

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, September 22, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 (left @ 7:50PM), Fred Miller, Lori Prymak, David Schmitz (left @ 7:50PM) William Vonder Haar, Agatha Wilke and Ed O'Melia.

Absent: None

David C. Mango, Superintendent, Timothy Havlusch School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Nadia Inskeep Curriculum Coordinator and Israel Marmolejos - Principal GMRMS, Michael Mai - Principal Central School and Jennifer Macones - Principal Liberty School were also present.

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

Addenda Items - ADA-1 through ADA-4

At this time given the scheduling conflicts of some of the members, a motion was made by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Fred Miller to approve the following Addendum Items ADA-1 through ADA-4

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen recusing herself from Item ADA-1, William Vonder Haar voting nay on Item ADA-1 and abstaining on items ADA-3 & ADA-4, Agatha Wilke abstaining on item ADA-1 and Ed O'Melia abstaining on item ADA-1.

ADA-1 MOTION to approve CBA between GMRBOE and GMREA :
Motion to approve the negotiated and ratified contract agreement between Great Meadows Regional Board of Education and Great Meadows Regional Education Association for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.

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ADA-2 MOTION to approve supplemental Bill List:
Motion to approve the supplemental bills list from
the period 9/21/15 through 9/22/15 in the amount
of \$94,435.79 (check #'s 32281 - 32290)

ADA-3 MOTION to approve ESIP Payment Application #3:
Motion to approve ESIP Payment application #3
dated 8/19/15 to Honeywell in the amount of
\$301,785.70

ADA-4 MOTION to approve ESIP Payment Application #4:
Motion to approve ESIP Payment application #4
dated 9/11/15 to Honeywell in the amount of
\$449,593.26

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Joe Mailloux to approve the
minutes from August 25, 2015 as amended.

Motion carried in a voice vote with Lori Prymak abstaining.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller to approve the
Financial Reports for the Months of July 2015. (Report of the
Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies)

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Joe Mailloux, seconded by Fred Miller to approve
General Fund Bills List from September 1, 2015, through
September 18, 2015 (check #'s 32203 - 32280) in the amount of
\$1,029,293.82

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Communications - None

Committee Reports - Minutes would be forthcoming for
distribution for all committees that met.

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Superintendent's Report

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

- Security items at Liberty School. Given the isolated nature of the Liberty School the Administration will continue to explore funding both internally and through grants to address security matters at Liberty in light of current events.
- The College Fair at HHS and 8th grade open house were discussed.
- An update on Shared Services was provided with mention to the job description for the Administrative Assistant for the Shared Director of Special Services that is on tonight's agenda.
- Also mentioned were district goals for the next two year cycle and visits to alternative education programs in the surrounding area as a way to possibly expand program offerings in the district.

At this point each of the Principals in the district gave an overview of their opening day/start of school activities that had happened or were imminent, to the Board of Education.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

There was a comment from the public regarding clarification on one of the class trips that were listed in the B Section of the agenda.

Close of Public Comment

SECTION A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia second by Fred Miller, to approve the following **OPERATION** items A-1 through A-9.

There was a brief discussion on the matter of custodial coverage as it pertains to groups that use the facilities.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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A-1 MOTION to approve Building Usage at GMMS:

Motion to approve building usage at the **Middle School** from 9 am - 3 pm to the Independence Recreation Dept. for Youth Basketball and for custodial coverage at \$25/hr. (.5 hr. before and .5hr. after) on the following dates: (7 hrs./day x 15 days custodial coverage x \$25/hr. = **\$2,625.00**).

November 14 and 21, 2015

Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 2015

January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2016

February 6, 20, 17, 2016

March 5, 12 and 19, 2016

A-2 MOTION to approve custodial coverage for Playing Fields:

Motion to approve the custodial coverage for participants using playing fields at **Central School** to Cub Scouts Pack #148 on September 26, 2015, from 3:30 - 7:30 PM (includes ½ hr. custodian coverage before and after usage request times) @ \$25/hr. x 4 hrs. = \$100.00.

MOTION to approve custodial coverage at GMMS:

Motion to approve custodial coverage for building usage at the **Middle School for Saturday School** on the following Saturdays:

October 17, 2015 coverage totaling 5 hrs./day x \$25 = \$125.00

October 24, 2015 coverage totaling 5 hrs./day x \$25 = \$125.00

April 9, 2016 coverage totaling 5 hrs./day x \$25 = \$125.00

April 23, 2016 coverage totaling 5 hrs./day x \$25 = \$125.00

May 7, 2016 coverage totaling 5 hrs./day x \$25 = \$125.00

May 21, 2016 coverage totaling 5 hrs./day x \$25 = \$125.00

TOTALING: \$750.00

A-3 MOTION to approve Memorandum of Agreement:

Motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between **GMRSD** and the **Independence Township Police Department** for the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION to approve Memorandum of Agreement:

Motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between **GMRSD** and the **New Jersey State Police** for the 2015-2016

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A-4 MOTION to approve CST Agreement with WCSSSD:

Motion to approve the Child Study Shared Services Agreement between Warren County Special Services School District (WCSSSD) and the Great Meadows Regional School District for the 2015-16 School Year.

A-5 MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Daytop Preparatory School

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and Daytop Preparatory School for one (1) student to attend at a rate of \$247.00/per diem effective September 9th, 2015.

A-6 MOTION to Approve Agreement to provide Behavioral Support Services - J&B Therapy:

Motion to approve the agreement between GMRSD and J&B Therapy, LLC for the purposes of providing Behavioral Support Services in accordance with the contract on file for the 2015-16 school year at a rate of \$90/hr.

A-7 MOTION to Approve Agreement to provide Therapy Services - J&B Therapy:

Motion to approve the agreement between GMRSD and J&B Therapy, LLC for the purposes of providing Therapy Support Services in accordance with the contract on file for the 2015-16 school year at a rate of \$80/hr.

A-8 MOTION to Approve Special Ed Contract - Morris County ESC (Regional Day)

Motion to approve a Special Education Contract between GMRSD and Morris County ESC for one (1) student to attend the program for the 2015-2016 school year commencing on or about September 1st, 2015 through June 30th 2016, at a cost of \$62,125.00 In addition to the contract will be the costs of a personal aid in the amount of \$26,901 for the 2015-16 school year.

A-9 MOTION to Approve contract for OTR/L Service 2015-16 School Year:

Motion to approve a contract between Great Meadows Regional School District and Kathleen DiFebo, OTR/L, for occupational therapy services at a rate of \$78 per hour for an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 for the 2015-2016

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SECTION B

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the following **HUMAN RESOURCES** items B-1 through B-14.

There were discussions and clarifications on positions and the PLC Team Leaders as they relate to the resolutions being offered.

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote with Fred Miller abstaining on item B-3.

B-1 MOTION to approve field trips for the 2015-2016 school year:

Motion to approve the following field trips to be taken during the 2015-2016 school year:

GATE

Grade 2 - January - Marvelous Math Day - Harmony Twsp. Firehouse, Harmony, NJ
Grade 4 - October - Mindnastics - Trinity United Methodist Church, Hackettstown, NJ
Grade 5 - May - Strategic Thinking Day - Location TBD in Warren County, NJ
Grade 6 - March or April - State House Tour/Make-A-Law session, Trenton, NJ
Grade 7 - March - Warren County Comm. College - Convocation - Washington, NJ
Grade 8 - February - Finance Park - Location TBD
March or April - New York City, NY
Grades 6, 7, & 8 - April or May - State Bar Foundation, New Brunswick, NJ (tentative)

Grade Level Trips:

Grade - Kindergarten - April - Imagine That - Florham Park, NJ
November - Great Meadows Post Office, Great Meadows, NJ
Grade 1 - Turtle Back Zoo - West Orange, NJ
Grade 2 - Bronx Zoo, New York, NY
Grade 3 - October - Franklin Mineral Mine, Franklin, NJ
June - Quiet Valley Living historical Farm, Stroudsburg, PA
Grade 4 - April - Growing Stage, Netcong, NJ
May - Ellis Island, Jersey City, NJ
Grade 5 - November - Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ
April - Longo Planetarium, Randolph, NJ
June - Belvidere Pool, Belvidere, NJ

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Grade 6 - Lakota Wolf Preserve, Knowlton Twp., NJ
Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, Raritan, NJ
DaVinci Center, Easton/Allentown area, PA
Grade 7 - Jockey Hollow, Morristown, NJ
Philadelphia, PA
Grade 8 - June - Washington, D.C.

Grades 6, 7, 8 - Cross Country (Sept. thru October) *Municipal Alliance Funded*

Sites: Allamuchy, Long Valley M.S. and Doctor's Park,
Hackettstown

SLC - Independence Senior Center, Great Meadows, NJ

Chorus - Dorney Park Music in The Park, Dorney, PA
Independence Senior Center, Great Meadows, NJ

Band - March - 6th gr. All-Star Warren County Band Festival,
Warren Hills H.S. Washington, NJ

**B-2 MOTION to approve stipends to the following
certificated staff personnel:**

Susan Buechle - 8/04/15 - 2.5 hrs. and 8/05/15 - 3.25
hrs. @ \$38/hr. = \$218.50

8/27/15 - IEP meeting for 2.5 hrs. @ \$38/hr. = \$95.00

Eileen Romagnoli - 8/27/15 - IEP meeting for 2.5 hrs. @
\$38/hr. = \$95.00

Beth Hendershot - 8/24/15 - 504 meeting for 1 hour at
\$38/hr. = \$38.00

Julie Skoldberg - 7/01/15 - speech reports @ 4 hrs.

7/02/15 - schedule meetings @ 4 hrs.

7/08/15 - paperwork for students plus goals, ECR and
IEP @ 4 hrs.

7/09/15 - Speech evaluations and paperwork @ 7 hrs.

7/14/15 - Speech evaluations and paperwork @ 7 hrs.

7/15/15 - Speech evaluations and paperwork @ 7 hrs.

7/16/15 - Speech evaluations and paperwork @ 7 hrs.

7/22/15 - Speech evaluations and paperwork @ 6.5 hrs.

7/28/15 - Speech evaluations and paperwork @ 2 hrs.

8/03/15 - Speech evaluations and paperwork @ 6 hrs.

8/04/15 - Speech evaluations and paperwork @ 2 hrs.

TOTAL Hours: 57 @ \$57.12/hr. = \$3,255.84

Laurie Washburn - 8/24/15 - 504 meeting for 1 hour at
\$38/hr. = \$38.00

Jeannie Tagliareni - ESY Program - 8/3/15 thru 8/6/15
for 4 hr/day (plus riding bus when required) @

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\$13.27/hr. = 20.5 hrs. = \$272.04

B-3 MOTION to approve substitutes for district:

Motion to approve ***Rosemary Brockman, Samantha Scotland, and Katherine Tibak*** as substitute teachers the GMRSD for the 2015-2016 school year.

B-4 MOTION to approve stipend for certificated staff:

Motion to approve a stipend for **Jody Schantzenbach** for the following club:

Academic Support Reading Club 148 hours x \$38/hr. = and not to exceed \$5,624.00 which will be paid by Title I.

B-5 MOTION to approve Instructional Aide at Liberty School:

Motion to approve Instructional Aide, **Samantha Apgar**, as an instructional aide in Liberty School at an annual salary of \$14,707.00, effective September 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

MOTION to approve instructional aide at Franklin School:

Motion to approve, **Lara Smith**, as an instructional aide at Franklin School for one of our students in WCSSSD effective September 14, 2015, through June 30, 2016, at an annual salary of \$14,707.00, prorated to \$14,057.00.

B-6 MOTION to approve a MAT Leave request:

Motion to approve a MAT Leave request to **Jennifer Silpoch**, 8th gr. Special Education teacher, effective approximately January 1, 2016, with an anticipated return date of March 23, 2016.

B-7 MOTION to appoint Head Custodian at Liberty School:

Motion to approve, **Jose Sandoval**, as the new head custodian at Liberty School effective September 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016 at the annual salary of \$30,504 prorated to \$25,420.00 plus a stipend for the head custodial position of \$3,000.00 prorated \$2,542.00.

B-8 MOTION to approve the transfer of schools for the following personnel:

Motion to approve the transfer of the following personnel to other schools within our district:

Pat Araki, aide, from Liberty School to Central School

Deb Healy, aide, from Liberty School to Central School

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Michelle McGeary, aide, from Middle School to Central School

Tynetta McGruder, aide, from Central School to Liberty School

B-9 MOTION to acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB for GMR during the month of September 2015:

Motion to acknowledge the receipt of the Superintendent's HIB Report for GMRSD during the month of September 2015.

B-10 MOTION to approve a 2015-2016 GMRSD/HPSD Shared Quantitative Merit Goal:

Motion to approve a 2015-2016 School Year GMRSD/HPSD Shared Quantitative Merit Goal to **Nadia Inskeep**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

B-11 MOTION to approve the following stipend positions:

Motion to approve the following stipend positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY TEAM LEADERS:

Central School

Eileen Romagnoli - Kindergarten - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Joseph Carroll - 1st gr. - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Laurie Washburn - 2nd gr. - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Donna Roth - 21st Century - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Brooke Flynn - RTI - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Liberty School

Phyllis Pezzato - 3rd gr. - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Barbara Wohlgemuth - 4th gr. - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Rachel Crane - 5th gr. - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Joe D'Agostino - 21st Century - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Lauren Ackerman - RTI - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00
(prorated from January 1, 2016-June 30, 2016.)

Middle School

Linda Wilkins - Math - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

Casey Pach - ELA (pro-rated from Oct. 13 - June 30, 2016)

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MATH LEAGUE ADVISER - Middle School

Deb Exley - (\$38/hr. x 25 hrs. = \$950.00)

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORS - Liberty and Middle Schools:

Martha Teixeira/Casey Pach (split) - GMMS - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00)

Casey Pach (pro-rated from Oct. 13 - June 30, 2016)

Judy Arnold/Karen Ryan (split) - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CORP - Middle School

Gwen Fisher/Cheryl Wilson (split) \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

BUILDING YEARBOOK ADVISORS: Central and Liberty Schools

Megan Rymon- Liberty School - 20 hrs. x \$38/hr. = \$760.00

Mary Redus/Brooke Flynn (split) - Central School - 20 hrs. x \$38/hr. = \$760.00

BUILDING YEARBOOK ADVISOR - Middle School

Lisa Treweeke - \$38/hr. x 30 hrs. = \$1,140.00

DETENTION SUPERVISORS - Liberty and Middle Schools

Eric Shuler - Middle School - \$38/hr., as needed

Joe D'Agostino - Liberty School - \$38/hr., as needed

BUILDING SAFETY PATROL COORDINATOR - Liberty School

Megan Rymon - 15 hrs. x \$38/hr. = \$570.00

SATURDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE - Middle School

Linda DeJesus - at \$38/hr.

STEP AHEAD SUBSTITUE TEACHER - Middle School

Jacquie Lunden - at \$38/hr.

B-12 MOTION TO APPROVE VISITING BASIC SKILLS CLASSROOM:

Motion to approve the visitation of 5 visits during the 15-16 school year to a Centenary College student, **Adrienne Crowder**, to a Basic Skills classroom - teacher, **Kate Murphy**.

B-13 MOTION TO APPROVE OBSERVATIONS AT GMMS:

Motion to approve, **Keyena Pixley**, a Northhampton Community College, PA student, to observe **Melinda Stano**,

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of WCSSSD from Sept. 21, 2015 through October 9, 2015.

B-14 MOTION to approve workshops for certificated staff:

Motion to approve the following personnel to attend workshops and/or conferences for the dates and costs listed below:

\$ - Denotes the need for a Substitute Teacher at \$80.00 per Diem.

(II) - Denotes Title II Funding for costs

NAME	WORKSHOP	COST	DATE (S)
Mary Redus	Voices from the Land	\$0.00	10/9/15 (\$)
Cheryl Wilson	Annual School Health Conference	\$195.00	10/14/15 (\$)
Julie Skoldberg	Strategies for Resource Room	N/A	10/12/15
Lisa Treweeke	Section 504	\$150.00 (II)	10/8/15
Lisa Treweeke	Basic Guide to I & RS	\$149.00 (II)	10/9/15
Debra Grigoletti	Basic Guide to I & RS	\$149.00	10/9/15
Jennifer Daly	Diverse Learning in Classroom	\$149.00 (II)	11/18/2015 (\$)
Cheryl Wilson	Role of School Safety Team	\$149.00	10/7/15 (\$)
Donna Colaco	Speech & Lang Pathologists	N/A	10/12/15
Israel Marmolejos	PARCC Information	\$35.00	10/2/15
Kim Miller	Improve STEM Instruction	\$239.00 (II)	11/23/15 (\$)
Israel Marmolejos	Role of School Safety Team	\$149.00	10/7/15
Beth Hendershot	Annual School Health Conference	\$195.00	10/14/15 (\$)
Melany McClary	Developmentally appropriate Child Oriented Activities in the Classroom	\$50.00	10/23/15 (\$)
Maria Levenstein	Presentations on innovative art topics for the classroom	\$175.00	10/5/15 (\$)
Tjasa Bienus	Full Steam Ahead NJ Art conference workshop	\$125.00	10/5/15 (4)

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SECTION C

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Susan Cullen, to approve the following **EDUCATION** item C-1.

There was a question on the ABR self-assessment that was clarified by Mr. Marmolejos.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Lori Prymak abstaining.

C-1 MOTION to approve ABR Self-Assessment:

Motion to approve the ABR Self-Assessment for the 2014-2015 school year for GMMS.

SECTION D

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke, to approve the following **GOVERNANCE** item D-2.

There was discussion on the need to review and revisit policy 5600 in the future.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay to item D-2.

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

Policy and Regulation #5330 - Administration of Medication (M)
Policy #5339 - Screen for Dyslexia
Policy and Regulation #5600 - Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M)
Policy #5615 - Suspected Gang Activity
Policy #5756 - Transgender Students
Policy #8540 - School Nutrition Programs
Policy #8550 - Outstanding Food Service Charges
Policy #8820 - Opening Exercises

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SECTION B - Human Resources - ADDENDUM

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Lori Prymak, to approve the following HUMAN RESOURCES items ADB-1 & ADB-2.

Motion carried in a roll call vote with Susan Cullen voting nay to item ADB-1 and Fred Miller abstaining from item ADB-2.

ADB-1 MOTION to approve Job Description:

Motion to approve the job description for the following position:

Shared Administrative Assistant to Director of Special Services.

ADB-2 MOTION to approve Substitute Teacher:

Motion to approve Sara Miller as an approved substitute teacher for the Great Meadows Regional School District pending required background and fingerprint checks.

Hackettstown Report

The "Hiding in Plain Sight" presentation which is a way for parents to be aware of common every day items that could be used in other unintended ways was discussed, as well as the upcoming 90th Anniversary of the Warren Hills vs. Hackettstown football game. There was also an update on the CVS property in town. There was also praise for the robotics club at the High School as well from William Vonder Haar.

Independence Township Report

The Recreation committee usage of facilities and the paving of Russling Road were discussed.

Liberty Township Report

A discussion of field ownership and maintenance for the fields at Liberty School took place.

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Public Comment/New Business

The next regular Board Meeting would need to be moved to October 13th, 2015. Sunshine notices would be sent and posted as required.

Close of Public Comment

Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke, to enter Executive Session at 8:23 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Agatha Wilke to end Executive Session at 8:39 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Ed O'Melia, seconded by Fred Miller, to adjourn at 8:39 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Havlusch
Board Secretary