

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF Tuesday, August 22, 2017

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 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, Dave Schmitz & Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Joe Mailloux (arrived @ 7:04), Lori Prymak, William Vonder Haar & 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 5 member of the public in attendance.

Correspondence

None at this time

Minutes

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dave Schmitz to approve the minutes from July 18th, 2017. (Regular & Executive Session)

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports

The Education committee commented on working towards having the same format for the preparation of curriculum.

Superintendent's Report

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

- ✓ The ongoing feasibility study being prepared by former Commission of Education for the state of New Jersey, David Hespe would be presented at the November 21, 2017 joint board meeting between Hackettstown BOE and Great Meadows BOE.
- ✓ There will be a another meeting on the morning of September 29 with Mr. Hespe and the mayors of all the municipalities that are part of the study as way to add additional input and to be given the status of the report up to that time in very broad strokes.
- ✓ There will be a joint Finance/Operations Committee meeting between the GM committee and the Hackettstown Committee on October 12th in Hackettstown. The purpose of this meeting will be for initial budget planning, audit results made known to that point and any other matters concerning both committees.
- ✓ Israel Marmolejos, Great Meadows Middle School Principal, gave a presentation on HIB scoring and district self-assessment for the prior year as compared to the past year.

This concluded the Superintendent's report.

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

There were no comments at this time.

Close of Public Comment

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Dawn Frost, to approve the following **OPERATIONS** items A-1 through A-15 as amended.

There was some clarification provided on item A-11 as it related to mention of Sussex County and not Warren County. That issue was amended.

There was also clarification provided on the matter of Bedtime Math as it relates to Great Meadows.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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- A-1 Approval of Check Register(s) – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the bill list from July 15, 2017 through August 18, 2017 in the amount of \$1,070,745.58 (Check #'s 51405-51512) **ATTACHMENTS A-1**
- A-2 Approval of Check Register (Cafeteria Account) – Nothing to approve at this time**
- 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 June 2017. **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 June 30, 2017, 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 2016-2017 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 as of June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$292,160.46 **ATTACHMENT A-5**
- A-6 Approval of Out of District Placements, Special Education -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the attached out of district placement(s) for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached, and further, that transportation be arranged as required. **ATTACHMENT A-6**
- A-7 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Regular Education -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the attached Tuition Contract Agreement with the Hackettstown Board of Education, for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$4,617,168 as attached, and further, that transportation be arranged as required. **ATTACHMENT A-7**
- A-8 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Special Education -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the attached Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with the Hackettstown Board of Education, for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$210,000 as attached. **ATTACHMENT A-8**
- A-9 Approval of Tuition Contract Agreement, Vocational Education -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the attached Tuition Contract Agreement with the Warren County Technical School Board of Education, for the 2017-2018 school year as attached. **ATTACHMENT A-9**
- A-10 Approval of Technology Disposal - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the disposal of technology items as attached. **ATTACHMENT A-10**
- A-11 Approval of Refunding Outstanding 2007 Refunding School Bonds Maturing in the year 2019-2025 – BE IT RESOLVED:** Whereas, on December 20, 2007, the Board of Education of the Great Meadows Regional School District in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$8,355,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt refunding school bonds (the "2007 Refunding School Bonds") to refund its then outstanding 1998 school bonds for debt service savings; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate environment may enable it to realize debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the "Refunding School Bonds") to refund up to all of the \$3,715,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2007 Refunding School Bonds maturing on January 15 in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023 and 2025, with mandatory sinking fund principal installments thereon on January 15 in the years 2022 and 2024, inclusive (the "Refunded Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt and enact a refunding school bond ordinance (the "Refunding Bond Ordinance") authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,825,000, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required notice of public hearing for the Refunding Bond Ordinance in the School District authorized newspaper, in the form and at the time required by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTACHMENT A-11

A-12 Approval of Transportation Routes & Contracts for 2017-18 School Year - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the following transportation contracts and routes between Great Meadows Regional School District and ***First Student, Inc.*** for the 2017-2018 School Year for a total cost of **\$629,710.58**: (This represents renewal at an increase of .3% which is equal to the C.P.I.)

GMR2005

M1	Middle School	\$ 22,158.08
M2	Middle School	\$ 22,158.08
M3	Middle School	\$ 22,158.08
M4	Middle School	\$ 22,158.08
M6	Middle School	\$ 22,158.08
M7	Middle School	\$ 22,158.08
M8	Middle School	\$ 22,158.08
HS1	Hackettstown High School	\$ 40,405.95
HS3	Hackettstown High School	\$ 40,405.95
HS4	Hackettstown High School	\$ 22,158.08
HS5	Hackettstown High School	\$ 22,158.08
HS6	Hackettstown High School	\$ 22,158.08
HS7	Hackettstown High School	\$ 22,158.08
		<u>\$324,550.72</u>

FS-0607-01

FS-1	Hackettstown High School	
		<u>\$ 24,063.41</u>

FS-1011-02

LC1	Liberty School	\$ 19,355.49
LC2	Liberty School	\$ 19,355.49
LC3	Liberty School	\$ 19,355.49
LC4	Liberty School	\$ 19,355.49
LC5	Liberty School	\$ 19,355.49
CL1	Central School	\$ 19,355.49
CL2	Central School	\$ 19,355.49
CL3	Central School	\$ 19,355.49
CL4	Central School	\$ 19,355.49
CL6	Central School	\$ 19,355.49
CL7	Central School	\$ 19,355.49
CL8	Central School	\$ 19,355.49
		<u>\$232,265.91</u>

FS-1314-01

CL5	Central School	\$ 23,379.21
MS5	Middle School	\$ 23,379.21
		<u>\$ 48,830.54</u>

A-13 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Bedtime Math Foundation– BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Bedtime Math Foundation and Hackettstown Public Schools to implement the Parents Count Program for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached by reference. **ATTACHMENT A-13**

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- A-14 Approval Coordinated Transportation Agreement with WCSSSD (2017-18) -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the Coordinated Transportation Agreement with the Warren County Special Service School District (WCSSSD) for Transportation Services for the 2016-17 School Year.
- A-15 Authorization for Application for Additional State Assistance -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, authorize the Superintendent's Application for Additional state Assistance. The necessity of this application is necessary due the revised budget reflective of the state aid reduction, adopted by the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education on July 18, 2017 fails to provide T&E as defined at N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-1.2.

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.

- B-1 Acceptance of Resignation – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Brielle Pagano, PSD Aide at Central School, effective immediately.
- B-2 Approval of New Staff – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint new staff, for the 2017-2018 school year attached by reference.
- B-3 Appointment of 2017-2018 Liberty and Middle School Team Leaders - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve 2017-2018 Liberty and Middle School Team Leaders, attached by reference.
- B-4 Approval of Leave of Absence – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- B-5 Approval of Student Teacher - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Student Teacher for the 2017-2018 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, as needed, for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

SECTION C

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **EDUCATIONAL/GOVERNANCE** items C-1 through C-4.

There was additional clarification and comments made on some of the minor typos and how they would be corrected prior to final adoption. There was also clarification provided on the matter of meal charges within a policy.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- C-1 Approval of the 2016-2017 School Self Assessment- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2016-2017 School Self Assessment for determining grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.
- C-2 Approval of New Curriculum - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Curriculum Committee, approve new curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.
- C-3 Adoption of Textbooks - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Curriculum Committee, adopt new textbooks for the 2017-2018 school year, attached by reference.

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- C-4 Approval of 1st Reading of District Policies and Regulations - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following District Policies and Regulations in a 1st reading:

P & R 1240	Evaluation of Superintendent (M) (Revised)
P 1511	Board of Education Website Accessibility (New)
P & R 3126	District Mentoring Program (Revised)
P & R 3221	Evaluation of Teachers (M) (Revised)
P & R 3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M) (Revised)
P & R 3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M) (Revised)
P & R 3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M) (Revised)
P & R 3240	Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders (M) (Revised)
P & R 5610	Suspension (M) (Revised)
P 5620	Expulsion (M) (Revised)
P 8550	Unpaid Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Charges (M) (Revised)

Other Business

Hackettstown Report

An update was provided on the status of all of the summer projects taking place at HHS, including the remodeled media center.

Independence Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Liberty Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment/New Business

Nothing at this time.

Close of Public Comment

Motion for Executive Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dawn Frost to enter Executive Session for the purposes of potential litigation.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:32 PM.

Motion Re-Open Public Session

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to re-open the Public Session at 7:38 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle to approve the following.

Authorization for Tuition waiver pending purchase of primary residence-- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the acceptance of student #123456 on a tuition free basis pending the purchase of a primary residence within the district for a period of time not to exceed 90 days.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

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Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dawn Frost, to adjourn at 7:40PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch