

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION

October 17, 2006

A. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT**

The Work Session of the Mount Laurel Township Board of Education was called to order in the Hartford School, located 397 Hartford Rod, Mount Laurel, NJ, by Ms. Margaret Haynes, President at 7:30 p.m.

B. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Ms. Haynes read the Open Public Meeting Preamble stating, "In Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, the date, time, and location of this meeting have been filed with the Municipal Clerk, posted at the Municipal Center, and sent to four newspapers, on May 24, 2006 and October 12, 2006.

C. **FLAG SALUTE**

D. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL**

Roll Call - Members Present: Ms. Blair Mr. Crowe, Mr. Frey, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Siegel, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Jones, Ms. Haynes

Also Present: Dr. Rath, Mr. Wachter,

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

F. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

G. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - REPORTS/
INFORMATION ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Dr. Rath discussed the Preliminary Facility Equity Report on Harrington and Hartford with the Board.
- Mr. Greatrex and Ms. Wolfe asked for further clarification on the Science Labs.

Discussion as per attached agenda

H. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS/ SECRETARY'S REPORT - INFORMATION ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

I. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

Discussion as per the attached agenda

1. Correspondence

2. Board Reports

(a) Negotiations

No report.

(b) BCSBA

Mr. Gallagher stated that the next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2006.

(c) NJSBA

Mr. Frey reminded the Board of the NJSBA Workshop on October 25-27, 2006.

(d) Lenape Council

Ms. Haynes stated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2006.

(e) Library

Ms. Hayes stated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2006.

(f) PTO Liaison

No report

J. **TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

As per the attached agenda.

K. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Haynes opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:30 p.m.

- Lorraine Clapper 4 Avon Court, asked for clarification on how the Violence and Vandalism report is handled.

She made a comment on the difference between the 8th and 4th grade tests.

In addition she made a reference to the 5-8 grad configuration study and the misunderstandings being made publicly.

- Lisa Doulong 10 Abington Road, thanked Marie Reynolds for getting the information on the district web page. She asked for clarification on the study.
- Linda Bobo 47 Abington Road, asked if the vote on the 5-8 grade configuration will be done in public.
- Dawn Hogan 10 Yorktown Drive, asked what if the majority of the public is against the 5-8 grade configuration.

After all those who wished to address the Board had the opportunity to do so, Ms. Haynes closed the public comment portion of the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

L. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- Mr. Greatrex asked for clarification on item #11.
- Mr. Crowe asked for clarification on item #5.

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

M. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

N. **PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS**

Discussion as per the attached agenda

O. **POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

Discussion per the attached agenda

P. **ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Haynes opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 9:05 p.m.

- Mr. Schenkewiz 685 Walton Avenue, asked for clarification on how the buildings will be set up with two 5th-8th grade schools.
- Mr. Jones 4420 Church Road, commented on the positive interaction between a teacher and student within a four year structure.
- Mr. Jones 4515 Church Road, commended the district on its building Security.

- Terry Irwin 180 Kettlebrook Drive, thanked Mr. Greatrex and Ms. Wolfe for asking questions about the facility study. She also asked for clarification on the 5th-8th grade configuration for example Gap.

After all those who wished to address the Board had the opportunity to do so, Ms. Haynes closed the public comment portion of the meeting at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Q. OTHER BUSINESS

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Ms. Siegel, the Board of Education voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters at approximately 9:10 p.m. Ms. Haynes announced that the items discussed in Executive Session could be released to the public at such time as the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

All Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried

S. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Crowe the Board voted to return to public session. The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 9:44 p.m.

Roll Call: Yes-Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Crowe, Ms. Blair, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Siegel, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Haynes. Motion carried. Mr. Frey and Ms. Jones were not present.

T. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Blair, seconded Ms. Siegel, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

All Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Wachter, Jr.
Assistant Superintendent for Business/
Secretary

(President)