# GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2020

The special meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Great Meadows Middle School Media Center, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Douglas Smith-President. The following statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this *Special Meeting* was provided by sending a notice of the time date location and to the extent known the agenda of this meeting to the "Express Times", "Star Ledger" and the "Warren Reporter/Gazette", on *March 3, 2020*. Copies of the notice have also been posted in each of our schools, the Board Office located at 281 Route 46, Great Meadows and filed with the municipal clerks of each respective district.

Flag Salute was led by President Smith.

## **ROLL CALL:**

#### **Present:**

Susan Cullen, Alison DeMarco, Daria Hill, Giles Stuber, Courtney Wenthen, William VonderHaar, Heather Wulf, Douglas Smith

**Absent:** Tim Koeller (Arrived at 6:45 pm during closed session.)

### **Administration / Other:**

Taylor Ruilova-Esq.-Comegno Law Group as Board Attorney, Israel Mamolejos-Principal of GMMS and Michael Mai-Principal of GM Central. Approximately four members of the public.

**Correspondence** None

**Public Comment** None

### **Executive Session**

**Motion:** moved by Susan Cullen, seconded by Courtney Wenthen,

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 at 6:10 pm to discuss certain items involving:

Personnel Issues (Staff) Specifically FY21 Administrative Structure

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 90 minutes and does expect to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Please Note:

Mr. Stuber excused himself from the executive session.

Mr. Koeller arrived at the meeting during the closed session at 6:45.

#### **Return to Public Session**

Motion moved by Courtney Wenthen, seconded by Heather Wulf; To return to Open Public session at 7:42 pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Administrative Structure**

Motion moved by Susan Cullen, seconded by Courtney Wenthen;

Of the administrative structures discussed and reviewed in closed session, to propose and adopt the administrative structure reflecting a standalone Superintendent.

Roll call vote: Susan Cullen – aye; Alison DeMarco – aye; Daria Hill – aye; Tim Koeller – aye; Giles Stuber – abstain; William VonderHaar – aye; Courtney Wenthen – aye; Heather Wulf – aye; President Smith – aye. Vote Tally: Ayes – 8; Nays – 0: Abstention – 1 (Stuber). Motion carried.

## **Superintendent Search**

Motion moved by Courtney Wenthen, seconded by Daria Hill;

To approve entering into a contract with NJSBA to conduct the Superintendent Search for a position with a July 1, 2020 start date and an ensuing strategic plan process at a cost of \$15,000.

Roll call vote: Susan Cullen – aye; Alison DeMarco – aye; Daria Hill – aye; Tim Koeller – aye; Giles Stuber – abstain; William VonderHaar – aye; Courtney Wenthen – aye; Heather Wulf – aye; President Smith – aye. Vote Tally: Ayes – 8; Nays – 0: Abstention – 1 (Stuber). Motion carried.

Other Business - None

Public Comment - None

### Adjournment

Motion moved by Tim Koeller, seconded by President Smith; To adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela J. Moyer

**Business Administrator**