

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Great Meadows Middle School Cafeteria, Independence Township. The meeting was call to order at 7:00 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 referencing the change from Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather.

Flag Salute was led by President Prymak.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Matthew Begley, Joe Mailloux, Ed O'Melia, Douglas Smith, Courtney Wenthon, Tim Koeller arrived at 7:30, William VonderHaar, Lori Prymak

**Absent:** Matthew Begley, Sue Cullen, Tim Koeller arrived at 7:30.

**Administration / Other:**

David C. Mango-Superintendent; Israel Mamolejos-Principal of GMMS, Michael Mai-Principal of GM Central, Kevin O'Leary-Director of Special Services. Approximately 12 members of the public.

**Correspondence**        **None**

**Minutes**

Motion moved by Prymak , seconded by Wenthon

To approve the minutes, inclusive of executive session, as presented for November 26, 2019.

Vote: Ayes-4; Nays-0. Abstention- 2 (Mailloux, O'Melia) Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports:** The following members summarized their committee reports:

Education/Governance - Ed O'Melia indicated the committee recommends the approval of the new curricular course presented for 6-8 grade.

Human Resources - Courtney Wenthon noted the motion on the job descriptions will be tabled until January.

Operations Committee . No report. The committee did not meet.

Governance Committee No report.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Mango provided the Board and Public with an update on various topics:

- ✓ Transportation matters:
  - Hazardous routes identified for winter weather conditions and notification process established utilizing phone blast. If bussing is not able to be provided to some students, their absence would be excused.
  - Campus traffic pattern will be adjusted to best serve the safety of students. One way traffic pattern will be established for pick-up and drop-off times.
  - Parent forum will be scheduled after the new year.
- ✓ Students of Month : Short video presentation, administrative words of recognition and congratulations to: Isabelle Flanders- Central and Steven Cassese - Middle School students.

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- ✓ Statement of appreciation to the departing members of the Board, Ms. Prymak; Mr. O'Melia; Mr. Mailloux, for their many years of service to their community as well as their positive and professional working relationship.
- ✓ Annual Audit Presentation – Mr. William Colantano and Ms. Laura Atwell from BKC. The audit synopsis and management report were available for public review. Ms. Atwell presented and reviewed a comprehensive document which highlighted the changes from prior year as well as a ten year trends. An areas of concern from a financial position is the limited reserved funds and from a funding standpoint is the dramatic decreases in student enrollment. Mr. Colantano offered some insight into the budgeting process for educational vs. municipal governing parties. Mrs. Moyer indicated the acceptance motion would be reflected on the January agenda.

Mr. Koeller arrived at 7:30 pm during the Audit Presentation.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items)**

None

**Action Items**

Motion moved by Lori Prymak, seconded by Joe Mailloux

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve

Section A-Operations items A-1 through A-10;

Section B- Human Resources items B-1 through B-5; table B-2 job descriptions

Section C –Education/Governance item C-1

Discussion:

Brief discussion of proposed program for grades 6 -8 entitled financial literacy.

Concern expressed for use of facilities being managed by Independence Recreation League and inability of Liberty Basketball coaches to secure practice times. It was noted Mr. Cummings is no longer managing the Independence Recreation.

Roll Call Vote Summary:

Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O'Melia-aye; Douglas Smith-aye; William VonderHaar-aye; Courtney Wenthen-aye except A-6 abstain; Tim Koeller- aye; and Lori Prymak-aye

Motions carried by roll call vote: ayes-7 ; nays-0; abstentions-0, except A-6 ayes-6 ; nays-0; abstentions-1 (Wenthen).

**SECTION A**

**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 as follows:

Payroll & Benefits	November	\$ 932,819.73
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December Bill List	Check #s 54593 thru 54610	\$ 788,353.57
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**ATTACHMENTS A-1(a-b)**

**A-2 Approval of Check Register (Food Service Account) – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the bill list from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> thru 13th as listed:

Ck # 2552	Maschio's Food Service	\$ 12,733.38
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**A-3 Approval of Financial Reports – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the Secretary and Treasurer Reports (*BSR & TSM*) for the months of October 2019 & November 2019.  
*ATTACHMENTS A-3(a-b)*

**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 October 31, 2019, 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 2019-20 school year.

**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 listed for November 2019 in the amount of \$176,700.  
*ATTACHMENT 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, approves the attached anticipated facility use report as requested for the period December 2019 through June 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 Additional AIL – BE IT RESOLVED:** to approve aid-in-lieu of transportation payment to an additional parent/guardian of a Great Meadows Regional School District student attending Veritas Christian Academy during the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**A-9 Approval of Supplemental Check Register – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the following bills:  
December 19, 2019 in the amount of \$12,656.94 (Check #'s54639-54650)  
*ATTACHMENT A-9*

**A-10 Acceptance of Donations – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator and Superintendent, acknowledges and accepts the following donations with appreciation and gratitude:  
*ATTACHMENT A-10*  
Hackettstown Elks & Oakwood Lane Carpeted Bowling Lanes w/ Pins  
Kiwanis Club 10 Gift Cards for Families of Need

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**SECTION B**

- B-1 Approval of Additional Title I Club Appointments - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve additional Title I Club appointments for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)
- B-2 Approval of Revised District Job Descriptions–** Tabled
- 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 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)
- B-4 Approval of Side Bar Agreement - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Side Bar Agreement between the Great Meadows Regional Education Association and the Great Meadows Regional School District's Board of Education for extended course work at Centenary University for a Great Meadows staff member, for the 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference.
- B-5 Acceptance of Resignation(s) - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignations for the 2019-2020 school year attached by reference.

**SECTION C**

- C-1 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 2019-2020 school year, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)

**Other Business**

President Prymak noted articles in the most recent issue of School Leaders, NJSBA publication and referenced:

- Lens
- Volunteers in District
- Later school start and end times

Ed O'Melia shared information from his attendance at the NJSBA convention in October. Suggested the district look into owning our own busses and shared services with the township for maintenance. Grants are available for technology and possibly advantageous for GMR.

**Hackettstown Report:** No Report

**Independence Report:** No Report

**Liberty Report:** No Report

**Public Comment**

- Mrs. Ascolese offered comments relating to historical results of public vote on the budget which in her opinion were not positive for the district's educational programs.

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- President Prymak read a statement addressing the Board, outlining some of the high points during her tenure on the board as well as some of the challenging times. Appreciation was extended to the administration for the assistance and guidance. In summary she offered congratulations to the newly elected members and wished the Board success as they face new challenges.

**Executive Session**

Motion moved by Lori Prymak seconded by Joe Mailloux : to adjourn to executive session at 8:38 pm for discussion of student personnel matters specifically HIB and personnel matters, discussion of which may or may not be made public upon return to public session. Return to public session is anticipated in approximately 30 minutes with action to take place at that time. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Return to Open Session**

Motion moved by Lori Prymak seconded by Ed O'Melia to return to public session at 9:05 pm.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Student Personnel Matters**

**November Final HIB** – Motion moved by Prymak, seconded by O'Melia.

**Be It Resolved:** the Board accepts the final HIB report for November 2019 as presented by the Superintendent. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

**HIB Appeal** -Motion moved by Prymak, seconded by Wenth

**Be It Resolved :** by the Board to deny the HIB appeal as heard and presented in Executive Session.

Roll call vote: Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O'Melia-aye; Douglas Smith-aye; William VonderHaar-aye;

Courtney Wenth-aye; Tim Koeller- aye; and Lori Prymak-aye

Ayes: 7; nays -0; abstentions -0.

Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote

**Personnel/Negotiations**

**Stipend Transportation Coordination** – Motion moved by Prymak, seconded by Wenth

**Be It Resolved:** by the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award a \$4,000 annual stipend for the coordination of transportation for the 2019-2020 year retroactively to Mr. Israel Marmolejos to be paid in semiannual payments.

Roll call vote: Joe Mailloux-aye; Ed O'Melia-aye; Douglas Smith-aye; William VonderHaar-aye;

Courtney Wenth-aye; Tim Koeller- aye; and Lori Prymak-aye.

Ayes: 7; nays -0; abstentions -0.

Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Lori Prymak, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Moyer  
Board Secretary