

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 on a virtual platform. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Douglas Smith-President. A statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Flag Salute was led by President Smith.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Alison DeMarco, Daria Hill, Tim Koeller, Giles Stuber, Courtney Wenthien, William VonderHaar, Heather Wulf, Douglas Smith

Absent: Susan Cullen

Administration / Other:

David C. Mango-Superintendent; Mr. Mark Toscano, Esq.-Comegno Law Group as Board Attorney, Debra Grigoletti-Director of Curriculum, Kevin O'Leary-Director of Special Services; Steven Spiers-Director of Security; Israel Mamolejos-Principal of GMMS and Michael Mai-Principal of GM Central.

Public attendance via public streaming.

Correspondence via email

- GMR PTO – Election of Officers
- Linda Dill – Fall School Remote Learning Opportunities
- Joel Konya – 8 th Grade In-person Graduation Request
- Erica Renauer – 8 th Grade In-person Graduation Request
- Traci Cuva - 8 th Grade In-person Graduation Request
- Corine Villante - 8 th Grade In-person Graduation Request
- Michelle Hester - 8 th Grade In-person Graduation Request
- Jennifer Konya - 8 th Grade In-person Graduation Request
- Lisa & Roger Tasnady - 8 th Grade In-person Graduation Request
- Amy Degregoris - 8 th Grade In-person Graduation
- Joe Petty – Superintendent Search concerns
- Amy Wittig – Superintendent Search concerns

Minutes

Motion moved by Alison DeMarco, seconded by William VonderHaar

To approve the executive session minutes as revised for the meeting April 28, 2020

Vote: Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstention-0. Motion Carried.

Motion moved by Giles Stuber, seconded by William VonderHaar

To approve the minutes as presented for the May 26, 2020 meeting.

Vote: Ayes-8; Nays-0. Abstention-0. Motion Carried.

Motion moved by William VonderHaar, seconded by Heather Wulf.

To approve the minutes as presented for the May 27, 2020 meetings including executive session..

Vote: Ayes-7; Nays-0. Abstention-1 (Stuber). Motion Carried.

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Motion moved by William VonderHaar, seconded by Heather Wulf.
To approve the minutes as presented for the May 28, 2020 meetings including executive session..
Vote: Ayes-7; Nays-0. Abstention-1 (Stuber). Motion Carried.

Motion moved by William VonderHaar, seconded by Heather Wulf.
To approve the minutes as presented for the June 4, 2020 meetings including executive session..
Vote: Ayes-7; Nays-0. Abstention-1 (Stuber). Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: The following members summarized their committee reports:

Governance - No meeting held.

Education – Alison DeMarco gave a summary report which touched upon the status of interactive learning, EOY performance testing with September reassessment. In planning for September, discussion of adopting a single platform for communication with parents.

Human Resources - Courtney Wenthen provided a summary report on sidebar agreement with the GMREA as an additional day was worked by the staff this past year, additional summer hours for CST and ESY staff some of which are supported by T1 funding, the motion to rescind the contract for aide positions while we wait for additional guidance, Alyssa's compliance submitted and awaiting installation of panic button in each building, BA contract for renewal to August 31st.

Operations Committee - Tim Koeller gave a summary report which touched upon the following topics: Food Service Bills - Hackettstown check #2561 was issued for approx \$700.00. Reserve accounts motion presented for maximum flexibility. Roof Bids are due Friday June 12th. Grants IDEA: ESEA: CARE: FEMA; Allyssa Grant. Revision of bid limit and copier lease.

Ad-Hoc Committee – Alison DeMarco indicated the Superintendent Search is in its final stages.

Superintendent's Report Mr. Mango reported on the following:

- Last official school day is June 17th is the last day of instruction.
- Although the Governor's office revised graduation attendance policy, as a district we are going to stand firm on providing a virtual event for Eighth Grade Graduation
- Everything from Curriculum Office, CST Office, Security and Superintendent's office has been completed and signed off on at this point in time.
- Stated it is somewhat of a melancholy meeting it being last of eight year Superintendence at Great Meadows. Entered under Super storm Sandy and exiting under COVID19.
- Complimented the staff of GMR and their commitment for excellence resulting in superior student achievement.
- Apology for the paraprofessionals being placed on May agenda and reversal this evening. Based on the unknowns for September the district responsibilities may shift. Uncertainty of need.

Public Comment (Agenda Items) (via: pcagenda@gmrtd.com)

- Michelle Hester – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony
- Nancy Kurzweil – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony
- Amy DeGregoris – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony
- Jennifer Sawicki – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony
- Cathleen & Mark Rafalko – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony

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SECTION A Operations

Motion moved by Alison DeMarco, seconded by Heather Wulf.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve
Section A-Operations items A-1 through A-21 as amended.

Discussion:

Mr. VonderHaar addressed the Board concerning item A-9 indicating the committee recommending raising the maximum to \$500,000. Mrs. DeMarco and Mrs. Wulf were supportive of amendment to A-9.

Clarifying comments on

- A16: agreement of set rates for services available. Services will be requested on a student need basis.
- A-17 Bayada nurses are utilized for 1:1 services as well as substitute.

Roll Call Vote Summary

Alison DeMarco-aye; Daria Hill-aye; Tim Koeller-aye; Giles Stuber-aye, William VonderHaar-aye;
Courtney Wenthen-aye: Heather Wulf and Douglas Smith- aye

Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote (ayes-8; nays-0; abstentions-0),

A-1 Approval of Check Register – BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the bill lists:

June Benefits	(Electronic)	\$ 199,451.38
Interim Bills (May 27-31)	Checks #55228-55230	\$ 6,866.88
June Bill List	Checks #55231-55291	\$ 103,658.62

ATTACHMENT A-1(a-b-c)

A-2 Approval of Check Register (Cafeteria Account) – BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approves the bills as listed:

Check # 2560	Maschio's Food Serv	May Inv#75430	\$ 5,532.95
Check # 2561	Hackettstown BOE 8 th	Grade Balances	\$ 667.00

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 of May 2020.

ATTACHMENT 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 May 31, 2020, 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 2019-2020 fiscal year.

A-5 Approval of Transfers – BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, to approve the transfers as of May 31, 2020 in the amount of \$5,000.

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A-6 Approval of Facility Use Report – BE IT RESOLVED: *Nothing at this time.*

A-7 Approval of Fundraisers – BE IT RESOLVED: *Nothing at this time*

A-8 Approval of Transfer of Current Year Surplus to Capital Reserve – BE IT RESOLVED:
WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F 41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$500,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

A-9 Approval of Transfer of Current Year Surplus to Maintenance Reserve – BE IT RESOLVED: WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2, NJSA 18A:7G-31, and NJSA 18A:7F 41 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer unanticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education wishes to transfer unanticipated excess current year revenue or unexpended appropriations from the general fund into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$500,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

A-10 Approval of FY21 IDEA Grant Submission and Acceptance – BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the School Business Administrator, acknowledges entitlement grant amounts and authorize the submission of the FY2021 IDEA (Basic & Preschool) grant application in the total amount of \$202,292 – Basic & \$5,108 – Preschool; and accept the award of funds upon subsequent approval of the application.

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- A-11 Approval of FY21 ESEA Consolidated Grant Submission and Acceptance – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the School Business Administrator, acknowledges entitlement grant amounts and authorize the submission of the FY20 ESEA Consolidated grant application in the total amount of \$71,532 – TITLE I, \$16,477 – TITLE II, \$1,432 – TITLE III and \$10,000 – TITLE IV; as development by the administrative staff and accept the award of funds upon subsequent approval of the application.
- A-12 Approval of CARES Grant Submission and Acceptance – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the School Business Administrator, acknowledges the amount and authorize the submission of the FY2021 grant application in the total amount of \$57,201 as developed by the administration and accept the award of funds upon subsequent approval of the application.
- A-13 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 2020-2021 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreements with Montgomery Academy for two students based on the following rates: Tuition : ESY \$7,289.20; Sept-June \$65,602.80 Extraordinary Services – ESY \$3,400 Sept-June \$30,600.
(1) Student (SS) Sept-June Tuition \$65,602.80
(2) Student (NT) ESY & Sept – June Tuition and ESY& Sept-June plus Extraordinary services for total of \$106,892
- A-14 Approval of Contract for Behavior Analytical Services for the 2020-21 Operating Year -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Contract Agreement with Applied Behavioral Consulting (ABC) LLC to provide Behavioral Consulting Services for the 2020-21 School Year commencing on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021 at a rate of \$127/hr and at an amount not to exceed 264 hrs for the year (\$33,528 annually) *ATTACHMENT A-14*
- A-15 Approval of Contract for Psychiatric Evaluation Services for the 2020-21 Operating Year -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Contract Agreement with Bartky Health Care Center to provide Psychiatric Evaluation Services for the 2020-21 Operating Year commencing on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021 at a rate of \$1,300.00 on an as needed basis at an annual amount not to exceed \$13,000. *ATTACHMENT A-15*
- A-16 Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for Professional Support Services 2020-2021 – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator, entered into the Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for Professional Support Services on an as needed basis for the 2020-21 operating year. *ATTACHMENT A-16*
- A-17 Approval of Contract for Nursing Services for the 2020-21 School Year -- BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator approves the Contract Agreement with Bayada Home Health Care Inc to provide Nursing Services for the 2020-21 School Year commencing on July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 at a rate of \$62/hr RN and \$52/hr LPN services and at an amount not to exceed \$15,000. *ATTACHMENT A-17*

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- A-18 Approval of Facility Services Contract – FY 2020-21 - BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator approve the agreements for the 2020-2021 operating year between GMRSD and:

McGowan LLC	Water Testing Compliance	\$ 4,160.
Wasak Inc	Services for steam boilers and cooling towers	\$ 4,440.
Honeywell	Heating System Monitoring	\$ 9,394.
Safe School Integrated	Pest Management	\$ 3,300.

ATTACHMENT A-18(a-b-c-d)

- A-19 Approval of Aid in Lieu – BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator and direction of Department of Education, approve the proration of the Aid In Lieu payments for the second semester of the 2019-2020 year effective with the beginning of remote learning due to COVID19.

- A-20 Acknowledge Annual Bid Threshold – BE IT RESOLVED:**
WHEREAS, Angela Moyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7, and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent , from \$40,000 to **\$44,000**, effective July 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of **\$44,000** for the Board of Education, and further authorizes Angela Moyer, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

- A-21 Approval of Copier Lease with Reliable Office Solutions : LEAF – BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the School Business Administrator authorizes entering into a 39 month lease agreement with Reliable Office Solutions (LEAF) reflecting a monthly lease amount of \$1,575.00 with \$1 end of lease buyout for a total value of \$61,426.00 commencing July 1, 2020. ***ATTACHMENT A-21***

SECTION B Human Resources

Motion moved by Alison DeMarco, seconded by William VonderHaar
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve
Section B- Human Resources items B-1 through B-7

Discussion: Brief discussion was held concerning the instructional aides, their contributions during the remote instruction as well as their anticipated utilization in the return to school in the fall. Request we delay the vote on this item until the administration puts forward a recommendation for a minimum amount of aides required for September. Balancing the re-employment of our aides with the needs of the district, which are unknown. Brief discussion ensued emphasizing the financial basis of this decision as well as the potential changes in legislation.

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Tabling of Item B-1

Motion : moved by Douglas Smith; seconded by Alison Demarco.

To table motion B-1, rescind offer of employment to aides, until the meeting scheduled for July 16th.

Roll Call Vote Summary

Alison DeMarco-aye; Daria Hill-abstain; Tim Koeller-aye; Giles Stuber-abstain, William VonderHaar-nay; Courtney Wenthen-nay; Heather Wulf – nay and Douglas Smith- aye.

Motions fails by roll call vote : ayes-3; nays-3; abstentions-2 (Hill & Stuber)

Section B (B1-B7)

Roll Call Vote Summary

Alison DeMarco-aye (except no B-1); Daria Hill-abstain; Tim Koeller-aye; Giles Stuber-aye (except abstain B-1) , William VonderHaar-aye (except no B-2); Courtney Wenthen-aye: Heather Wulf – aye; and Douglas Smith- aye (except no B-1).

Motions carried by roll call vote : ayes-7(except nay (2) to B-1 (DeMarco, Smith) except nay (1) to B-2 (VonderHaar) ; nays- 0; abstentions-1 (Hill & Stuber B-1),

B-1 Approval to Rescind 2020-2021 Appointment of Aides - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to rescind the appointment of the 2020-2021 Instructional and IEP Aides and Cafeteria Aides pending the Governor’s school re-opening plan, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)

B-2 Approval of 2020-2021 Non-Affiliated Staff Salaries - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve non-affiliated staff salaries for the 2020-2021 school year, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)

B-3 Approval of P/T Summer Office Clerk Hourly Rate - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Amanda Kinney at a rate of \$12.36/hour as a P/T summer office clerk “as needed” for school secretaries.

B-4 Approval of Summer 2020 CST Staff - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Child Study Team members to work on new referrals during the summer of 2020, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)

B-5 Approval of 2020 Title I Summer Academic Program (Virtual) - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve 2020 Title I Summer Academic Support Program (virtual), attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)

B-6 Approval of Additional Summer 2020 ESY Staff - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve additional 2020 Extended School Year (ESY) Program Staff, attached by reference. (ATTACHMENT)

B-7 Authorization to Fill Vacancies- BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the Superintendent, after consultation with the Board

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President and the Personnel Committee Chairperson, to fill staff vacancies or part time summer positions between board of education meetings through September 30, 2020.

SECTION C Education / Governance

Motion moved by Alison DeMarco, seconded by Giles Stuber

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve

Section C –Education/Governance items C-1 through C-3 as amended.

Discussion: Noted that C-1 as placed on the agenda for a textbook was incorrect. Amendment removed the textbook.

Roll Call Vote Summary

Alison DeMarco-aye; Daria Hill-aye; Tim Koeller-aye; Giles Stuber-aye, William VonderHaar-aye;

Courtney Wenthen-aye; Heather Wulf and Douglas Smith- aye

Motions carried by unanimous roll call vote (ayes-9; nays-0; abstentions-0),

C-1 Approval of Side Bar Agreement - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the School Business Administrator, approve the COVID 19 side bar agreement, as per attached. (ATTACHMENT)

C-2 Acceptance of May 2020 HIB Report - BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, acceptance of the May HIB Report for the 2019-2020 school year.

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)

Other Business

Goodbyes

William VonderHaar initiated statements of appreciation, on behalf of the board as well, for Mr. Mango, Superintendent for all that he has done for the district these past eight year and our students.

Courtney Wenthen echoed those comments and added appreciation for Debra Grigoletti, Kevin O’Leary, Steve Speirs, Dawn McPeck and Lynn Castiglia.

Tim Koeller echoed statements of appreciation as well as acknowledged their work was completed with our students at heart.. Although he will miss working with them, he looks forward to seeing them in Hackettstown as his children are headed to high school.

Douglas Smith complimented Mr. Mango for his guidance during his presidency. Statements of appreciation for their dedication to GMR during their shared services to Debra Grigoletti, Kevin O’Leary, Steve Speirs and Dawn McPeck for all the positive work they contributed to the district.

8th Grade Graduation

Giles Stuber offered comments related to graduation taking the position of the student’s perspective and the loss of the additional experiences. Strongly support the potential of offering an in-person graduation. Brief discussion ensued on this topic reflecting the administrative proposals and the work and dedication of the staff to develop a memorable event.

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Hackettstown Report : No report.

Independence Report : No report.

Liberty Report : No report

Public Comment (via: pc@gmrtd.com)

- Michelle Hester – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony
- Nancy Kurzweil – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony
- Amy DeGregoris – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony
- Jennifer Sawicki – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony
- Cathleen & Mark Rafalko – 8th Grade Graduation in person ceremony

- Colonial Little League–Dan Stroessenreuther –Use of Pit Field
Brief discussion reflected the matter would be addressed by committee, all insurance, use of facilities and guidelines under COVID19 would be requested. The matter will be placed on the June 16th agenda for action pending committee recommendation.

Executive Session

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act authorize Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances:

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education states that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

Personnel Issues Specifically: Superintendent Search

Be It Further Resolved that the discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Be It Further Resolved the Board will return to open session in approximately one hour and does not expect to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Daria Hill left the meeting at this time. Giles Stuber indicated he would not be in the closed session discussion.

Motion moved by William VonderHaar, seconded by Alison DeMarco to adjourn to executive session at 8:15 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Reconvene

Motion moved by William VonderHaar, seconded by Alison DeMarco.
Reconvene the meeting in public session at 9:45pm.

Daria Hill and Giles Stuber rejoined the meeting at this time.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action or discussion was held at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by William VonderHaar, seconded by Heather Wulf,.
Adjourn the meeting at 9:54 pm.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Moyer
Board Secretary