

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, November 22, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, William Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Agatha Wilke.

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 20 member of the public in attendance.

Minutes

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to approve the minutes from October 18, 2016 as amended. (Regular & Executive Session)

Motion carried in a voice vote with William Vonder Haar abstaining.

Committee Reports

The Operations committee gave a brief update on their most recent meeting and informed the Board that as of this time the possibility of replacing as opposed to repairing the gym doors at Central.

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 November 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. Mango updated the Board on a plan given the availability of space within the district to create a Special Education Consortium available to the County and surrounding border districts as a way to better utilize resources and increase revenue streams into the district.

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- Specific updates were provided by each of the Building Principals detailing just what Technology and Curriculum advances are taking place in each of the Buildings. Each principal made a presentation and fielded questions from the Board on some specific topics. At the conclusion of these reports, The Superintendent took a moment to thank the Board for their commitment to this import aspect of the learning experience within the district.

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. While there was a question offered it was explained that this portion was for agenda items only and that the second public comment would be hen the Board would answer questions on any topic.

Close of Public Comment

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **OPERATIONS** items and Addenda items A-1 through A-13 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 with Susan Cullen abstaining on Item A-1.

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 19, 2016 through November 19, 2016 in the amount of \$1,318,221.16. (Check #'s 50379-50506) **ATTACHMENT A-1**

A-2 Approval of Check Register (Cafeteria Account) - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation

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of the School Business Administrator, approve the bill list from October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 in the amount of \$19,021.59 (Check # 22510) **ATTACHMENT A2.**

A-3 Approval of Financial Reports -- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the Secretary and Treasurer Reports (**BSR & TSM**) for the month ending September 30, 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 September 30, 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 \$128,092.00. **ATTACHMENT A-5**

A-6 Approval of Interior Security Vestibule(s) Proposal A/E Services-- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the proposal by Settembrino Architects, as offered for the design and construction administration of three (3) interior security vestibules at Central School, Liberty School and Great Meadows Middle School. **ATTACHMENT A-6**

A-7 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 November 17, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

A-8 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 Education Tuition Contract Agreement with WCSSSD in the amount of \$36,200 each from November 4th, 2016 through June 30, 2017

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for two students. (Pro-rated for each student to be \$27,753.18 for the 16-17 SY) *(This represents an expense for new students into the district and their placement in a new education facility)*

**A-9 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Bonnie Brae School --
BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with The Bonnie Brae School in the amount of \$66,600 from September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. *(This represents a transfer of an existing student to a new education facility)*

**A-10 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, The Midland School --
BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with The Midland School in the amount of \$65,843.40 from October 24, 2016 through June 30, 2017. *(This represents a transfer of an existing student to a new education facility)*

A-11 Approval of Fund Raiser(s) - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve in accordance with Policy #5830 the following fundraising events at GMMS as attached: **ATTACHMENT A-11**

A-12 Approval of Supplemental Check Register(s) - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the supplemental bill list from November 22, 2016 in the amount of \$265,522.71 (Check #'s 50507-50522) **ATTACHMENT A-12**

A-13 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 F.D. and J.D. o/b/o M.D. v. Great Meadows Regional Board of Education, OAL Docket No.: EDS-, Agency Reference No.: 2016-24769. **ATTACHMENT A-13**

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SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-3 as amended.

At this point there were questions raised about items "attached by reference". The Superintendent and Board Secretary agreed to look at the matter as it relates to making information available to the public on line and for the meetings.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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

B-1 Acceptance of Resignation(s) - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignations for the 2016-2017 school year attached by reference.

B-2 Approval of New Staff - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the new staff for the 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

B-3 Approval of Homebound Instruction Provider- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Homebound Instructor, Kimberly Blanchard, for a 7th Grade Student effective 11/17/16 until further notice.

SECTION C

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Dave Schmitz, to approve the following **EDUCATIONAL/GOVERNANCE** items and Addenda items C-1 through C-3 as amended.

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

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- 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 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.
- C-3 Annual Adoption of Title I Policy - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, adopt revised Policy 2415.04 TITLE I - DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, attached

Other Business

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

Hackettstown Report

An update was given on the Hall of Fame Inductions.

Independence Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Liberty Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment/New Business

There were questions and comments from the Public on the turnover of staff from WCSSSD who are contracted to provide service in Great Meadows. The public was informed that this was the first instance of this being brought to the attention of the Superintendent but that he would follow up with the Superintendent of WCSSSD in order to gain some perspective on this subject and to see what can be done to address the matter.

The Board also agreed to hold the Reorganization Meeting for 2017 on January 3rd, 2017 @ 6:00 PM in the GMMS Cafeteria.

Close of Public Comment/New Business

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Motion for Executive Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dawn Frost 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 8:10 PM.

Motion Re-Open Public Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to re-open the Public Session at 8:16 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.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dawn Frost, to adjourn at 8:21 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch