

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, November 24, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, Joe Mailloux, Fred Miller, William Vonder Haar, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: David Schmitz, Lori Prymak (arrived @ 7:10)

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

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Susan Cullen to approve the minutes from October 13, 2015.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Susan Cullen to approve the executive session minutes from October 13, 2015.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke, to accept the Financial Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the months ending August 31, 2015 and September 30, 2015

Motion carried in roll call vote with Susan Cullen and Lori Prymak abstaining

Motion by Fred Miller, seconded by Joe Mailloux to approve General Fund Bills List from October 14, 2015 through November 20, 2015 in the amount of \$2,637,825.16 (Check #'s 32364 through 32514)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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Motion by Fred Miller, seconded by Joe Mailloux to approve Cafeteria Fund Bills List from September 1, 2015 through November 20, 2015 in the amount of \$46,015.94 (Check #'s 22485 through 22489)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications - None

Committee Reports - A positive response was noted as a result of the committee communications that had been distributed during the past month.

**Superintendent's Report**

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

- Upcoming Newsletter.
- A Technology Overview based on reports due from Administrative staff.
- The combined Student Councils summit and lunches.
- Results of the Security audit at the Liberty School.
- An over of the audit and its tentative presentation by the auditors at the December meeting.
- A tentative date of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00pm was established for the Re-Organization Meeting of the Great Meadows Board of Education

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only  
None

Close of Public Comment

**SECTION A**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Fred Miller, to approve the following **OPERATION** items A-1 and A-4.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with William Vonder Haar abstaining on item A-3.

**A-1 MOTION to approve aid-in-lieu of transportation:**

Motion to approve aid-in-lieu payments to parent/guardian of Great Meadows Regional School District students in the

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amount of \$884.00 per student that are attending the following private schools during the 2015-2016 school year.

American Christian School	2
Blair Academy	1
The Craig School	4
Gill St. Bernard's School	2
Good Shepherd Christian Academy	1
Morris Catholic High School	5
Morristown-Beard School	1
Notre Dame Elementary	3
Pope John XXIII High School	21
Rev. George Brown Memorial School	7
Saints Philip & James School	5
St. Joseph School	2
St. Michael School	2
St. Therese School	2
Winston Preparatory School	1

Motion to approve aid-in-lieu of transportation payments to parent/guardian of Great Meadows Regional School District students in the amount of \$884.00 per student that are attending the following charter school during the 2015-2016 school year.

Ridge and Valley Charter School	2
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Motion to approve aid-in-lieu of transportation payments to parent/guardian of Great Meadows Regional School District students in the amount of \$884.00 per student that are attending the following choice schools during the 2015-2016 school year.

Lenape Valley Regional	1
Morris Hills High School	1

**A-2 MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Warren County Special Services School District (WCSSSD)**

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and Morris County ESC for one (1) student (F.P) to attend the program for the 2015-2016 school year commencing on or about September 1st, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, at a cost of \$39,075

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**MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Warren County  
Special Services School District (WCSSSD)**

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and Morris County ESC for one (1) student (H.W.) to attend the program for the 2015-2016 school year commencing on or about September 1st, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, at a cost of \$34,475

**MOTION to Approve Special Ed Aide Contract ESY- Warren  
County Special Services School District (WCSSSD)**

Motion to approve a Special Education Aide Contract between GMRSD and WCSSSD for the summer of 2015 at a cost of \$2,450.00 for the 2015-16 ESY program year.

**MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Hunterdon County  
Education Services Commission**

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and Hunterdon County ESC for one (1) student to attend the program for the 2015-2016 school year commencing on or about September 1st, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, at a cost of \$38,750.00. The Dover School District (Morris County) will reimburse the district for any and all tuition and transportation costs associated with this placement

**MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Stepping Stone  
School**

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and Stepping Stone School for one (1) student (J.R.) to attend the program for the 2015-2016 school year commencing on or about September 16, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, at a cost of \$54,316.50 pro rated based on a per diem costs of \$258.65. The State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families will reimburse the district for any and all tuition and transportation costs associated with this placement.

**MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Stepping Stone  
School**

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and Stepping Stone School for one (1) student (R.M.) to attend the program for the 2015-2016 school

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year commencing on or about November 16, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, at a cost of \$54,316.50 pro rated based on a per diem costs of \$258.65.

**MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Sussex County Education Services Commission**

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and the Sussex County ESC for one (1) student to attend the program for the 2015-2016 school year commencing on or about September 1st, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, at a cost of \$54,941.00. Also included as part of this contract is a Paraprofessional for the same time frame in the amount of \$25,879.00

**MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Allamuchy**

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and the Allamuchy School District for four (4) students to attend the PSD program for the 2015-2016 school year commencing on or about September 1st, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, at a cost of \$14,500/student for a total of \$58,000.

**A-3 MOTION to Approve ESIP Payment Application #6:**

Motion to approve ESIP Payment application #6 dated 11/12/15 to Honeywell in the amount of \$241,777.37. (Note This leaves a remaining unpaid balance on the original project of \$245,913.65)

**A-4 MOTION to Approve Joint Transportation Agreements-Allamuchy**

Motion to approve the Joint Transportation Agreements between the GMRSD and Allamuchy SD for bus routes 22MID & 22 to Mt. Villa School for the 2015-2016 School Year.

**SECTION B**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-10 as amended. There was a question on item B-8 and the circumstances around the change in dates which was explained.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay to item B-9.

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**B-1 MOTION to approve a substitute for the 2015-2016 school year:**

Motion to approve, *Robert Tierney* and *Kathleen DiFrancesco*, as substitute teachers, in GMRSD for the 2015-2106 school year.

**MOTION to approve a substitute custodian for the 2015-2016 school year;**

Motion to approve, *Beth Ann Hendershot*, Central School Nurse, and *Jim Bowman*, 5th gr. teacher, to become a substitute evening custodians for the 2015-2016 school year at the hourly rate of \$10.15.

**B-2 MOTION to approve a MAT Leave for Central Aide:**

Motion to approve a Maternity Leave for *Lindsay Bloom*, aide @ Central School, commencing on Monday, February 8, 2016, through May 1, 2016. Ms. Bloom's last day of work will be on Friday, January 29, 2016, with an anticipated return to work on Monday, May 2, 1016.

**B-3 MOTION to approve medical leave:**

Motion to approve a Medical Leave for *Tynetta Magruder*, instructional aide at Liberty School effective October 26, 2015 for approximately 4-6 weeks.

**B-4 MOTION to approve the employment of MAT Leave replacement for Wellness teacher for GMMS:**

Motion to approve *Jesse Adams* as the MAT Leave replacement for *Janessa Green*, Wellness teacher at GMMS, effective December 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. First 20 days will be paid sub pay at \$80/day effective December 1, 2015, through January 6, 2016, and effective January 7, 2016, at Step 1 BS at the annual salary of \$52,540.00 prorated to \$30,735.90.

Mentor for Mr. Adams will be *Jim Bechtel*, Wellness teacher at GMMS, at a monthly rate of \$55, not to exceed \$550.00.

**B-5 MOTION to replace an after-school program instructor:**

Motion to replace *Deb Fuhrmann* with *Kate Murphy* for the Spring Session of Girls on the Run club.

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**B-6 MOTION to acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB Report for GMR during the month of NOVEMBER 2015:**

Motion to acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB Report for GMR during the month of *NOVEMBER 2015*.

**B-7 MOTION to approve substitute for after-school clubs:**

Motion to approve **Casey Pach** to be the *substitute* for Title I Saturday School @ GMMS, Title I Academic Support for Extended Day Program, and Homework Club effective immediately through June 30, 2016.

**B-8 MOTION to approve the correction of tenure date:**

Motion to approve the correction of tenure date for **Jennifer Mandery**, 7th gr. ELA teacher, from January 8, 2016, to November 12, 2015.

**B-9 MOTION to approve Interlocal Agreement:**

Resolved by the Board to adopt and approve the *Interlocal Shared Services Agreement* with the Hackettstown Board of Education for sharing the following Administrative Services, effective July 1, 2016:

\*Represents 50/50 split with Hackettstown Public Schools

Name	Position	Salary
Dawn McPeck	Shared Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent	\$64,500*
Lynn Mankofsky	Shared Confidential Secretary to the Director of Special Services	\$50,000*

**B-10 MOTION to approve home instruction stipend:**

Motion to approve a stipend to **Jacquie Lunden**, 6th gr. Math teacher, to a 3rd grade student from November 2, 2015, thru November 6, 2015, for a total of 7 hours @ \$38/hour = \$266.00.

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**SECTION C**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **EDUCATION** items C-1 through C-3.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**C-1 MOTION to approve GMMS Student Council class trips:**

Motion to approve the students of the Student Council of GMMS to attend field trips throughout the 2015-2016 school year to the Great Meadows Senior Center in Great Meadows.

**MOTION for middle school students' class trips:**

Motion to approve multiple class trips for GMMS students to HHS during the 2015-2016 school year.

**MOTION for post approval of trip:**

Motion for post approval of trip to *WRNJ Radio Station* with Mr. Marmolejos for four (4) 8th grade students on November 19, 2015.

**MOTION for Central, Liberty and Middle Schools field trip:**

Motion for Central, Liberty and Middle School students to attend a field trip to the Independence Township. Municipal Building on Dec. 17, 2015.

**C-2 MOTION to approve NJ CAP Program for Liberty and Central Schools:**

Motion to approve the NJ Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP) for Central and Liberty Elementary Schools for the 2015-2016 school year. The NJ CAP grant award is in the amount of \$1,210.00 with a **District responsibility** of **\$518.00**.

**C-3 MOTION to approve the following workshops:**

Motion to approve the following workshops:

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Adrienne Larsen	Judy Freeman's Winners, Children's books for teaching and learning	\$199.00	5/20/2016	Central and Liberty
Martha Teixeira	Use cutting-edge technology to enhance language proficiency	\$239.00 (II)	12/9/2015	Middle School
Sheila Castanien	EIRC Best practices in Assessment-	\$149.00* (II)	12/11/2015	Middle School
Dawn Hull	Increasing Reading Skills of Struggling Readers	\$239.00 * (II)	12/3/2015	Middle School
Kristine Doty	Project Based Learning Strategies	\$239.00 *	12/14/2015	Middle School
Linda Wilkins	Fully Aligned Common Core and PARCC Classrooms	233.97 * (II)	1/14/2016	Middle School
Megan Rymon	Strategies for Close Reading	239.00 (II)	12/1/2015	Liberty

(II) indicates grant funding \* indicated mileage reimbursement request

**SECTION D**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the following GOVERNANCE items D-1 as amended. There was some discussion regarding policy options as it pertains to the motion being offered.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**D-1 MOTION to approve 1st reading of the following policies and regulations:**

MOTION to approve 1st reading of the following policies and regulations:

Policy #3322 Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephone/Other Communication Devices

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Policy #1240 Evaluation of Superintendent

Regulation #1240 Evaluation of Superintendent

Policy #3221 Evaluations of Teachers

Regulation #3221 Evaluations of Teachers

Policy #3222 Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators

Regulation #3222 Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators

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**Policy** #3223 Evaluation of Administrators, excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals  
**Regulation** #3223 Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals  
**Policy** #3224 Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals  
**Regulation** #3224 Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals  
**Policy** #5337 Service Animals

Hackettstown Report

The recent 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the football game between Hackettstown and Warren Hills held at Hackettstown High School was discussed. Also a Technology update for HHS and the impact of Title XXXIV and a discussion of PARRC Reporting was also discussed and reported upon.

Independence Township Report

Two upcoming events, Library Day and Makers Day, were mentioned with more information to be forthcoming as it becomes available.

Liberty Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment/New Business

Colonial Little League inquired as to process and feasibility of a proposed project as it relates to fencing at "The Pit" being done as part of an Eagle Scout project. The Board expressed some broad reservations given the amount of permitting, liability and other issues surrounding an undertaking as part of such a project.

Susan Cullen as the delegate representative to NJSBA reported on a proposal being put forth by NJSBA pertaining to Charter School funding.

Close of Public Comment/New Business

**Executive Session**

Executive Session for the purposes of Board Action as it pertains to specific contractual matters regarding personnel.

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Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to enter Executive Session at 7:47 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to end Executive Session at 8:18 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to adjourn at 8:19 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch  
Board Secretary