

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, William Vonder Haar and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: Lori Prymak, Agatha Wilke

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Timothy Havlusch School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Israel Marmolejos Principal of GMMS and Nadia Inskeep Curriculum Coordinator were also present.

There were eighteen members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Jamie Cicerelle to approve the minutes from January 28<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote. David Schmitz abstained.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the Financial Reports for the Month of December 2014.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Fred Miller to approve the General Fund bills from January 25 2015 through February 26, 2015 in the amount of \$1,133,603.89 (Check #'s 31614-31673) and the cafeteria bills list from January 31, 2015 through February 28 2015 in the amount of \$19,098.03 (Check #'s 2434-2437)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications - None

As part of the Superintendent's report, Principal Marmolejos and the Student Council of GMMS made a presentation on a student survey taken at the school and presented to the Board some of the findings in the survey that will be discussed and

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explored going forward as a way of the student council to meet the needs of the student body at GMMS.

The Superintendent proceeded to update the Board on items going on in the rest of the district as well as an update on Merit Goals as they relate to current and future school years.

Public Comment

There was a question from the public regarding the resignation of the Librarian and how the position would be staffed for the remainder of the school year.

Close of Public Comment

**Section A** - Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **OPERATION** items A-4 through A-5.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote, with William Vonder Haar abstaining on items A-4 & A-5.

A-1 Motion to approve the usage of the Middle School by the **Colonial Little League** on Feb. 21, March 7, and March 14, 2015, from 3-5 PM. Cost is \$25/hr. x 6 hrs. = \$150.00 plus ½ hr. of custodial coverage at \$25 divided by .5 = \$12.50 x 3 sessions = \$37.50 with a total cost of \$187.50. Custodial coverage cost is only at the end of the sessions since there is another group using the facility before them, **and**

Motion to approve the usage of Liberty School gym and playing fields to **Kristy Whittle**, Girls on the Run Team #2 coach, on Mondays and Fridays (March 1, 2015, through June 1, 2015) from 3:45 - 5:00 PM (**at no cost**). Participants are Liberty School students.

A-2 Motion to adopt the "**Resolution for Participation in Coordinated Transportation for the 2015-2016 School Year**" with the Warren County Special Services School District for routes as needed plus an administration fee of 4%. (Attachment)

A-3 Motion to approve Laurmar Roofing, 426 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055 for the Base Bid, Alternate No. 1,

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Alternate No. 2, and Alternate No. 3 in the amount of \$642,000.00 to perform the Roof Replacement at Liberty School in accordance with SDA Project #1785-060-14-G2TR. (Attachment)

- A-4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT OF GREAT MEADOWS IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY IS AUTHORIZING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED APPROVALS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

**WHEREAS**, the Great Meadows Board of Education has selected Honeywell as the Energy Service Company (ESCO) to implement the Energy Savings Improvement Program(ESIP) in the Districts Buildings, Whereas the ESCO is required to utilize a NJ Licensed Engineering Firm for the purposes of official design and specifications, Whereas the engineering firm of LJM Engineering will be contracted by the ESCO for engineering services, **WHEREAS**, these ESIP projects are required to be submitted to the State Department of Education; and **WHEREAS**, if necessary, the ESIP may require amendment to the long-range facilities plan, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.3, 2.1(f), 3.1 and 3.11.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Great Meadows Board of Education hereby authorizes Honeywell (101 Columbia Road, Morristown, NJ) and LJM Engineering (439 U.S. 46, Rockaway, NJ) as appropriate representatives of the Board (the "Board Representatives") to submit any required educational plans and the schematic plans for the Energy Conservation Measures to be installed in the School District's facilities and undertaken in accordance with the School District's Energy Savings Plan

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Representatives are hereby authorized and directed to submit the schematic plans and any other required information to the Planning Board and the Department of Environmental Protection for review and comment, if necessary in association with the prescribed Energy Savings Improvement Project.

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT  
OF GREAT MEADOWS IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY**

This resolution shall take effect immediately

- A-5 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT  
OF GREAT MEADOWS IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW  
JERSEY APPOINTING A LESSOR RELATING TO A LEASE  
PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN,  
APPROVING THE FORM OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS,  
AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE SCHOOL BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATOR/ BOARD SECRETARY TO EXECUTE CERTAIN  
AGREEMENTS ON ITS BEHALF INCLUDING A LEASE PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT  
NOT TO EXCEED  
\$2,600,000 AND DETERMINING RELATED MATTERS IN  
CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the District of Great Meadows in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby) has, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6, (the "ESP Law"), determined to undertake an energy savings plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has appointed Honeywell International ("Honeywell") to develop an Energy Savings Plan (the ESP) pursuant to the ESP Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Honeywell has developed an ESP based upon a scope of projects including individual energy conservation measures ('ECM's') and including annual energy and operational savings and a proposed cash flow pro forma (the "ESP"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the ESP Law, the Board appointed Strunk Albert Engineering to act as a "third party verifier" in order to verify the savings set forth in the ESP; and

**WHEREAS**: Strunk Albert Engineering has verified the savings set forth in the ESP as set forth in its report dated October 21, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the ESP, as verified, has been submitted to and approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities; and

**WHEREAS** the Board has determined that the energy savings generated from ESP will be sufficient to cover the

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cost of the program's energy conservation measures set forth in the ESP, and, therefore, has determined to implement the plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6 et seq. and to finance the program through the issuance of energy savings obligations authorized as a lease purchase agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6(c) (the "Lease Purchase Financing"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has solicited bids for the Lease Purchase Financing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, on February 19, 2015 has received and opened such bids and has determined that the bid of TD BANK, NA is the lowest bid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to award the bid to TD BANK, NA and will execute a lease purchase agreement (the "Lease") on the date of closing with TD BANK, NA its capacity as lessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to set forth the basic financial terms to be incorporated into the Lease and authorize the preparation, the execution and the delivery of the Lease and certain other agreements necessary or incidental to the transactions contemplated thereby; and

**WHEREAS**, any terms capitalized herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Lease.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT OF GREAT MEADOWS IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY**, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Board hereby approves to finance the ESP and other related costs specified in Section 4 hereof and hereby awards the financing to TD BANK. The interest rate per annum, the principal maturities and the other terms of the financing shall be as described in the Lease and shall be consistent with the bid submitted by such entity on February 19, 2015 (the "Bid"). In accordance with the Bid the interest rate shall be 2.363% as set forth in the Bid or as indexed in the Bid.

**SECTION 2.** The Board hereby authorizes (i) the execution and the delivery of the Lease and other related documents, including an Escrow Agreement, and (ii) the performance by the Board of its obligations

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under the Lease and the Escrow Agreement, both to be dated the date of closing. The Board further authorizes and directs the Board President (or in every instance where the Board President is authorized to execute a document under this Resolution the same such authority shall also be given to the Vice President), and the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary to approve any non- material changes, additions or deletions to the Lease and the Escrow Agreement as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board's Bond Counsel. The Lease sets forth, among other things, the lease payments of the Board and their respective amounts. In all respects, the Lease shall be consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** In exchange for its authorization and execution of the Lease, the Board will receive an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000, which will be used to finance the acquisition and installation of the ESP and other permitted elated costs. Lease payments under the Lease may occur on one or more dates, provided that the final lease payment shall not extend beyond September 2030.

**SECTION 4.** The Board President and the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute and to deliver on behalf of the Board each of the agreements referred to in Section 2 of this Resolution and such other agreements and certificates as may be necessary to complete the transaction contemplated by the Lease and the Board President and School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to take, on behalf of the Board, such other actions as shall be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the lease purchase financing of the ESP in accordance with the terms of the Lease and this Resolution and pursuant to the terms of the agreements and the instruments authorized to be prepared hereby and to accomplish the performance of the obligations of the Board in respect thereof.

**SECTION 5.** The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Lease, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the

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yield on the Lease.

**SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**SECTION B -**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-16.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote, with Susan Cullen voting no to item B-7.

B-1 Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of **Amy Fancher**, 6<sup>th</sup> gr. ELA teacher at GMMS, effective July 1, 2015, **and**

Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of **Anita Holochwost**, 6<sup>th</sup> gr. ELA teacher at GMMS, effective July 1, 2015.

B-2 Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of **Carol Roman**, Media Specialist at Liberty School, effective April 10, 2015, **and**

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of **Kathy Gesumaria**, Liberty School Principal, effective June 30, 2015.

B-3 Motion to approve **Eileen Romagnoli**, Kindergarten teacher, movement on the salary guide effective February 1, 2015, from Step 21 B+30 to Step 21 Masters, at an annual salary of \$81,675.00, pro-rated to \$40,837.50, **and**

Motion to approve movement on the salary guide for **Melissa Benbrook**, 1<sup>st</sup> gr. teacher, from Step 7 BS+30 to Sept 7 MA effective April 13, 2015, (also her return date from maternity leave) at the annual rate of \$57,785.00 pro-rated to \$15,601.95.

B-4 Motion to approve **Courtney Weber** as a substitute nurse in the Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

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- B-5 Motion to approve the 2013-2014 Superintendent Evaluation Compilation Part I and Part II for ***Superintendent David C. Mango.***
- B-6 Motion to approve the employment of **Linda Salernitano** as a personal care aide in Liberty School effective February 27, 2015, at an annual salary of \$14,707.00, pro-rated to \$5,931.25.
- B-7 Motion to approve the job description for ***Assistant to Director of Buildings and Grounds/Facilities Manager or Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.***
- B-8 Motion to approve **Nadia Inskeep, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Merit Pay** - in the amount of \$1,800 for meeting merit criteria in the 2014-2015 school year,
- B-9 Motion to approve, **Melany McClary, Wellness teacher** at Liberty School, Step 1 BA+15, at an annual salary of \$53,070, effective date TBD upon her release from her present position. (Hopefully, we will be notified of her start date by 2/26/15 and will be able to complete motion with salary at meeting on 2/26/15).
- B-10 Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Superintendent's HIB Report for GMMS for the months of January and February 2015 and Liberty School for the month of February 2015.
- B-11 Motion to approve **Amanda Westpy, WCCC student**, requesting to observe 15 hours and assist in class for her ***Foundations of Ed. Field Experience, and***
- Motion to approve **Victoria Castner**, student at Kutztown University, to observe **Lois Davis**, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. teacher, 20 hours during the following dates: March 9-13 and May 11 until the end of the school year.
- B-12 Motion to approve **Linda Wilkins**, 7<sup>th</sup> gr. Math teacher, as a homebound instructor to a 6<sup>th</sup> gr. student at 2 hrs. per day with a maximum of 10 hrs. per week at the contracted rate of \$38.00/hr., effective February 19, 2015. End date to be determined.
- B-13 Motion to approve **Jose Sandoval**, as a substitute custodian for GMRSD during the 2014-2015 school year.



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B-14 Motion to approve **Jennifer Mandery**, ELA 7<sup>th</sup> gr. teacher, a maternity leave effective June 1, 2015, with a return after the first six (6) weeks of the 2015-2016 school year.

B-15 Motion to approve **Lauren Excobar** as a substitute teacher in the Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

B-16 Motion to approve **Tynetta Magruder** as an instructional aide in Central School at an annual salary of \$14, 707.00 pro-rated to start date which will be determined.

**SECTION C -**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, to approve the following EDUCATION Items C-1 through C-3.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote

C-1 Motion to approve the revised curriculum revision cycle:

Updated Curriculum Revision Cycle			
	Revise	Implement	Next
Language			
Arts	15-16	2016	2021
World			
Language	15-16		
Ed. Tech	15-16		
Science	16-17	2017	2022
Math	16-17		
Social			
Studies	16-17		
Health	16-17		

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Library			
Media	17-18	2018	2023
Life and			
Careers	17-18		
Music	17-18		
Visual			
Arts	17-18		

- C-2 Motion to approve to amend NCLB Funds as follows:  
**Approval to Amend NCLB Funds**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to amend NCLB Title I and Title II and accepts the grant modifications for these funds upon the subsequent approval of the FY 2015 NCLB amendment application.

- C-3 Motion to approve the Waiver of Requirements - Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program as follows:

**Waiver of Requirements  
Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program**

**Whereas**, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-2016 school year, and

**Whereas**, the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that there would be fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Warren an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Under the Hackettstown report there was a discussion of an ad-hoc shared services committee to look at and report back on possibilities that may exist between Great Meadows,

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Hackettstown and Allamuchy in the areas of shared services.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to create an ad hoc committee for Hackettstown & Allamuchy negotiations beginning 2/27/15 and ending on 13/31/15. The responsibilities of this committee would be to negotiate anything between Great Meadows and the districts of Hackettstown and Allamuchy

Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment/New Business

There were questions from the public regarding PARCC Testing and its use as an assessment tool. Mr. Mango clarified the use of the testing as proposed by the Department of Education.

Close of Public Comment

Executive Session

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux, whereas, the Board must consider legal matters, the deliberation of such matters may be held in private under the Open Public Meeting Act NJSA 10:4-6, the Board will adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 PM to discuss the above mentioned matters, to the exclusion of all others. If any action results, it will be taken following the re-entry into regular session.  
Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia seconded by Joe Mailloux to re-enter regular session at 8:45 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

The Board announced that a Special Meeting would be necessary for the adoption of a tentative budget before the March 20<sup>th</sup> deadline in order to file the 2015-16 Budget with the County Office. That meeting will be held on March 12, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

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Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, to adjourn at 8:46 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch  
Board Secretary