Athletics (New)
- #2431.4 - Concussion Testing and Return-to-Play
(New)
- #3144 - Certification of Tenure Charges (Revised)
- #4159 - Support Staff Member/School District
Reporting Responsibilities (New)
- #5516 - Use of Electronic Communication and
Recording Devices (Revised)
- #6112 - Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant
Expenditures (New)
- #6830 - Audit and Comprehensive

14.4 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to approve the following **Buildings and Grounds** item 14.4.1.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mahal, to table the item 14.4.1 "Resolution on Facility Usage."

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote to table item 14.4.1.

14.4.1 Tabled.

Motion by Kim Sullivan, seconded by Joe Mailloux, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving personnel and individual privacy, the deliberation of such matters may be held in private under the Open Public Meeting Act NJSA 10:4-6, the Board will adjourn to Executive Session at 9:12 PM to discuss the above mentioned matter, to the exclusion of all others. If any action results, it will be taken following the re-entry into regular session.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to re-enter regular session at 10:20 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

19.1 Policies - on line - discussion.

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Motion by William Vonder Haar to have all School District Policies posted on the website. There was no second.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Christy Doyle, to refer discussion of public access to policies to the Policy Committee.

Motion carried in a voice vote with William Vonder Haar voting no.

19.2 Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Kim Schaffer, to adopt the following District Goals in 2010-2011.

1. Support the creation and implementation of a consistent and aligned K-8 Curriculum.
2. Support professional staff efforts to improve Language Arts Writing Skills across the Curriculum.
3. Develop and deliver a wide range of activities designed to improve district awareness and public relations within Great Meadows Community.

Motion carried in a voice vote with William Vonder Haar voting no.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Christy Doyle, to approve the School Education Health Benefit Plan resolution as attached, which states Great Meadows Regional School District will not offer any HMO plans to its employees at this time: Motion carried in a roll call vote with O'Melia abstaining.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Jason Schaffer, to adjourn at 10:17 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary