

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**November 28, 2006**

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

The Regular Public Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Board of Education was called to order in the Mount Laurel Hartford School, located at 397 Hartford Road, 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 November 21, 2006.

C. **FLAG SALUTE**

D. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL**

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

Mr. Frey arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Also Present: Dr. Rath, Mr. Wachter, Mr. Weiss.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Ms. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Crowe, the minutes of October 23, 2006 Regular Public Meeting, were approved.

Roll Call Vote: YES – Ms. Siegel, Mr. Crowe, Ms. Blair, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Haynes

F. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Board Of Education Proclamation:

Declaring November 12 through November 18, 2006 as American Education Week in the Mount Laurel Township Schools as per Exhibit #1a to be filed in the Minute Book.

Board Recognition Award:

The Board of Education was pleased to present a recognition award to the division-winning Harrington Girls Interscholastic Soccer Team. Representing the championship team are:

Sharon Rivers, Coach  
Moirra Anthony  
Dana Bernetich  
Kristyn Borrelli  
Alexus Cooper  
Chelsea Corbett  
Nicole Curry  
Deanna Cybulski  
Elizabeth Duffey  
Emily Duffey  
McKenna Dunfee  
Kelsey Evancho  
Hannah Harris  
Caroline Huelster  
Jamie Kinkler  
Caitlyn McGinley  
Alexa McGrath  
Montanna Maltese  
Rebecca Meyers  
Julie Nishi  
Staci Robey  
Paige Silva  
Carly Walters  
Samantha Wesoly  
Morgan Wright

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

1. **Enrollment Report**

The Enrollment Report as of October 31, 2006 was included in the agenda as Exhibit #2 to be filed in the Minute Book.

2. **Attendance Report**

The Attendance Report for the month of October 2006 was included in the agenda as Exhibit #3 to be filed in the Minute Book.

3. **Suspension Reports**

The Suspension Reports for the month of October 2006 were included in the agenda as Exhibit #4 to be filed in the Minute Book.

- Dr. Rath informed the Board that students from Hartford School will be appearing on the Discovery Kids Channel on December 3, 2006
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that Parkway School had the winning name for the Mount Laurel Fire Departments new dog "Ember".
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that the district had been selected to participate in a new technology pilot initiative sponsored by the Department of Education.

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

1. **Information Items**

- a. Update on Capital Projects 2003/Summer Projects
- b. Update on district financial audit
- c. Update on fall data collection
- d. BCIP-JIF Safety Incentive Award
- e. Update on E-Rate Funding as per Exhibit #5 to be filed in the Minute Book.

2. **Correspondence**

None at this time.

**I. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**1. Correspondence2. Board Reports

## a. Negotiations

No report

b. BCSBA

Next meeting scheduled for December 4, 2006

c. NJSBA

No report.

d. Lenape Council

No report.

e. Library

Next meeting scheduled for December 13, 2006.

f. PTO Liaison3. **Focus Groups**

- a. Policy
- b. Leadership
- c. Human Resources
- d. Curriculum/Instruction
- e. Information/Analysis
- f. Communications
- g. Facilities & Finance
- h. Special Education

No reports at this time for the Focus Groups.

**J. TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Presentation of the 2006 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 by Henry Ludwigsen and Fred Caltabiano, District Auditors from Bowman & Company. As per copy to be filed in the Minute Book.

2. Testing Report -- Mr. Kenneth Ruhland as per copy to be filed in the Minute Book.

K. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Haynes opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:23 p.m.

The following individuals spoke to the Board and raised their concerns with the 5-8 two Middle School reconfiguration study.

- Bob Rosenfeld, 270 Ramblewood
- Shelia Green, 851 Union Mill
- Marc Demeo, 201 Amberfield Drive
- Brian Goldstein, 38 Watson
- Monica Rears, 106 Ramblewood Parkway
- Lisa Dichiara Platt, 26 Byron

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 8:57.m.

On motion of Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the Board of Education approved the following Curriculum and Instruction action items:

L. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Approval of Volunteers

The Board approved volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year as per Exhibit #6 to be filed in the minute book.

2. Approval of Conference

Board approved the following conference request, as per negotiated agreement, for the following personnel:

Diane Willard – Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Conference, Phoenix, AZ, January 10 through January 12, 2007

3. Approval of Pool Party Dates

The Sixth Grade Pool Party to be held at the Ramblewood Country Club on June 7, 2007 with a rain date of June 14, 2007. This event will be sponsored by the Hartford/Harrington Parent-Teacher Organization.

Springville's rain date will be June 12, 2007.

4. Approval of Homebound Instructor

Board approved the following to serve as a Homebound Instructor for the 2006-2007 school year not to exceed the MLEA contracted rate:

Millstone Township School District

5. Approval of Observer at Larchmont

Board approved Caroline Cuiule to observe sessions with Bernice Hall, Occupational Therapist at Larchmont School. She would like to visit the morning of Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 9:30 am to obtain information about Occupational Therapy. Caroline Cuiule is a former Larchmont student with a goal of earning a degree as an Occupational Therapist.

6. Approval of Additional In-service Presenter

Board approved Angela Stoner to present Restraint Training to CST members, preschool teachers and aides, and autistic teachers and aides retroactive to November 6 and 7, 2006. Compensation will be in accordance with the MLEA Contract.

7. Approval of Out-of-District Placement

The Board approved Out-of-District Placement of the following student as per Exhibit #7 to be filed in the Minute Book

Student #06-43CL

8. Approval of Interscholastic Sports Schedule

The Board approved Harrington's Winter Interscholastic Sports Schedule as per Exhibit #8 to be filed in the Minute Book.

9. Approval of Field Trip

The Board approved Larchmont's second grade to attend a Camden River Shark Baseball Game as a culminating unit activity on May 23, 2007. This field trip will help reinforce the math and literature thematic units being completed by students over the course of the year. Activities will include graphing baseball teams records; story problems; measuring the field -- base to base, home plate to pitcher's mound; mapping the major league baseball teams; researching famous players and writing a report.

Roll Call Vote: YES – Ms. Crowe, Mr. Gallagher, Ms Blair, Mr. Frey, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Jones, Ms. Haynes. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Ms. Wolfe, the Board of Education approved the following Business and Facilities action items:

M. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

1. Secretary's Reports

The following financial reports pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23, 11(c)3 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), as certified by the Board Secretary, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2 11(c)4 that no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-02.11(b) as contained in Exhibits #9a, #9b, #9c, and #9d to be filed in the Minute Book:

- (a) Secretary's Report as of September 2006
- (b) Treasurer's Report as of September 2006
- (c) Budget Report as of September 2006
- (d) Cafeteria Report as of October 31, 2006

2. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers for 2006-07 as outlined in Exhibit #10 to be filed in the Minute Book.

3. Bill Lists

The bills for the month of November 2006 in the amount of \$1,861,334.80 per Exhibit #11 to be filed in the minute book.

The Capital Projects 2003 bill list for the month of November 2006 in the amount of \$24,796.00, per Exhibit #11a to be filed in the Minute Book.

4. Acceptance of Donation

The Board of Education accepted a \$500 donation from Jones of New York for the GAP Program at the Hartford School.

5. Approval of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

Copies of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006 and the Auditor's Management Report for the same period were distributed to all Board members prior to the Board Meeting.

The Board approved the Annual Comprehensive Financial report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2006. As per Exhibit #12 to be filed in the Minute Book.

6. Approval of Facility Usage

The Board of Education approved the following facility use requests in accordance with Board of Education Policy No. 1330 and the Board of Education Regulations for use of the Auditorium.

The Little Creek Ballet would like to request use of the Harrington Middle School Auditorium and related areas for a ballet recital on June 1, 2007 (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) for rehearsal and June 2, 2006 (12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) for the recital. The estimated charges are \$2,480.00.

7. Approval of Renewal in the BCIP-JIF

The Board of Education approve Resolution #2007-02 to Renew Membership in the Burlington County Insurance Pool-Joint Insurance Fund (BCIP-JIF) for a three-year membership term from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010, as per Exhibit #13 to be filed in the Minute Book.

It is further recommended that the Board of Education approve an Indemnity and Trust Agreement between the Board and the Burlington County Insurance Pool-Joint Insurance Fund (BCIP-JIF), as per Exhibit #13 to be filed in the Minute Book.

8. Approval of Emergency Resolution

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the emergency resolution for the replacement of school bus engine for bus #13 at a cost of \$10,305.52 as per Exhibit #14 to be file in the Minute Book.

9. Acceptance of Donation to all Third Grade Children

The Board of Education accepted the donation of dictionaries to all third grade students by The Rotary Club of Mount Laurel.

10. Approval of Fleetwood, Countryside, Hillside, Parkway, and Harrington Schools as Emergency Shelters

The Board of Education approved the establishment of Emergency Shelters through the American Red Cross for the Fleetwood, Countryside, Hillside, Parkway and Harrington Schools.

11. Acceptance of PTO Gift

The Board of Education accepted a marquee sign, valued at \$4,500, as a gift from the Springville PTO.

Roll Call Vote: YES – Mr. Frey, Ms. Wolf, Ms. Blair, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Gallagher (ABSTAINED - Item #3), Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Siegel, Ms. Haynes. Motion carried.

On motion of Ms. Siegel seconded by Mr. Gallagher the Board of Education approved the following personnel action items.

**N. PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS**

Item 1. TERMINATIONS (Resignations)

(a) RESIGNATION: CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Lisa Faricelli	Hartford Special Ed.	12-31-06	Personal
Cathleen Savidge	Harrington Social Studies	12-31-06	Personal

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above resignation(s) be approved as indicated.

(b) RESIGNATION: NON-CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Tasha Simmons	Larchmont Play Aide	10-20-06	Personal

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above resignation(s) be accepted as indicated.

Item 2. APPOINTMENTS (Employment)

(a) EMPLOYMENT: CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary or Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Replacement/ Reason</u>
Melissa Still	Countryside Grade 1 Interim	11-20-06 to 4-05-07	\$85 for the 1 <sup>st</sup> 20 days then 1/200 <sup>th</sup> of 1 <sup>st</sup> step (\$215)	Marci Abate Maternity
Jennifer Haring	Hartford Special Ed.	11-29-06	Step 1/MA15 \$47,850	Anna Mae Terry Resigned

Lauren Phillips	Hartford Special Ed.	1-02-07	Step 1/BA \$43,000	Lisa Faricelli Resigned
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*Recommendation:* It is recommended the individual(s) listed above be appointed to the positions indicated for the 2006-07 school year.

(a) EMPLOYMENT: NON-CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary or Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Replacement/ Reason</u>
Marilyn Albanese	Transportation Bus Driver	12-01-06	Step 1 \$10,836	Joseph Luttrell Resigned
Denise Marshall	Springville Play Aide	12-01-06	Step 1 \$3,797	Vacancy
Karen Alexander	Hillside Play Aide	11-01-06	Step 1 \$3,797	Vacancy
John Klingler	Hartford Tech. Asst.	12-01-06	\$15,942	Joseph Merlino Resigned
Patricia DeSanto	Parkway Play Aide	12-01-06	Step 1 \$3,797	Vacancy

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the individual(s) listed above be appointed to the positions indicated for the 2006-07 school year.

Item 3. LEAVES OF ABSENCE (Medical, Personal, Child Rearing)

(a) MEDICAL LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Pay Status</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Dana Rupert Medical Family	Hartford Grade 6	With pay	1-02-07 to 1-30-07
		Without pay	1-31-07 to 4-22-07

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above medical leave(s) of absence be approved as indicated.

## (b) LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE: NON-CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Pay Status</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Linda Ritter Medical	Hartford Secretary	With pay	11-03-06 to 11-12-06
Joseph Del Rossi Medical	Transportation Bus Driver	With Pay	10-20-06 to 11-30-06
Deborah Dera Medical	Springville Aide to Class	With pay	11-03-06 to 12-01-06
John Swartwood Medical	Hattie Britt Mechanic	With pay	11-17-06 to 12-01-06

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above medical leave(s) of absence be approved as indicated.

## (c) REVISED MEDICAL LEAVE(S)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Pay Status</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Linda Mitchell Medical	Countryside Grade K	With pay	10-19-06 to 11-06-06
		Without pay	11-07-06 to 1-01-07
Kathleen Haines Medical Family	Hillside Grade 1	With pay	10-27-06 to 12-05-06
		Without pay	12-06-06 to 3-06-07
Child Rearing		Without pay	3-07-07 to 6-30-07
Marci Abate Medical Family	Countryside Grade 1	With pay	11-07-06 to 12-19-06
		Without pay	12-20-06 to 3-20-07

Margaret Fitzpatrick Medical	Hartford EDC Aide	With pay	12-01-06 to 12-04-06
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*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above medical leave(s) of absence be approved as indicated.

(d) RETURN FROM LEAVE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building&amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jack Novick	Hartford P & E	11-06-06

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above return from leave of absence be approved as indicated.

Item 4. SUBSTITUTE STAFF (Teachers, Aides, Secretaries, Custodians)

(a) SUBSTITUTE TEACHER(S)

Jan Kolchinsky  
Constance Tortu  
Sandra Freedman  
Robert Lafferty  
Aimee Lesser  
William Lewis  
Jennifer Zelenka

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above individuals be approved as substitute teachers for the 2006-07 school year.

Item 5. COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

(a) TUTOR(S)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Janet Rosenberg	Tutor	\$30 hr.

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above individuals be approved for the Community Education Program as indicated.

Item 6. PRACTICUM ASSIGNMENTS

(a) PRACTICUM

<u>College</u>	<u>Student &amp; Area</u>	<u>Semester/Dates</u>	<u>Assignment Info</u>
University Of Phoenix	Kelly Adams Grade 1, 4 & Art	8 hrs.	Ann Marie Conroy Sue Winkel Beth Donia Parkway
West Chester	Cheri Sabatine Grade 6	8 hrs.	Gayle Lampf Hartford
West Chester	Kristina Sabatine Grade 6	8 hrs.	Diane Kondrla Hartford
Temple	Lauren Zeuner Elementary	10 hrs.	Mary Carr Hillside
Burlington County Community College	Erin Hart Art	15 hrs.	Vickie Mathas Springville
Holy Family	Snezana Vujovic Counselor	720 hrs	Diane Raymond Parkway

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that the above individual(s) be approved to complete his/her Practicum Experience in the Mount Laurel district as indicated.

**Item 7. CHILD STUDY TEAM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary or Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Replacement/ Reason</u>
Debra Mount	Fleetwood PM Extended Day Care for Special Education Student	11-15-06	\$10.00 per hr.	Alyse Habina Resigned

Roll Call Vote: YES – Mr. Siegel, Mr. Gallagher, Ms Blair, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Frey, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Haynes. Motion carried.

**O. POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

No items for this meeting.

P. **ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Haynes opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 9:00 p.m.

The following individuals spoke to Board and raised their concerns with the 5-8 two Middle School reconfiguration study.

Lori Leonard, 28 Cattail Drive  
 Resident, 220 Belaire Drive  
 Lisa Doulong, 10 Abington  
 Tina Merkowitz, 117 Ramblewood Parkway  
 Julie Higgins

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 9:20.m.

Q. **OTHER BUSINESS**

R. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the Board of Education voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters at approximately 9:21 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 Ms. Blair, seconded by Mr. Gallagher the Board voted to return to public session. The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ms. Blair, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Frey, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Siegel, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Haynes.

Also Present: Dr. Rath, Mr. Wachter, Mr. Weiss.

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

All Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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(President)