

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THURSDAY MAY 21, 2020**

The special meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Thursday May 21, 2020 via the virtual format – Google Meets, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 **May 16, 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, Tim Koelller, Courtney Wenthon, William VonderHaar, Heather Wulf, Douglas Smith.

**Absent:** Giles Stuber.

**Administration / Other:** Kathy Helewa, NJSBA.

**Correspondence (via [pcagenda@gmrsl.com](mailto:pcagenda@gmrsl.com))** None

**Public Comment** None

**Executive Session**

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

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 4:05 pm to discuss certain items involving:

Personnel Issues (Staff)                      Specifically    Superintendent Interview

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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 1.5 to 2 hours and does **not** expect to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Reconvene Public Session**

Motion moved by Courtney Wenthen, seconded by William VonderHaar;

To reconvene to Open Public session at 6:00 pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Recess Meeting**

Motion moved by Alison DeMarco, seconded by Heather Wulf;

To recess meeting for one hour until 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Return to Public Session from Recess**

Motion moved by Courtney Wenthen, seconded by William Vonderhaar;

To return from recess to Open Public session at 7:04 pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** moved by William VonderHaar, seconded by Susan Cullen,

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 7:04 pm to discuss certain items involving:

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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 2 - 2.5 hours and does **not** expect to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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**Reconvene Public Session**

Motion moved by Courtney Wenthen, seconded by William Vonderhaar;  
To reconvene to Open Public session at 9:10 pm.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment** (via [pc@gmrtd.com](mailto:pc@gmrtd.com)) - None

**Adjournment**

Motion moved by Tim Koeller; seconded by William Vonderhaar;  
To adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela J. Moyer  
Business Administrator