

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF Tuesday February 26, 2019

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at the Great Meadows Middle School Gymnasium, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Lori Prymak, 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, Tim Koeller, Joe Mailloux, Ed O'Melia, Doug Smith, William Vonder Haar, Courtney Wenthen and Lori Prymak.

Absent: None

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 40 member of the public in attendance.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Liberty Township providing notice of the joint meeting between Liberty and Independence Townships on the subject matter of moving the elections on the school budget from November to April was acknowledged.

Minutes

Motion by Courtney Wenthen, seconded by Susan Cullen to approve the minutes from January 3, 2019 (Re-Org) and January 14, 2019 (COTW).

There were comments made about an omission on the minutes of January, 22, 2019 and the Board was informed that the missing information would be looked into and those minutes would appear for approval on the agenda of the next subsequent regular meeting.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports

There were no additional reports from any committees since the public COTW meeting on 2/7/19. The Operations committee did report that a meeting took place where a draft of the proposed budget for 2019-20 was presented and reviewed and that notes from that meeting were on Board Docs.

Superintendent's Report

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

- ✓ Presentations for Student of the Months of February were made for Central School, Liberty School and the Great Meadows Middle School.
- ✓ The Superintendent report that for the third month in a row there were no reported and no confirmed cases of HIB within the district.

This concluded the Superintendent's report at this time.

At this time the Board President made a statement that no decision would be made at this meeting on the fate of the Liberty School. The Board was of the opinion to wait until after the final release of state aid figures from the Department of Education which was scheduled for March 7th. A final decision would be made at the meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2019.

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

Nothing at this time.

Close of Public Comment

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Tim Koeller and second by Ed O'Melia, to approve the following **OPERATIONS** items A-1 through A-9 as amended.

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Clarifications were provided as to some of the warrants and purchase orders on the bills list.

The Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Courtney Wenthen abstaining on item A-7.

- 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 January 23, 2019 through February 22, 2019 in the amount of \$1,273,995.19 (Check #'s 53466-53574) **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 Jan 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019 in the amount of \$20,620.98 (Check # 22539 & 22540) **ATTACHMENT A-2**
- A-3 Approval of Financial Reports – Nothing At This Time**
- A-4 Acceptance of Financial Reports Certification – Nothing At This Time**
- A-5 Approval of Transfers – Nothing At This Time**
- 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 2/27/2019 through 4/30/2019 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, approves in accordance with Policy #5830 the following district wide fundraising events at GMRSD as attached: **ATTACHMENT A-7**
- A-8 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 February 23, 2019 through February 26, 2019 in the amount of \$11,592.55.(Check #'s 53574 – 53576) **ATTACHMENT A-9**
- A-9 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 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with **Montgomery Academy** effective February 4, 2019 for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$29,455.59 for tuition and \$13,485 for the services of an Aide as indicated in the IEP.

SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Susan Cullen, second by Tim Koeller, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-8 as amended.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

- B-1 Acceptance of Retirement - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the retirement upon the completion of 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.
- B-3 Approval of Observation Hours - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve observation hours for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.
- B-4 Approval of Title I & Title IV Club/Advisor Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Title I & IV Club/Advisor appointments for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.

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B-5 Resolved by the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to reinstate, post and advertise the following positions for the 2019-2020 school year:

- a. One School Psychologist position;
- b. One Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant position;
- c. One School Social Worker position

Be it further resolved that the Administration is authorized to send written notice of the reinstatement of these positions for the 2019-2020 school year to any employee(s) that may have any rights of recall to those positions.

B-6 Approval of New Staff – BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint new staff, for the 2018-2019 school year attached by reference.

B-7 Approval of Revised Staff Hourly Rate – BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised hourly rate for Jennifer Gordon, Liberty School Cafeteria Aide from \$8.75/hour to \$8.85/hour for 2.5 hours/day effective January 1, 2019.

B-8 Approval of Substitutes - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve substitutes for the 2018-2019 school year, attached by reference.

SECTION C

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

There were various clarifications and discussion about all of the updates that were up for first reading and other matters that would be dealt with at a subsequent Policy Committee meeting prior to 2nd reading.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Doug Smith voting nay to policy **P4219** and 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. **(ATTACHMENT)**

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. **(ATTACHMENT)**

C-3 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: **(ATTACHMENT)**

P 0141.2	Board Member and Term – Receiving District (Revised)
P 2422	Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)
P 2431.3	Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation for School-Sponsored Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)
P 2610	Educational Program Evaluation (M) (Revised)
P 4219	Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing (M) (Revised)
P&R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
P 5337	Service Animals (Revised)
P 5756	Transgender Students (M) (Revised)
P&R 7440	School District Security (M) (Revised)
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)
P 8860	Memorials (Revised)
P 2415.06	Unsafe School Choice Option (M) (Revised)
R 2460.8	Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education (M) (Revised)
P&R 5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses (M) (Revised)
P&R 5612	Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (M) (Revised)
P&R 5613	Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses (M) (Revised)
P&R 8461	Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses (M) (Revised)

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C-4 Approval to acknowledge receipt of Superintendent's H.I.B. Report: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Superintendent's H.I.B. Report as presented.

Hackettstown Report

The next meeting was scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Independence Township Report

Nothing to report.

Liberty Township Report

Nothing to report.

Other Business

There were comments made about an update from NJSBA as it related to a new tool for CSA evaluation. There would be a webinar on the topic on March 5th.

Public Comment/New Business

There were various comments made by members of the public relating to the impending cuts in state aid and the operation of the facilities in the district and potential changes that may be necessary in light of the reductions to state aid that Great Meadows appears slated to absorb. Comments were made with regard to Transportation, Facilities, Staffing, Programs and Administration.

Close of Public Comment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Lori Prymak, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle, to adjourn at 8:24 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Havlusch