

# MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP OF EDUCATION

## WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 20, 2007

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT

The Work Session of the Mount Laurel Township Board of Education was called to order in the Hattie Britt Administration Building, located 330 Mount Laurel 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.

C. FLAG SALUTE

- Upon completion of the flag salute, Ms. Haynes asked for everyone to remain standing for for a moment of silence for a third grade student from Larchmont School who passed away this past weekend

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. Haynes

Board Member Absent: Ms. Jones

Also Present: Dr. Rath, Mr. Wachter,

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

The Board had discussion on the January 23, 2007 minutes.

F. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

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

Discussion as per attached agenda

- Dr. Rath commended the efforts of all involved with getting the district up and running after the recent ice storm.
- Dr. Rath commended the efforts of April Swartwood, Stella Crawford and her staff for the recently completed Food Service audit. The district passed with flying colors.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that the budget election calendar update was in their packets.
- Dr. Rath asked all Board Members and the public to continually visit the districts web-site.

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 Mr. Wachter, Ms. Haynes, and himself attended the meeting on February 5, 2007. The topic was NJQSAC. Next meeting is March 5, 2007

(c) NJSBA

No report.

(d) Lenape Council

No report.

(e) Library

No report.

(f) PTO Liaison

No report

(g) Finance

Ms. Siegel stated that the committee will be meeting on February 21, 2007 and that Mr. Gallagher is taking the place of Ms. Haynes on the committee.

J. **TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

As per the attached agenda.

K. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Haynes opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:55 p.m.

- A student from Burlington County College asked the Board some questions about Board meeting procedures

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 p.m.

L. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Mr. Crowe asked for clarification on items 6 and 7.
- Mr. Greatrex asked for clarification on items 5 and 9.
- Ms. Blair asked for clarification on item 5.

M. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Ms. Wolfe asked for clarification on item 5.

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.

None was offered

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 9:06 p.m.

Q. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Dr. Rath explained Item #1 to the Board. The recommendation will be acted on at the Regular meeting.
- Dr. Rath explained item #2 to the Board. The Board had discussion on the topic.
- The Board agreed to have item #2 be put on the agenda as an action item at the Regular meeting.
- Ms. Siegel asked Dr, Rath for the time line for the Principal search at both Fleetwood and Hartford.
- Mr. Crowe asked Dr. Rath for her feedback with the on-line survey.
- Ms. Siegel asked the Board to reconsider accepting the 5-8 reconfiguration report as an official document of the district.

The Board had discussion on the topic. It was agreed to have the Board Solicitor give his legal opinion on the recommendation of Ms. Siegel.

- Mr. Greatrex commended Dr. Rath for the letter sent home to parents after the child

fell through the ice last week.

R. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Ms. Siegel, 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 9:45 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.

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

All Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried

S. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gallagher the Board voted to return to public session. The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Yes-Mr. Frey, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Blair, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Siegel, Ms. Wolfe,  
Ms. Haynes. Motion carried.

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Gallagher the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 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)