

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 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: Ed O'Melia, Joe Mailloux (7:20 PM), Lori Prymak (6:48 PM), Susan Cullen, Fred Miller, William Vonder Haar and David Schmitz.

Absent: None

David Mango, Superintendent, Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator and Robin Meehan, NJSBA, were also present.

There were ten members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by David Schmitz, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving legal issues, 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 6:50 PM to discuss the above mentioned matters, 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 Fred Miller to re-enter regular session at 7:10 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by David Schmitz to move the following Personnel/Curriculum motion to the beginning of the meeting.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

13.1.6 Approve **Jamie Cicerelle** as Board of Education Member

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representing Liberty Township to replace **Jen Cassini**, who resigned effective January 6, 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Cicerelle read the oath of Office.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Susan Cullen, to approve the minutes from January 28, 2014.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cicerelle and O'Melia abstaining.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by David Schmitz, to accept the Financial Report of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending January 31, 2014 as per copy attached, and to certify that as of January 31, 2014 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.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cicerelle abstaining.

Motion by Fred Miller, seconded by David Schmitz to approve the General Fund bills from January 25, 2014 to February 25, 2014 in the amount of \$1,227,048.38.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cicerelle abstaining.

Motion by Fred Miller, seconded by David Schmitz, to approve the cafeteria bills from January 29, 2014 to February 25, 2014 in the amount of \$ 18,972.28.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cicerelle abstaining.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to accept the resignation of Glenn Sullivan, as a representative for Independence Township effective immediately and to appoint William Vonder Haar as the chairperson of the Buildings/Grounds/Transportation Committee.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

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Robin Meehan, NJSBA, gave a final presentation on the results of the Strategic Planning meetings.

David Mango, Superintendent, gave the Superintendent's Report That updated the BOE on the selection of the Hackettstown High School Principal and the Technology/School Climate Survey.

Public Comment: Frank Allegio asked about the changing of the school calendar with regards to scheduled/paid for vacations. The Superintendent stated that plans for vacations that could not be changed due to hardship would be allowed to occur.

Geoff Cullen asked about specifics with regard to the security upgrades for all three schools that are approved in the ROD grant applications and approval.

13.1 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Lori Prymak, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **PERSONNEL/CURRICULUM** items 13.1.1. to 13.1.13.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cicerelle abstaining on 13.1.5 and Vonder Haar voting no to 13.1.5.

13.1.1 Approve the horizontal movement on the guide for **Deanna Wolfe** to Step 6 BS+15, effective September 1, 2014.

13.1.2 Approve Molly Doyle, MS special education aide, to substitute for Frederika Demarest, CS special education aide, during Spring break: \$12.50/hr. x 2.5 hrs. /day x 5 days = \$156.25

13.1.3 Approve the 2nd after-school club of *Girls on the Run* which would take place in Spring 2014. This additional club has been necessitated by the long wait list regarding the already approved *Girls on the Run* team taking place in the spring. The cost of this club would be \$1,500.00 split between Liberty School teachers Elizabeth Guella and Jennifer Black.

13.1.4 Previously approved at BOE meeting on January 28, 2014 under New Business.

13.1.5 Approve a shared service agreement with Hackettstown BOE for the services of Nadia Inskeep as Director of

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Curriculum and Instruction for the 2014-2015 school year. The annual cost of this shared service will be 50% benefits (estimated cost is \$10,750.00) and 40% of salary (\$48,000.00). Contract on file in Board Office.

13.1.6 Approved at the beginning of the meeting.

13.1.7 Acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB Incidents Report for the month of February 2014.

13.1.8 Approve the following amendments to the 2013-2014 official calendar due to weather closures: School will be in session and regular school days will be held on April 22, 2014, April 23, 2014, April 24, 2014, and April 25, 2014.

13.1.9 Approve Brooke Conway, Warren County Community College student, to complete her observation requirements of 15 hours of general education with Laurie Washburn, 2nd gr. teacher, on February 28th and concluding on April 11, 2014.

13.1.10 Approve Marisa Galfo, Centenary College student, to complete 4 hours of observation - 2 hrs. in a general education class with Joseph Carroll, 1st gr. teacher and 2 hrs. in a special education class with Alyssa Braxton. Observations will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the weeks of March 3 and March 10, 2014.

13.1.11 Approve Molly Doyle, (certified teacher) aide at GMMS, as teacher of the after-school Jump Start Program for Language Arts and Math-gr. 6-8. The program will commence on February 26, 2014, continue until May 5, 2014, on Mondays and Wednesdays for 1 hr. each at \$38/hr. per session.

13.1.12 Approve Lois Davis, 3rd gr. teacher, and Barbara Wohlgemuth, 4th gr. teacher, as teachers of the after-school Jump Start Program for Language Arts and Math, gr. 3-5. The program will commence on March 4, 2014, continue until May 8, 2014, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1 hr. each at \$38/hr. per session.

13.1.13 Accept, with regret, the retirement of Russ Warne, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, effective July 1, 2014.

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13.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Fred Miller, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **FINANCE** items 13.2.1 to 13.2.9.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cicerelle abstaining.

13.2.1 Approve aid-in-lieu of transportation payment to parent/guardian of two (2) Great Meadows Regional School District students in the amount of \$884.00 each pro-rated to \$456.63 each those are attending Ridge and Valley Charter School for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

13.2.2 Accept the donation of a 17inch monitor and keyboard to GMRSD from Julie Mumaw with a value of \$50.00.

13.2.3 Approve the following personnel to attend workshops and/or conferences for the dates and costs listed below:

\$ - Denotes the need for a Substitute Teacher at \$80.00 per Diem. Substitute teacher cost comes from Title IIA Grant.

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>COST</u>
<u>DATES</u>		
\$ Martha Teixeira 4/04/2014	Spanish Language Wksp	\$241.00
\$ Kristine Doty 4/10/2014	Google Tools	\$241.00
\$ Jennifer Black Eff 3/27/2014	Strategies for Students	\$265.00
\$ Megan Florio 3/27/2014	Eff Strategies for Students	\$265.00
\$ Megan Rymon 3/27/2014	Eff Strategies for Stud.	\$265.00

13.2.4 Approve aid-in-lieu of transportation payment to parent/guardian of one (1) Great Meadows Regional School District student in the amount of \$884.00 pro-rated to \$442.00 that is attending The Craig Lower School for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

13.2.5 Approve the following transfers:

From 11-000-291-270-111-000 Medical
To 11-000-217-320-000-000 Personal Care Aide - Contracted
\$22,834.80. OOD student need for aide.

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13.2.6 Approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A LEASE PURCHASE TRANSACTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$581,789 WITH TD EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC. AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Great Meadows Regional School District in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) determined to undertake a capital project consisting the roof and security improvements at the Liberty School, security improvements at the Middle School and window replacement and security improvements at the Central School (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to currently undertake the Project at a cost of not to exceed \$969,648; and

WHEREAS, the Board has expressed its desire to finance the Project pursuant to a lease purchase agreement as permitted by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4.2 (the "Lease Purchase") in an amount not to exceed \$581,789; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2014, the Board conducted a public hearing on the Project and the Lease Purchase and adopted a resolution authorizing, among other things, the advertisement for Lessor services for the Lease Purchase; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, a request for proposals for Lessor was published in the Star Ledger; and

WHEREAS, proposals for Lessor were received on January 17, 2014 and TD Equipment Finance, Inc.'s proposal was the most advantageous to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board anticipates receipt of the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("NJDOE") to proceed with the Lease Purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to proceed forward with the Lease Purchase with TD Equipment Finance, Inc. as Lessor and to authorize actions in connection therewith, all contingent upon receipt of NJDOE approval;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GREAT MEADOW REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. The Board hereby appoints TD Equipment Finance, Inc., or its assigns, as Lessor for the Lease Purchase in accordance with its proposal (the "Proposal"). The interest rate for such Lease Purchase shall be 2.16% or such adjusted rate as provided in the Proposal.

2. The term of the Lease Purchase shall not exceed five (5) years.

3. Subject to the paragraphs set forth in sections 1 and 2 hereof and in consultation with Bond Counsel, the Board President, the Board Vice President, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are each hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents including, but not limited to, a lease purchase agreement, a ground lease, if required, an escrow agreement, as applicable, and all closing documents in connection with the Lease Purchase and are hereby authorized to take any other action necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

4. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Lease, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease Purchase.

5. The Lease will be designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of section 265(b) (3) (B) (ii) of the Code.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the approval of NJDOE.

I, JULIE MUMAW, Business Administrator /Board Secretary of The Board of Education of the Great Meadows Regional School District, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Board"), HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed resolution has been duly adopted by the Board at a meeting duly called and held on February 25, 2014 and it is a true, complete and correct copy thereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Board this 25th day of February, 2014.

JULIE MUMAW,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

13.2.7 Approve the following resolution:

Resolution
Waiver of Requirements
Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2014-2015 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that there would be fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Warren an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2014-2015 school year.

13.2.8 Approve a Special Education Contract between Hunterdon County ESC and GMRSD for one student from September 19, 2013 through October 7, 2013 at a cost of \$ 2,683.07. (13 days X \$206.39

13.2.9 Approve the first amendment and application to the 2013-2014 NCLB Grant for the purpose of allocation of initial grant funds and the addition of carryover 2012-13 funds. The total amount for Title I is \$54,278.00 and Title IIA is

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\$26,982.00.

13.3 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **TRANSPORTATION** item recommended by the Superintendent:

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Prymak abstaining.

13.3.1 Approve the following new bus stop: 1 Forest Ridge Drive - Independence Twp.

13.4 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Susan Cullen, to approve the following **POLICY COMMITTEE** items 13.4.1.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cicерelle abstaining and Cullen voting not to Policy 2431.

13.4.1 Approve **2nd reading and adoption** of the following ByLaws, Policies, and Regulations:

ByLaw #0000.02 - Introduction
ByLaw #0132 - Executive Authority
Policy #2431 - Athletic Competition (M)
Regulation #2431.2 - Medical Examination
to Determine Fitness for Participation in
Athletics
Policy #5120 - Assignment of Pupils

New Business:

Motion to approve the use of Maintenance Reserve funds in the amount of \$6,685.00 for repair of two HVAC units in the Middle School Gymnasium.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving legal issues, 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 6:50 PM to discuss the above mentioned

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matters, 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 Bill Vonder Haar to re-enter regular session at 9:45 PM.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary