

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, October 13, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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, Joe Mailloux, Fred Miller, David Schmitz, William Vonder Haar and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Susan Cullen (arrived @ 7:14), Lori Prymak, and Agatha Wilke (arrived @ 7:14)

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

There was 5 members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle to approve the minutes from September 22, 2015.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller to approve the executive session minutes from September 22, 2015.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Joe Mailloux to approve General Fund Bills List from September 23, 2015 through October 9, 2015 in the amount of \$592,507.12 (Check #'s 32292 through 32355)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications - None

Committee Reports - A brief update was given by Ed O'Melia about the recent Shared Services Committee meeting with Hackettstown. No other committees had met since the last

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Board Meeting given the early date of this month's meeting.

Superintendent's Report

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

- The NJDOE recognized Mr. Mango and his Administrative staff for their dedication and hard work pulling together and making the Great Meadows District available for the Multi-County School Safety Seminar that was held this summer at the Great Meadows Regional Middle School.
- The preliminary results of the safety inspection conducted at Liberty were shared however more detailed topics would be presented in executive session given their nature.
- The position of Shared CST Director was mentioned as discussed at the most recent Shared Services Committee.
- Upcoming Student Council lunches were presented.
- Upcoming Principal forums were mentioned as well as graduation and PARRC updates as they relate to the establishment of a new baseline for scoring.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

There was a comment from the public regarding PARRC and the timeframe for score availability.

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-2 as well as addenda items ADA-1 and ADA-2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with William Vonder Haar abstaining on item A-2.

A-1 MOTION to approve submission of the SOA:

Motion to approve submission of the SOA (Statement of Assurance) Statement for the School Year 2015-2016 QSAC by Great Meadows Regional School District.

A-2 MOTION to ESIP Payment Application #5:

Motion to approve ESIP Payment application #5 dated 10/7/15 to Honeywell in the amount of \$356,786.62.

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(**Note** This leaves a remaining unpaid balance on the original project of \$487,691.02)

ADA-1 MOTION to approve supplemental Bill List:

Motion to approve the supplemental bills list from the period 10/11/15 through 10/13/15 in the amount of \$719,732.00 (check #'s 32356 - 32363)

ADA-2 MOTION to Approve ESY Joint Transportation Agreement for 2015

Motion to approve a Joint Transportation Agreement between Allamuchy (Host) and The Great Meadows Regional School District (Joiner) for the 2015-2016 ESY for a route(s) to and from Mountain Villa School at a cost of \$1,786.00.

SECTION B

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

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay to item B-5.

B-1 MOTION for a name change on MAT Leave request:

Motion to rescind the maternity leave request to **Jennifer Silpoch** and approve maternity leave request to **Jessica Silpoch**, 8th gr. Special Education teacher, effective approximately January 1, 2016, with an anticipated return date of March 23, 2016.

B-2 MOTION to approve substitute teacher:

Motion to approve **Helene Armstrong and Joanna Alfone** as a substitute teachers in GMRSD for the 2015-2016 school year.

B-3 MOTION to approve stipends to certificated staff:

Motion to approve stipends to the following certificated staff for the 2015-2016 school year:

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TEAM LEADERS

Encore - **James Bechtel** - 30 hrs. x \$38/hr. = \$1,140.00
6th gr. - **Anne Amundsen** - 30 hrs. x \$38/hr. = \$1,140.00
7th gr. - **Linda Wilkins** - 30 hrs. x \$38/hr. = \$1,140.00
8th gr. - **Deb Exley** - 30 hrs. x \$38/hr. = \$1,140.00

B-4 MOTION to approve teachers movement on guide:

Motion to approve movement on the Teachers' Contract Guide to **Kara Feulner**, 4th/5th gr. B.S.I. teacher, from Step 14M to Step 14M+15 at \$64,455.00, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Kristine Doty, teacher of grds.7th/8th ASIPS, from Step 11 M to Step 11 M+15 at an annual salary of \$62,695.00, effective September 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

Megan Rymon, 4th/5th grd. B.S.I. teacher, from Step 6BS+15 to Step 6M at an annual salary of \$58,325.00, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

B-5 MOTION to approve Shared Service Agreement:

Motion to approve Shared Services Agreement of Kathleen Gesumaria, Director of Special Services, between the Hackettstown Board of Education and the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education at an annual salary of \$130,000 (pro-rated) for the period of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, attached by reference.

B-6 MOTION to approve lunch aide at Liberty School:

Motion to approve **Jessica Denicola**, as a lunch aide at Liberty School at the hourly rate of \$8.75 with a starting date TBD, upon completion of Criminal History Review in Trenton, through June 30, 2016.

B-7 MOTION to acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB Report for GMR during the month of October 2015.

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

SECTION C

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke, to approve the following

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EDUCATION items C-1 through C-3.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

C-1 MOTION to approve class field trips for 2015-2016:

Motion to approve class field trips for the 2015-2016 school year:

GATE

4th gr. - MindNastics - October 29th - changed venue to Blairstown Free Evangelical Church

5th gr. - Strategic Thinking Day March 23rd - Harmony Township Firehouse

C-2 MOTION to approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2015-2106 school year:

Motion to approve the *Nursing Services Plan* for the 2015-2106 school year.

C-3 MOTION to approve professional development workshops:

\$- Denotes the need for a Substitute Teacher at \$80.00 per diem

(II) -Denotes Title II funding for costs

** indicates mileage reimbursement requested*

Name	Workshop	Cost	Date(s)	School
Kaitlyn Murphy	Rutgers University Writing & Reading conference	\$180.00 (II) \$	10/23/2015	Liberty
Jamie Long	The Music Shop (concur with the Superintendent)	\$0.00	10/12/2015	Liberty
Brienne Stevenson	Diverse Strategies for Diverse Learners	\$149.00 (II) \$	11/18/2015	Central
Alison Sullivan	NJ AHPERD Annual Convention curriculum enhancement	\$100.00 (II) \$	2/22 & 2/23/2016	Central
Megan Rymon	New Mentor Education Workshop (concur with superintendent)	\$260.00 (II) \$	10/6/15 & 1/12/16	Liberty
Michael Mai	Innovate NJ Kean University	\$0.00	10/15/2015	Central
Megan Rymon	Bureau of Education Research Strategies for Struggling Readers	\$239.00 (II) \$	12/7/2015	Liberty
Debra Grigoletti	Special Education Laws Made Simple	\$359.00 (II) *	12/10/15	GMMS

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Hackettstown Report
Nothing to report at this time.

Independence Township Report
Nothing to report at this time as the meeting is tonight.

Liberty Township Report
Nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment/New Business

The matter concerning the fields at Liberty School needs further discussion at the committee level.

The December meeting of the GMRBOE will be moved to Tuesday December 15th. Sunshine notices and required parties will be notified and posted after the November Meeting.

Close of Public Comment/New Business

Executive Session

Executive Session for the purposes of Board Action as it pertains to specific litigation, confidential district matters and matters regarding personnel.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, to enter Executive Session at 7:42 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dave Schmitz to end Executive Session at 9:16 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

SECTION C Addendum

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **EDUCATION** items ADC-1 and ADC-2.

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Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**ADC-1 MOTION to Approve Special Education Settlement Agreement
& General Release**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education hereby adopts and approves the Settlement Agreement and General Release entered into in the matter of C.C. and S.C. o/b/o D.C. v. Great Meadows Regional Board of Education, OAL Docket No.: 07178-15, Agency Reference No.: 2015-22609.

ADC-2 MOTION to approve class field trip for 2015-16:

Motion to approve class field trip(s) for the 2015-2016 school year:

Grade 2 - Centenary Stage Company - 11/18/15 - Centenary College

EXECUTIVE SESSION SECTION A - OPERATIONS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following OPERATIONS item EXA-1.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

EXA-1 MOTION to approve Accounts Payable Stipends for remainder of 2015-16.

Motion to approve the schedule of stipends listed below in an effort to cover the staffing requirements of the Accounts Payable functions of the Great Meadows Regional School District Business Office effective October 1, 2015 for a period no to exceed or go beyond June 30, 2016.

School Business Administrator	\$2,000/Month
HR/benefits Clerk	\$500/Month
Additional Hourly Clerical Services	\$1,000/Month (*)

(*) This is a "not to exceed" amount available for the purposes of additional hourly clerical services as needed and directed by the Business Administrator.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION SECTION B - HUMAN RESOURCES

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by William Vonder Haar, to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES item.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:28-9 provides that a board of education may "reduce the number of teaching staff members employed in the district whenever, in the judgment of the board, it is advisable to abolish any such positions for reasons of economy or because of reduction in the number of pupils or of change in the administrative or supervisory organization of the district or for other good cause:"

WHEREAS, for reasons of economy and as a result of District restructuring, the Board finds it advisable to eliminate the following two Central Office Secretarial positions for the 2016-17 school year through a reduction in force: Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Child Study Team Secretary:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education as follows:

1. That upon recommendation of the Superintendent the following positions have been eliminated as a result of a reduction in force:
 - a. Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent position: and
 - b. Child Study Team Secretary position.
2. That the affected employees will promptly receive appropriate notification of their employment status: and
3. That the Superintendent is authorized to provide the necessary notification to the affected employees.

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Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke, to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch
Board Secretary