

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

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 Cicерelle, Susan Cullen, Lori Prymak, Agatha Wilke, David Schmitz and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Joe Mailloux, Fred Miller and William Vonder Haar

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

There were four members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by David Schmitz to approve the minutes from February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote with Lori Prymak and Agatha Wilke abstaining on the February 26<sup>th</sup> minutes.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by David Schmitz, to approve the Financial Reports for the Month of January 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote

Motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Agatha Wilke to approve the General Fund bills from March 1 through March 19, 2015 in the amount of \$3,417,469.48 (Check #'s 31675-31748)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Susan Cullen to approve the cafeteria bills list from March 1, 2015 through March 19, 2015 in the amount of \$17,106.51 (Check #'s 22438-22440)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications - None

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Committee Reports

Governance - There was a discussion of the Board self-evaluation process as well as Board Goals for the current and upcoming school years.

Operations - There was a discussion on the preliminary budget as submitted to the County Office for review as well as a presentation that was going to be made to the Mayor and Council of Independence as a way to keep them up to speed on the progress of the 2015-16 Budget.

The Superintendent's report mentioned the upcoming joint student council meetings between the Great Meadows and Hackettstown. Mr. Mango also gave an update on the process for the filling of the Liberty School Principal vacancy.

Public Comment

None

Close of Public Comment

**SECTION A**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dave Schmitz, to approve the following **OPERATION** items A-1 through A-7.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

A-1 Motion to approve the following facility usage request (gym) at Central School by the *Tiger Junior Lacrosse Club* on Saturdays March 7, 2015 (9 am - 1:30 pm) and March 14, 2015 (9:00 am - 2:30 pm) at the custodial rate of \$25/hr. x 11 hours (incl. custodial coverage ½ hr. before and after usage) totaling **\$275.00; and**

Motion to approve the following facility usage request (gym) at Middle School by the *Tiger Junior Lacrosse Club* on Saturdays, March 7, 2015 (5:00 - 9:00 pm) and March 14, 2015 (5:00 - 9:00 pm) at the custodial rate of \$25/hr. x 11 hrs. (incl. custodial coverage ½ hr. after usage) totaling: **\$275.00**. Since there is another organization in gym prior to the Lacrosse Club—payment of

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custodial coverage in only at the end of their usage; **and**

Motion to approve the following facility usage request (gym) at Middle School by the *Tiger Junior Lacrosse Club* on Saturdays, March 21, 2015 (3:00-9:00 pm) = 7 hrs. incl. ½ hr. before and after usage) at the custodial rate of \$25/hr. x 7 hrs. = \$175.00 and March 28, 2015 (9:00 am -2:00 pm) = 6 hrs. incl. ½ hr. before and after usage) at the custodial rate of \$25/hr. x 6 hrs. = \$150.00 totaling: **\$325.00.**

Motion to approve the following facility usage request (gym) at Central School by the *Tiger Junior Lacrosse Club* on Saturdays, March 21, 2015 and March 28, 2015 (9:00-2:30 pm = 6.5 hrs. incl. ½ hr. before and after usage) at the custodial rate of \$25/hr. x 6.5 hrs. = \$162.50 totaling for 2 Saturdays **\$325.00.**

Motion to approve the following facility usage request (cafeteria) at Central School by the *Cub Scouts PACK #148* from 5 - 8 PM on Saturday, March 28, 2015, for 4 hours at \$25/hr. including ½ hr. before and ½ hr. for custodial coverage = \$100.00.

- A-2 Motion to approve payment to **Timothy Havlusch**, Interim Business Administrator, for two (2) holidays worked, (2/13/15 and 2/16/15) at the rate of #350 per day for a total of \$700.00.
- A-3 Motion to approve and, upon receipt of recommendation of Warren County Dept. of Education, to open a Language and learning Program at **Central School.**
- A-4 Motion to approve MTM Metro Corporation, 135 McBride Avenue, Paterson NJ for the Great Meadows Central School Boiler Room Abatement Project in the amount of \$31,700. Other Quotes solicited were as follows:
- o Lilich Corporation, 606 McBride Avenue Little Falls, NJ 07424 \$35,800
  - o Four Strong Builders, 180 Sergeant Ave. Clifton, NJ 07013 \$32,500
- A-5 Motion to approve a Special Education Contract for the 2014-15 school year between GMRSD and Allamuchy Board of Education for one (1) student at a cost of \$12,454 for tuition effective October 14, 2014 (pro-rated).

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- A-6 Motion to approve a Special Education Contract for the 2014-15 school year between GMRSD and Delaware Valley Regional High School District Board of Education for one (1) student at a cost of \$12,990 for tuition effective December 11, 2014 (pro-rated)
- A-7 Motion to 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.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Tjasa Bienus</b>	Art Show Set Up (Munic. Bldg)	\$00.00	3/31/15
<b>Laurie Washburn</b>	Shadow Principal & Interview BOE	\$00.00	3/25/15
<b>Julie Skoldberg</b>	NJSHA-Pathways to Communication	\$275.60	4/30-5/1/15

**SECTION B**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-7.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- B-1 Motion to approve the following Title 1 stipends:

March 2, 2015 - May 21, 2015 - Instructor of Title I "Think Tank" HW Club \$38/hr. - not to exceed **\$1,200** per instructor Instructors: **Colleen Schubert and Lindsay Bloom**

- B-2 Motion to approve the unpaid leave of absence for **Frederika Demarest**, aide, effective May 27, 28, and 29, 2015.
- B-3 Motion to approve **Nathan Eifler** as a substitute custodian for the 2014-2015 school year for GMRSD.
- B-4 Motion to approve **Edward Biegaj** as a substitute teacher in GMRSD for the 2014-2015 school year.

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- B-5 Motion to approve **Adrienne Larsen**, as an instructional aide at Liberty School, effective April 13, 2015, through June 30, 2015, at an annual salary of \$14, 707.00 prorated to \$3,981.25.
- B-6 Motion to adopt and approve the Release with employee ID #1000346.
- B-7 Motion to adopt and approve the revised Settlement Agreement in Agency Ref. #2015-21965.

**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 the 2015-2016 GMRSD Calendar.
- C-2 Motion to acknowledge receipt of the **Superintendent's HIB Report** for GMMS for the months of February and March 2015.
- C-3 Motion to approve a trip for GMR **Student Council** to Hackettstown Middle School on April 17, 2015.

**SECTION D**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke to approve the following GOVERNANCE Item D-1.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting no.

- D-1 Motion to approve **1<sup>st</sup> reading** of the following policies

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and regulations:

Policy #5310 - Health Services  
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Policy #5530 - Substance Abuse  
    Regulation #5530  
Policy #8505 - Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for  
Meals and Other Foods

**ADDENDUM**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by David Schmitz to approve the following ADDENDUM Items under OPERATIONS AA-1 - AA-2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

AA-1 Motion to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract for the 2014-2015 school year between GMRSD and Green Brook Academy, Bound Brook, NJ for one student in the annual amount of \$70,796.00. (Pro-Rated effective March 19, 2015) The Hammonton New Jersey School District will reimburse the district for all tuition and transportation costs.

AA-2 Motion to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract for the 2014-2015 school year between GMRSD and Green Brook Academy, Bound Brook, NJ for one student in the annual amount of \$70,796.00. (Pro-Rated effective March 2, 2015) The Haddonfield New Jersey School District will reimburse the district for all tuition and transportation costs.

Under the Hackettstown report President Ed O'Melia gave an update from the most recent Hackettstown BOE Meeting.

Public Comment/New Business

There were questions from the public regarding PARCC Testing

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and issues regarding sections of the testing material which may or may not have been covered to date in the current curriculum. Mr. Mango clarified the use of the testing as proposed by the Department of Education.

Close of Public Comment

An announcement was made that a special meeting of the GMBOE would be necessary on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for the purposes of Ethics Training from NJSBA. This will be a workshop meeting and advertised as such, action may be necessary at the conclusion of the meeting.

Executive Session

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak, whereas, the Board must consider legal matters, 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 8:05 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 David Schmitz to re-enter regular session at 9:17 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to adjourn at 9:18 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch  
Board Secretary