

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, December 20, 2016

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2016 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, Susan Cullen, Dawn Frost, Joe Mailloux, Dave Schmitz, William Vonder Haar, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Lori Prymak.

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 Susan Cullen to approve the minutes from November 22, 2016. (Regular & Executive Session)

Motion carried in a voice vote with Agatha Wilke abstaining.

Committee Reports

The Operations committee gave a brief update on their most recent meeting and informed the Board of the upcoming Budget Calendar for the 17-18 School Year as well as the presentation of the audit to the Committee on January 16, 2017 prior to the acceptance of the audit by the full Board scheduled for January 24th 2017. Also presented by the committee was the plan to address matters of Transportation in Great Meadows by means of updating and revising policies within the district.

Superintendent's Report

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

Mr. Mango updated the Board and Public on the ongoing review of facility space and use within the district and how it relates to the upcoming demographic study. There is still a very strong desire to have the municipal stake holders involved with the process so that the study may reflect issues or concerns at their level as opposed to a study that would only deal with

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the concerns of education aspects.

Student of the Month awards were made for the months of December 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.

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The Strategic Plan of the district was presented by Nadia Inskeep and would be made available to the public on the GMRSD website at the conclusion of this meeting.

Mr. Mango concluded with topics that are still ongoing and moving forward and those were matters of Security, MS Initiatives, increased Special Education revenues stream and the Special Education Consortium.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

A clarification was requested from the public as to the proposed demographic study as it relates to the involvement of the municipalities. It was explained that should the municipalities choose to help share the cost of the study, that any questions or topics or areas of concern that would affect a municipalities could be addressed in the study however should the school district alone bear the cost of the study then it's only reasonable to expect the needs of the district to be the major focus of the study regardless of municipal impact.

Close of Public Comment

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **OPERATIONS** items and Addenda items A-1, A-2 and A-6 through A-15 as amended.

A comment was made at this time about the extremely low participation in the "Late Bus" for GM students from HHS. It was asked that the Operations Committee take a look at this viability if this route during the upcoming budget cycle.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay on item A-14 and William Vonder Haar abstaining on item A-14.

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

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- 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 November 29, 2016 through December 16, 2016 in the amount of \$2,417,739.16 (Check #'s 50523-50613) **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 November 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016 in the amount of \$12,198.56 (Check # 22511) **ATTACHMENT A2.**
- A-6 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 December 6, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- A-7 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.
Divine Mercy Academy 1
- A-8 Approval of Payment of Sick Days upon Retirement -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves payment to Dean Tshudy, retiree 1/1/17, for unused sick days in accordance with the CBA between GMRBOE and the GMREA in the amount of \$8,800 (\$,400 to be paid 8/15/17 and \$4,400 to be paid 1/13/18)
- A-9 Approval of Contract for Behavior Analytical Services for the 2016-17 School Year -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Contract Agreement with Applied Behavioral Consulting (ABC) LLC to provide Behavioral Consulting Services for the remained for the 2016-17 School Year at a rate of \$125/hr and at an amount no to exceed 20 hrs per month..
- A-10 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Stepping Stone School -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the

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recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with Stepping Stone School in the amount of \$39,512.62 from October 11, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as well as an IEP required Aid in the amount of \$36,225.00. ***(This student is the responsibility of the DFC Division of Families and Children and as such they will reimburse the Great Meadows School District for any and all costs incurred during this contract)***

A-11 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Green Brook Academy -- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with Stepping Stone School in the amount of \$69,945.84 from September 19, 2016 through June 30, 2017. ***(This student is the responsibility of the DFC Division of Families and Children and as such they will reimburse the Great Meadows School District for any and all costs incurred during this contract)***

A-12 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Shepard Prep High School (2016 ESY) -- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with Shepard Preparatory High School in the amount of \$8310.00 for ESY in 2016. ***(This student is the responsibility of the Paterson School District and as such they will reimburse the Great Meadows School District for any and all costs incurred during this contract)***

A-13 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-13**

A-14 Approval of Transportation Routes & Contracts for 2016-17 School Year - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the **REVISED RENEWAL RATES** between Great Meadows Regional School District and **First Student, Inc.** for the 2016-2017 School Year. *(Upon review of the Contract Submittal for approval for the 16-17 SY, it was determined and confirmed by the NJ Department of Education that the C.P.I. should be calculated at .0057% and not .0053% as previously submitted.)*

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M1	Middle School	\$ 22,100.59
M2	Middle School	\$ 22,100.59
M3	Middle School	\$ 22,100.59
M4	Middle School	\$ 22,100.59
M6	Middle School	\$ 22,100.59
M7	Middle School	\$ 22,100.59
M8	Middle School	\$ 22,100.59
HS1	Hackettstown High School	\$ 40,301.11
HS3	Hackettstown High School	\$ 40,301.11
HS4	Hackettstown High School	\$ 22,100.59
HS5	Hackettstown High School	\$ 22,100.59
HS6	Hackettstown High School	\$ 22,100.59
HS7	Hackettstown High School	\$ 22,100.59
		<u>\$323,708.71</u>

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FS-1	Hackettstown High School	<u>\$ 24,000.99</u>
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LC1	Liberty School	\$ 19,305.28
LC2	Liberty School	\$ 19,305.28
LC3	Liberty School	\$ 19,305.28
LC4	Liberty School	\$ 19,305.28
LC5	Liberty School	\$ 19,305.28
CL1	Central School	\$ 19,305.28
CL2	Central School	\$ 19,305.28
CL3	Central School	\$ 19,305.28
CL4	Central School	\$ 19,305.28
CL6	Central School	\$ 19,305.28
CL7	Central School	\$ 19,305.28
CL8	Central School	\$ 19,305.28
		<u>\$231,663.36</u>

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After school run	<u>\$ 11,192.02</u>
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CL5	Central School	\$ 23,318.55
MS5	Middle School	\$ 23,318.55
		<u>\$ 46,637.10</u>

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A-15 Approval of Parent Transportation Contract - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the parent transportation contract for the 16-17 school year (**Route #ES2A-1617-1**) from September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, subject to final approval from the Warren County Department of Education.

A-16 Approval of SDA Consultant - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the proposal by Summit Management Solutions, LLC for the purposes of completing the application for reimbursement through the School Development Authority for the following projects:

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? SDA Project #1785-040-14-1001

SDA Project #1785-050-14-0002

SDA Project #1785-060-14-1003

*The cost of this proposal is not to exceed \$3,500 billed hourly with the balance of 25% of the billable work to be paid only after the collection of funds from the SDA. **ATTACHMENT A-16***

SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Agatha Wilke, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-5.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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

B-1 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-2 Approval of Voluntary Transfer - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the voluntary transfer of Kris Doty from the position of Special Education Grades 7 & 8 Teacher at the Middle School to the position of Technology Education Teacher at the Middle School, effective January 2, 2017.

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- B-3 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
- B-4 Acceptance of Resignation - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Michael Pate, Shared Building and Grounds Supervisor, effective March 13, 2017.
- B-5 Approval of Substitute(s) - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Karen Jurkowski as a substitute nurse for the 2016-2017 school year.

SECTION C

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Susan Cullen, to approve the following **EDUCATIONAL/GOVERNANCE** items and Addenda items C-1 and C-2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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 2016-2017 school year, attached by reference.

Other Business

There was a brief discussion on continuing matters of security within the district as well as a discussion on facility usage within the district and ways to eliminate minor conflicts and ensure that groups reserving time and space are given full use of the time and space for a particular event.

The need for Ethics training was discussed and would be scheduled

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for an upcoming meeting.

Hackettstown Report

An update was given on the National Honor Society Inductions at HHS and the high percentage of GM students.

Independence Township Report

No report at this time however Mr. Mango gave an update on his visit with Mayor Giordano for the purpose of wrapping gifts at Town Hall for those in need during the Holiday Season.

Liberty Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment/New Business

There were questions and comments from the Public on the status of the Board goal of working towards Blue Ribbon Status. It was commented that a large component of the designation was public participation and prior efforts in this area did not yield the expected outcomes.

Close of Public Comment/New Business

Motion for Executive Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle 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 8:26 PM.

Motion Re-Open Public Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle to re-open the Public Session at 8:30 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 Jamie Cicerelle to acknowledge receipt of the Superintendent's H.I.B. Report as presented.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion to Adjourn

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Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dawn Frost, to adjourn at 8:31 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch