

# **GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **MINUTES OF Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at the Great Meadows Middle School Media Center, 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 (left @ 8:30), Lori Prymak, William Vonder Haar and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Tim Koeller and Agatha Wilke.

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Timothy Havlusch School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Debbi Grigoletti Director of Curriculum, Israel Marmolejos Principal of GMMS, and Kathy Gesurmaria Shared Director of Special Services were also present.

There was also approximately 30 member of the public in attendance.

### **Correspondence**

The announcement that the official election results from the election in November had been received from the County Clerk and posted on Board Docs.

It was also announced and confirmed that the Re-Organization meeting of the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education would take place on Thursday January 3, 2019 @ 7:00 in the media center of Great Meadows Regional Middle School.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak to approve the minutes from November 20, 2018. (Regular and Executive Session)

There were comments made and clarifications provided about topics and subjects that were covered in executive session and about information contained in the executive session minutes.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Susan Cullen voting nay on the Executive Session minutes and Dawn Frost abstaining on the Regular Session and Executive Session minutes.

### **Committee Reports**

On behalf of the Facility Realignment committee, Jamie Cicerelle reported that meetings with representatives from the respective Mayors and Councils from the townships proved to be productive and allowed for a fairly blunt and open dialog on the issues at hand facing the district in light of the proposed cuts in state aid over the next few years.

On behalf of the Education Committee, Dawn Frost reported on the topics covered in the most recent meeting such as the GATE program and identification of students for COGAT Testing as well as the current outsourcing of the CST staff.

On behalf of the Human Resources Committee, Susan Cullen reported on the topics covered in the last meeting of the committee such as the status of current district job descriptions, non-affiliated salary caps, the potential use of class 3 offices in district and the potential for a facility walk through.

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- ✓ Presentations for Student of the Months of December were made for Central School, Liberty School and the Great Meadows Middle School.
- ✓ The Superintendent then gave an update on the Overview of the Strategic Plan for Great Meadows and a presentation that would be posted on the district's website at the conclusion of this meeting.
- ✓ An update was provided by the School Business Administrator on the financial impacts as it relates to the operations of facilities in the district in light of the impending reductions in state aid based on recently passed legislation. (S-2). This led to an open discussion with the Board on this topic with many clarifications and updates provided. The underlying tenant of the discussion was the single biggest factor in the impending cuts in aid from the state is simply due to the continued dramatic drop in enrollment in just about every school district in this area of the state since 2008.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

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**Public Comment – Agenda Items Only**

There was a lengthy period of comments and clarifications sought from the public which centered on potential decisions facing the board in terms of the operation of facilities within the district for the 2019-2020 SY. Many prospective options, given how potential solutions would impact certain members of the public, were offered, discussed and clarified base on the probable outcomes. At the end of the day the public was assured that options would be fully looked at to determine viability for the upcoming year.

**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 A-1 through A-9 as amended.

Clarification was provided as to item A-5 and the need for the listed transfers at this time. There was also clarification provided on item A-8 and the ability of a current GM staff member to provide the services required by statute to the school districts listed in the inter local agreements at no cost or impact to Great Meadows. Additional clarification was provided on the full annual expenditures for items listed A-1.

The Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen abstaining on item A-1

- 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 21, 2018 through December 14, 2018 in the amount of \$1,511,552.55 (Check #'s 53225-53312) **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, 2018 through November 30, 2018 in the amount of \$14,910.20 (Check #'s 22536-22537) **ATTACHMENT A-2**
- 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(s) of October 2018 & November 2018. **ATTACHMENT(s) 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 November 30, 2018, 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 2018-2019 school year. **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 as of November 30, 2018 in the amount of \$73,379.64. **ATTACHMENT(s) A-5**
- A-6 Approval of Facility Use Report – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the attached anticipated facility use report for the period 12/19/2018 through 2/28/2019 subsequent to appropriate building level approval as needed. (***Please note that in some instances requests have been submitted and the space has been "reserved" however the formal application cannot be approved until a current COI has been received.***) **ATTACHMENT A-6**
- A-7 Approval of Fundraisers – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve in accordance with Policy #5830 the following district wide fundraising events at GMRSD as attached: **ATTACHMENT A-7**
- A-8 Approval Interlocal Agreements – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Great Meadows Regional School District and the Township of Knowlton School District and the Blairstown School District for the purposes of providing a licensed Class A/B Operator relative to UST Regulations. **ATTACHMENT A-8**
- A-9 Approval of Supplemental Check Register – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the supplemental bill list from December 17, 2018 through December 18, 2018 in the amount of \$74,985.48 (Check #'s 53313-53321) **ATTACHMENT A-9**

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**SECTION B**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Dawn Frost, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-2.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**B-1 Acceptance of Resignations – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept resignations for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.

**B-2 Approval of Leave of Absence – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve leave of absence for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.

**SECTION C**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia seconded by Dawn Frost, to approve the following **EDUCATIONAL/GOVERNANCE** items C-1 and C-2 as amended.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with William Vonder Haar voting nay to item C-1.

**C-1 Approval of 2018-2019 Field Trips - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve field trips for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.

**C-2 Approval of 2018-2019 Workshop Attendance - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve workshop attendance for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.

**Other Business**

The new members of the GMRSDBOE were acknowledged and again it was restated the re-organization would take place on Thursday, January 3 2019 @ 7:00 in the Media Center of the Great Meadows Regional Middle School. It was also announced that a tentative date for School Board Ethics training would be January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the regularly scheduled meeting. An update was also provided on recent legislation signed by the Governor relating to school bus matters and additional safety upgrades.

**Hackettstown Report**

The ongoing construction status at HHS was mentioned as was the startup of a preschool program similar to the model used in Great Meadows as well as the Fall Sports recognition event that took place and a program presented by Warren County College.

**Independence Township Report**

Nothing at this time but everyone was wished a Happy Holiday season.

**Liberty Township Report**

Nothing at this time but everyone was wished a Happy Holiday season.

**Public Comment/New Business**

Ed O'Melia took this time to thank Dawn Frost and Agatha Wilke for their service to the board over the last few years. There were no additional comments from the public at this time.

**Close of Public Comment**

**Motion for Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session at this time.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak, to adjourn at 9:29 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Havlusch', with a stylized, cursive script.

Timothy Havlusch