

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RE ORGANIZATION MINUTES OF MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015**

The Organization meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Timothy Havlusch, Board Secretary. A statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Flag Salute.

At this time it was announced that the reorganization meeting would be postponed for a few minutes while the Board awaited the arrival of a member who was running late.

The Superintendent gave a brief report about the Mid-Year budget review that took place at the County Office. Then a representative from Honeywell gave a brief update on the current ECIP project in the district.

The Board Secretary read the results of the election and administered the Oath of Office to re-elected board members: Jamie Cicерelle, Liberty Township; Susan Cullen and Agatha Wilke, Independence Township.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jamie, Cicерelle, Susan Cullen, Joe Mailloux, Fred Miller, Ed O'Melia, Lori Pymak, Dave Schmitz, William Vonder Haar and Agatha Wilke.

Absent: None

David Mango, Superintendent, and Timothy Havlusch, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, were in attendance.

There were two members of the public in attendance.

Board Secretary called for nominations for President. Bill Vonder Haar was nominated by Susan Cullen. Ed O'Melia was nominated by Joe Mailloux.

Board Secretary called for any other nominations for President. There were no other nominations for President.

Vote for William Vonder Haar as President was by voice vote. 2 yes, 7 no.

Vote for Ed O'Melia as President was by voice vote.

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7 yes, 2 no.

Ed O'Melia was elected President.

Meeting was turned over to Ed O'Melia, President.

Board President called for nominations for Vice-President.  
Joe Mailloux was nominated by William Vonder Haar.

Board President called for any other nominations for Vice -  
President. There were no other nominations for Vice President.

Vote for Joe Mailloux as Vice-President was by voice vote.  
9 yes, 0 no.

Joe Mailloux was elected Vice-President.

There was a discussion on agenda for reorganization as it  
pertains to the committee structure for the upcoming year.

The Meeting was open to public comment on agenda/action items  
only. With there being no public comment the meeting was  
closed to public comment.

**7.1** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by  
Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mallioux, to approve the following  
items 7.1.1

**7.1.1** Approve the following Board Meeting calendar for the  
2015 year: Committee meetings will be held on the second  
Monday of the month and the regular meeting will be held on  
the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Great Meadows Regional Board of Education  
2015 Meeting Schedule

<p><b>Committee Meetings</b> <b>Media Center</b></p> <p>Committee Meetings are held privately and not open to the public.</p>	<p><b>Regular Meetings</b> <b>Dining Room</b></p> <p>Regular Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month.</p>
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February 9, 2015 March 9, 2015 April 13, 2015 May 11, 2015 June 8, 2015 July 13, 2015 August 10, 2015 September 14, 2015 October 12, 2015 November 9, 2015 December 14, 2015	January 27, 2015 February 24, 2015 March 24, 2015 April 28, 2015 May 26, 2015 June 23, 2015 July 28, 2015 August 25, 2015 September 22, 2015 October 27, 2015 November 24, 2015 December 22, 2015
Regular Meetings are held at the Middle School and begin at 7:00 p.m.	

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**7.2** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **FINANCE** items 7.2.1 to 7.2.11.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Cullen voting no to 7.2.1 and Vonder Haar voting no to 7.2.1 & 7.2.7.

**7.2.1** Approve the Adoption of all existing board policies and regulations.

**7.2.2** Tabled.

**7.2.3** Tabled.

**7.2.4** Approve, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, authorize the signatures on checking and savings accounts, and further, authorize a resolution for signatories and facsimile signatures.

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**7.2.5** Approve the adoption by the Board of Education the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1, as read.

**7.2.6** Approve the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools.

**7.2.7** Approve that the BOE, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 authorizes the Superintendent in conjunction with Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve line item transfers as necessary between board meetings and such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting.

**7.2.8** Approve that the BOE, appoint the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Timothy Havlusch, as the district purchasing agent to implement policy and procedure in accordance with Chapter 18A:18A etc., "Public School Contracts Law."

**7.2.9** Approve that the BOE designate Bid and Quote Thresholds—

WHEREAS, the district's appointed temporary purchasing agent, Timothy Havlusch, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9(g), and

WHEREAS, if the purchasing agent is qualified, the BOE may establish a bid threshold up to \$36,000, now therefore,

WHEREAS, the quote threshold is 15% of the bid threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education designate a bid threshold of \$36,000 and a quote threshold of \$5,400.

**7.2.10** Approve that the BOE, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1 authorizes the Board Secretary to approve the payment of bills between board meetings. Such approval shall be presented to the board at the next meeting for ratification.

**7.2.11** Approve that the BOE, hereby appoints Timothy Havlusch to serve as Board Secretary of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education for 2015 until June 30, 2015.

Old Business:

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Under old business possible changes to the agenda format and a discussion of such changes took place.

Policy #155 and possible revisions to said policy were discussed by the Board.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Dave Schmitz to approve first reading of Policy #155.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Cullen voting no and Prymak abstaining.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, whereas, the Board must consider matters involving personnel and legal, the deliberation of such matters may be held in private under the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6, the Board will adjourn to Executive session at 8:21 PM to discuss the above mentioned matter(s), to the exclusion of all others. If any action results, it will be taken following the re-entry into regular session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke to re-enter regular session at 8:32.

The matter of School Board Ethics training was discussed. Available dates for training were to be obtained by President Ed O'Melia and presented to the Board when practicable.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to adjourn the Organization Meeting at 8:35 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch  
Board Secretary