

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, October 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, Dawn Frost, Joe Mailloux, Lori Prymak, Dave Schmitz, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: William Vonder Haar.

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Timothy Havlusch School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Nadia Inskeep and Kathy Gesurmaria Shared Director of Special Services were also present. There was also 30 member of the public in attendance.

Minutes

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke to approve the minutes from September 27, 2016 (Regular & Executive Session).

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote

Committee Reports

No report at this time given the earlier meeting date this month due to NJSBA Conference, however respective minutes from committees that will be meeting in the near future would be distributed at earliest convenience.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Student of the Month awards were made for the months of September and October by the Principals of Central (Mr. Mai), Liberty (Mrs. Macones) and Great Meadows Middle (Mr. Marmelejos). Pictures of these presentations would be posted on the district website.
- Mr. Pate presented the Board an update on the ESIP Project and its completion in terms of installation and how the district would be monitoring year over year and season over season comparisons in order to monitor utility use reductions.

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- Mr. Mango gave the Board an update on his recent meeting with the Mayor and Council from Liberty Township to allow them an opportunity to take part from the municipalities' standpoint on the upcoming demographic study.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

There were no questions from the public at this time on agenda items only.

Close of Public Comment

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Dave Schmitz, to approve the following **OPERATION** items and Addenda items A-1 through A-19 as amended.

Clarification was provided to the Board on item A-7 and the steps that administration has already taken to ensure that those items could not have been used by other learning institutions. Additional clarification was provided on items A-13 as it relates to our current agreement to fill substitute positions within the district.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE: Motion to approve the following items recommended by the Superintendent:

- A-1 Approval of Check Register - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the bill list from October 6, 2016 through October 15, 2016 in the amount of \$2,415,904.87 (Check #'s 50295-50370) **ATTACHMENT A-1.**
- A-2 Approval of Check Register (Cafeteria Account) - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the bill list from September 29, 2016 through September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$22,562.23 (Check # 22507 - 22509) **ATTACHMENT A2.**
- A-3 Approval of Financial Reports -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business

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Administrator approve the Secretary and Treasurer Reports (**BSR & TSM**) for the month ending August 31, 2016. **ATTACHMENT A-3**

A-4 Acceptance of Financial Reports Certification - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, accept the certification of the Board Secretary, and certify: in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c), that to the best of our knowledge as of August 31, 2016 no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds exist to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school years. **ATTACHMENT A-3**

A-5 Approval of Transfers -- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the transfers for August 2016 in the amount of \$10,085.00. **ATTACHMENT A-5**

A-6 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreements, Mount Olive -- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the two separate Special Education Tuition Contract Agreements with Mount Olive School District in the amount of \$22,160 from September 6, 2016 through June 23, 2017. Additional therapy services beyond the 60 minutes per week included in the contract will be invoiced separately as well as any personal aid serves as required by the respective student's IEP.

A-7 Approval of Textbook Disposal - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the disposal of the list of Textbooks as attached. **ATTACHMENT A-7**

A-8 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, ESC-Morris -- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with ESC of Morris County in the amount of \$63,300 from September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Additional therapy services beyond the 60 minutes per week included in the contract will be invoiced separately (\$103.00/hr) as well as any personal aid serves (\$27,440.00/year) as required by the student's IEP.

A-9 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, WCSSSD -- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Special

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Education Tuition Contract Agreement with WCSSSD in the amount of \$63,300 from September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Additional therapy services beyond the 60 minutes per week included in the contract will be invoiced separately (\$103.00/hr) as well as any personal aid serves (\$27,440.00/year) as required by the student's IEP.

A-10 Approval of New York Life as an Annuity Provider - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve New York Life as an approved provider of 403B Plans, Insurance and TSAs for the employees of the Great Meadows Regional School District at no cost to the district.

A-11 Approval of Student(s) on Home Instruction - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves students(s) on home instruction for the 2016-2017 school year, as attached by reference. **ATTACHMENT A-11**

A-12 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement (Receiving), Special Education -- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with Hackettstown School District for the purposes of receiving special education students into district run BD program at Liberty School from the period of October 3, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

A-13 Approval to Contract with BAYADA Pediatrics for Substitute Nurses-- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve to contract with BAYADA Pediatrics to provide substitute registered nurses and substitute licensed practical nurses for the 2016-2017 school year.

A-14 Approval to absolve Green Brook Academy from charging reduced and or paid meals for 2016_17 School Year - BE IT RESOLVED: that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.5, the Board of Education of Great Meadows Regional School District does not require Green Brook Academy to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals for the 2016-2017 school year.

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**A-15 Approval to approve annual submission of M-1 and CMP - BE I
RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education approve the annual submission of the M-1 and the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) for the school year 2016-2017 to the Warren County Office of Education. **ATTACHMENT A-15**

**A-16 Approval of Settlement Agreement & General Release - BE IT
RESOLVED:** 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 N.W and M.W. o/b/o A.W.. v. Great Meadows Regional Board of Education, OAL Docket No.: EDS-09452-2016, Agency Reference No.: 2016-24459. **ATTACHMENT A-16**

A-17 Approval of Facility Use Report - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the attached facility use report for the period 10/14/2016 through 12/30/2016 subsequent to appropriate building level approval as needed. **ATTACHMENT A-17**

A-18 Approval of Aid in Lieu - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the attached 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 private schools during the 2016-2017 school year.

American Christian School	2
Blair Academy	2
The Craig School	1
Good Shepherd Christian Academy	1
Morris Catholic High School	4
Morristown-Beard School	1
Notre Dame Elementary	3
Pope John XXIII High School	23
Pope John Middle School	4
Rev. George Brown Memorial School	2
Saints Philip & James School	5
St. Therese School	3
Villa Walsh Academy	1

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that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, 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 2016-2017 school year.

Ridge and Valley Charter School	2
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that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve aid in lieu 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 2016-2017 school year.

Lenape Valley Regional	1
Morris Hills High School	1

A-19 Approval of Supplemental Check Register - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the bill list from October 17, 2016 in the amount of \$74,991.43 (Check #'s 50371-50378) **ATTACHMENT A-19.**

SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-6.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMITTEE: Motion to approve the following items recommended by the Superintendent:

B-1 Approval of Staff Maternity Leave of Absence - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of staff maternity leave of absence for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

B-2 Approval of Co-Curricular Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve co-curricular appointments for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

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- B-3 Approval of After School Club Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve after school club appointments for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference
- B-4 Approval of Observation Hours - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve observation hours for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.
- B-5 Approval of Mentors / Mentees - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve mentors/mentees for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.
- B-6 Approval of Substitute(s) - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

SECTION C

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Agatha Wilke, to approve the following **EDUCATIONAL/GOVERNANCE** items and Addenda items C-1 through C-7 as amended.

Additional clarification was provided to the Board on item A-7 as it pertained to the collaboration of foreign languages as an interdisciplinary with other subject areas.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay to item A-4.

COMMITTEE: Motion to approve the following items recommended by the Superintendent:

- C-1 Approval of Workshop Attendance - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve workshop attendance for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.
- C-2 Approval of 2016-2017 Field Trips - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve field trips for the 2016-

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2017 school year, attached by reference.

- C-3 Annual Approval of Nursing Services Plans - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Nursing Services Plans from each of the three district schools for the 2016-2017 school year.
- C-4 Approval of Submission of the NJQSAC Statement of Assurance - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve submission of the 2016-2017 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance, attached by reference.
- C-5 Approval of Conditional Tuition Free Enrollment - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve pursuant to Board Policy 5111, the conditional tuition free enrollment of the non-resident minor whose family will be moving into Independence Township and residing within the District on or before November 30, 2016. Such tuition free enrollment is conditioned upon submission of proofs to the District of the parents completed closing and residency within the District on or by the November 30, 2016 date noted above. Failure to provide such documentation and/or complete the closing, will result in the assessment tuition for all periods of enrollment for the student while a non-resident.
- C-6 Approval of New Curriculum - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Education Committee, approve new curriculum for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.
- C-7 Approval of Fundraiser - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve fundraisers at Great Meadows Middle School for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

Other Business

There was no other business from the Board at this time.

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Hackettstown Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Independence Township Report

Nothing to report at this time as the Mayor and Council meeting was slated for tonight as well.

Liberty Township Report

The Liberty report was covered as part of the Superintendent's Report.

Public Comment/New Business

There were no public comments at this time. The Board was given an update on the requirements of the PSD program within the district and its expansion with a target of a December start date, due to identifiable GM students requiring services which in the past would have mean more tuition being paid out to cover these needs. The expansion of the program will also free up more seats for tuition paying Gen-Ed students already on the waiting list.

Close of Public Comment/New Business

Motion for Executive Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to enter Executive Session for the purposes of H.I.B., Personnel & Potential Litigation.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:51 PM.

Motion Re-Open Public Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to re-open the Public Session at 7:59 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION to acknowledge receipt of Superintendent's H.I.B. Report:

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak to acknowledge receipt of the Superintendent's H.I.B. Report as presented.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

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Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch
Board Secretary