

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, December 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Ed O'Melia, President. A statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jamie Cicerelle, Susan Cullen, Joe Mailloux, Fred Miller, David Schmitz, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Lori Prymak and William Vonder Haar.

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Timothy Havlusch School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Nadia Inskeep Director of Curriculum were also present.

There was also 1 member of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller to approve the minutes from November 24, 2015.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller to approve the executive session minutes from November 24, 2015.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by David Schmitz, to accept the Financial Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending October 31, 2015.

Motion carried in unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Fred Miller to approve General Fund Bills List from November 21, 2015 through December 11, 2015 in the amount of \$1,215,211.74 (Check #'s 32515 through 32591)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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Motion by David Schmitz, seconded by Fred Miller to approve Cafeteria Fund Bills List from December 1, 2015 through December 11, 2015 in the amount of \$10,982.28 (Check #'s 22490 through 22491)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications - None

Committee Reports - Committee communications from the previous month had been distributed.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided the Board and public with an update on various topics:

- School Safety within the district, including current and proposed areas of interest to the Board and Administration and as they relate to current and proposed planning within the budget development process.
- A seminar given by Chief Riley scheduled for January 13 2016 at the GMRMS at 7:00pm dealing with reunification and other matters regarding safety procedures.
- Matters involving building use were discussed
- A presentation was made by Nadia Inskeep, Director of Curriculum concerning blended learning and other matters in the strategic plan.
- HIB issues were presented to the Board
- The status of the upcoming newsletter.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

Matters concerning building use were mentioned and the Board was thanked by the public for their continued effort in working with the Township Committee in this regard.

Close of Public Comment

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SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **OPERATION** items A-1 and A-2 and Addenda item ADA-2.

There was some discussion on the inter-local agreements and ways to improve them going forward.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call.

A-1 MOTION to approve Interlocal Agreement:

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Great Meadows Regional School District and the Township of Independence for Shared Services, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

A-2 MOTION to approve a new bus stop:

Motion to approve a new bus stop at 31 Water Street, Hackettstown in Independence Township.

ADA-1MOTION to approve Interlocal Agreement:

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Great Meadows Regional School District and the Township of Liberty for Shared Services, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-12

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay to item B-9.

B-1 MOTION to approve the placement of student teachers in GMRSD:
Motion to approve **Katina Venturini**, a Centenary College student, to complete her student teaching responsibilities with **Brienne Stevenson**, Kindergarten teacher, effective January 19, 2016, through May 9, 2016.

B-2 MOTION to approve a MAT Leave request:
Motion to approve a Maternity Leave request from **Kimberly Ann Blanchard**, 7th gr. Special Education and Literacy & Math teacher, effective March 4, 2016, with the anticipated return date of May 31, 2016.

B-3 MOTION to acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB Report for GMR during the month of DECEMBER 2015:
MOTION to acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB Report for GMR during the month of December 2015.

B-4 MOTION to accept resignation:
Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of **Deborah Berger**, CST Secretary, effective December 9, 2015, with her last day of employment, December 8, 2015.

B-5 MOTION to approve payment of accumulated vacation days:
Motion to approve payment of accumulated vacation days to **Deborah Berger** in the amount of \$2,797.20.

B-6 MOTION to approve homebound instructor for homebound instruction:
Motion to approve **Linda Wilkins**, 7th gr. Math teacher, to administer homebound instruction to an 8th gr. student effective November 30, 2015, through December 23, 2015, at an hourly rate of \$38/hr. not to exceed 10 hours per week.

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B-7 MOTION to approve additional instructor in an after-school club:

Motion to approve an additional instructor, **Deborah Fuhrmann**, Special Education teacher, in the pre-approved Liberty Archery Club effective January 5, 2016, through February 25, 2016, with a stipend of \$200.

B-8 MOTION to approve employment of CST secretary:

Motion to approve **Michelle D'Aconti**, floating/substitute secretary, to become the CST secretary effective December 16, 2015, through June 30, 2016, at an annual salary of \$35,000.00, prorated to \$18,958.29, plus benefits.

B-9 MOTION to approve MAT Leave replacement:

Motion to approve, **Cheryl Yanoff**, substitute teacher, to be MAT Leave replacement effective January 1, 2016, with an anticipated end date of March 23, 2016, with compensation of \$80/day for the 1st 20 days and effective February 1, 2016, Step 1 BS with an annual salary of \$52,540, prorated to \$9,457.20.

B-10 MOTION to approve home instruction stipend:

Motion to approve a stipend to St. Claire's Hospital, for a 9th grade student from September 5, 2015, through October 31, 2015, for a total of 80 hours @ \$55/hour not to exceed \$4,400.

B-11 MOTION to approve Professional Development to the following personnel:

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Name	Workshop	Cost	Date (s)	Grant Funded	School
Sheila Castanien	Techniques for effectively dealing with disruptive students	\$239.00 *	2/3/2016	yes TII	Middle School
Kristine Doty	Technology Expo and Conference Hershey PA	\$165.00 *	2/22 &2/23 2016	yes TII	Middle School

B-12 MOTION to approve substitute for after-school club:

Motion to approve **Nancy Iannone** as a substitute for the after-school *Homework Club* at an hourly rate of \$25.

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SECTION C

Nothing for approval at this meeting

SECTION D

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, to approve the following GOVERNANCE items D-1 through D-3 as amended. There was some discussion regarding policy options as it pertains to the motion being offered and lining up of policies for second reading.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

D-1 MOTION to approve 1st reading of the following policies:

Motion to approve 1st reading of the following policies:

Policy #3431.1 Family Leave

Policy #4431.1 Family Leave

Policy #5516 Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices (ECDRD)

D-2 MOTION to approve 2nd reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

Policy #3322 Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephone/Other Communication Devices

Policy #4322 Staff Member's Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices

Policy #1240 Evaluation of Superintendent

Regulation #1240 Evaluation of Superintendent

Policy #3221 Evaluations of Teachers

Regulation #3221 Evaluations of Teachers

Policy #3222 Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators

Regulation #3222 Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators

Policy #3223 Evaluation of Administrators, excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals

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Policy #3224 Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals

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Policy #5337 Service Animals

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D-3 MOTION to approve annual policy adoption to the following:

Motion to approve the annual adoption for the 2015-2016 school year, with no changes made to this policy, *as part of Title I compliance:*

Policy #2415.04 - Title I - Parental Involvement (M)

Hackettstown Report

Nothing to report as their meeting was slated for tomorrow.

Independence Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Liberty Township Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Comment/New Business

A tentative date of January 5th 2016 was set for the reorganization meeting of the GMRBOE.

An update was given on the helping hand that the district nurses lent during the holiday season to help provide meals for those in need.

Fred Miller was thanked for his service to the Board as this would be his last official meeting. Fred Miller went on to thank the Board and the Administration during his tenure as a trustee.

Close of Public Comment/New Business

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Fred Miller, seconded by Ed O'Melia, to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch
Board Secretary