

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT

The Work Session of the Mount Laurel Township Board of Education was called to order in the Board Room of the Hattie Britt Administration Building, located 330 Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, NJ, by Ms. Helen Siegel, President, at 7:30 p.m.

B. NOTICE OF MEETING

Ms. Siegel 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 April 27, 2005 and September 13, 2005."

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Frey.

Also Present: Mr. Ruhland, Mr. Wachter.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

As per the attached agenda.

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

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Dr. Rath welcomed everyone to the first board meeting of the 2005-06 school year.
- Dr. Rath congratulated everyone involved with the awarding of the Blue Ribbon Award for Parkway School.
- Dr. Rath updated the Board on the new web site design.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that the district currently has seven students enrolled who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that we have received 950 computers and 100 ACTIVboards as part of the district's technology leasing initiative.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that Maureen Barrett (Harrington Middle School teacher) spent three weeks on a scientific exploration studying whales.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that Carol Lynch (Fleetwood School) is a contender for the National Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that Lockheed Martin donated \$500,000.00 for the Challenger Project at Burlington County College.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that the district will be participating in the mock terrorist simulation on Sunday, September 25, 2005.
- Dr. Rath stated that Kathleen Wolfe and herself will testify in Trenton on rising fuel costs and its impact on the district's budget.

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

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

2. Correspondence

(b) Ms. Siegel stated that she received a letter concerning a personnel issue that is being looked into.

Other correspondence has been shared with the Board and rectified.

3. Reports

(a) Negotiations

None.

(b) BCSBA

Ms. Haynes reported that the next BCSBA meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2005.

(c) NJSBA

None.

(d) Lenape Council

None.

(e) Library

Ms. Haynes informed the Board that the next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2005._

(f) PTO Liaison

Ms. Siegel reported that the next PTO Presidents meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2005.

2. Ad Hoc Committees

a. Schools for Polling Places

Mr. Greatrex reported that the meeting with Pat Halbe had to be rescheduled. He stated that hopefully the next meeting will take place before the next Board meeting.

b. Increased Enrollment Impact

Ms. Jones reported that the next step in the process is to wait for the Long Range Facilities Plan report.

I. **TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

As per the attached agenda.

J. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Siegel opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:55 p.m.
None was offered.

K. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

Mr. Greatrex stated that he hopes the funding will be sustained to support item #9.

L. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

Mr. Greatrex and Ms. Blair asked for clarification on item #8.

On motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Haynes, the following personnel items were approved:

M. **PERSONNEL**

1. Terminations (Resignations, Retirements, Terminations, Non-Renewals)

(a) Retirement: Certificated

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Linda Goldkrantz	Masonville Director of Community Ed	03-01-06
Dr. Harvey Rouse	Hartford Supervisor	12-01-05

(b) Resignation: Non-Certificated

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Nancy McClung Play Aide	Countryside	08-07-05	Personal
Theresa Schweppe Aide to Class	Springville	08-19-05	Accepted another position.

(c) Rescission of Contract: Non-Certificated

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Julie Smith	Countryside Aide to Class	2005-06	Contract issued in error.

2. Appointments (Employment, Mentor Assignments, Staff Reappt List)

(a) Employment (Ratification): Certificated

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary or Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Replacement/ Reason</u>
Lauren Stanton Special Education Teacher	Fleetwood to 06-30-06	09-01-05 \$42,000.00 Per annum	Step 1/BA 1/2 Replacing Crystal Harms	1/2 new position
Jennifer Steinhauer	Harrington Interim Leave Replacement Teacher - Language Arts	09-01-05 to 01-31-06	Step 1/BA \$42,000.00 Prorated	Replacing Marissa Phillips

(b) Employment (Ratification): Non-Certificated

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary or Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Replacement/ Reason</u>
Rita Dolan	Hartford Aide to Class	09-01-05	Step 1 \$10,100.00	Replacing Suzanne Morrow
Marie Drozdz	Hartford Aide to Class	09-01-05	Step 1 \$10,100.00	Replacing Susan Nuhn (Resigned)
Deborah Eck	Hartford Aide to Class	09-01-05	Step 1 \$10,100.00	Replacing Cyretha Gates
Renee Epstein	Springville Aide to Class	09-01-05	Step 1 \$10,100.00	Replacing Jennifer Brooks (Transferred to another position)
Jessica Johanson	Countryside Play Aide	09-01-05	Step 1 \$3,532.00	Vacancy
Matthew Mortimer	Harrington Aide to Class	09-01-05	Step 1 \$10,100.00	Replacing Carla Lutricuso
Linda Smiley	Springville Aide to Class	09-01-05	Step 1 \$10,100.00	Vacancy
Susan Zimmerman	Fleetwood .5 PSD Aide to Class	09-01-05	Step 1 (.5) \$5,050.00	New position

3. Leaves of Absence (Medical, Revised, Return, Personal, Child Rearing)

(a) Revised Leaves of Absence

Name/ Building &

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Pay Status</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Christina Dougherty (Extension of Medical Leave)	Hattie Britt	With Pay	09-01-05 to 11-01-05
Beverly Hennegan Medical Leave	Harrington Math	With Pay	09-15-05 to 10-23-05
Family Leave		Without Pay	10-24-05 to 01-16-06
Maternity Leave		Without Pay	01-17-06 to 01-31-06

4. Status Changes and Staff Transfers

(a) Staff Transfer: Certificated Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building(s) & Assignment(s)</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Brooks	Springville Aide to Class Springville PSD Aide to Class	09-01-05

5. Salary Adjustments

(a) Salary Adjustments Due to Movement on Salary Guide

<u>Name</u>	<u>From Salary Info</u>	<u>To Salary Info</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Virginia Egbert	Step 13/MA Antinovitch \$700.00 longevity	Step 13/MA15 \$62,900.00 plus \$700.00 longevity	09-01-05 \$63,750.00 plus
Wendy (Bitman) Cohen	Step 5/BA \$44,250.00	Step 5/MA \$48,150.00	09-01-05
Kathleen Cipollone	Step 13/BA15 \$60,050.00 plus \$700.00 longevity	Step 13/BA30 \$61,050.00 plus \$700.00 longevity	09-01-05
Emily Garcia	Step 3/BA \$43,750.00	Step 3/BA15 \$44,800.00	09-01-05
Elle Hecht	Step 14/MA30 \$76,012.00 plus \$2,000.00 longevity	Step 14/MA45 \$77,012.00 plus \$2,000.00 longevity	09-01-05
Molly Nyikita	Step 4/BA \$44,000.00	Step 4/MA \$47,900.00	09-01-05

(b) Salary Adjustments: Certificated

<u>Name/</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>
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<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary Info</u>	<u>Salary Info</u>	<u>Date</u>
Trudy Quigley Hartford	Step 12/BA30 \$56,050.00 plus \$500.00 Longevity	Step 12/BA30 \$56,050.00 plus \$700.00 Longevity	09-01-05

6. Substitute Staff (Teachers, Aides, Secretaries, Custodians)

(a) Substitute Teachers

Mary Elizabeth Bowers	Jennifer Mullen
Kristen Brennen	Martin Paone
Jason Caldwell	Marcus Parvitz
Emily Kinn	Kandi Tucker
Elizabeth Lavertu	

(b) Substitute Aides

Anita Frei
Marie Heppler
Julie Smith

(c) Substitute Secretary

Marie Heppler

7. Community Education Program & Extended Day Care Program

(a) Extended Day Care Program - Employment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Constance Jiggetts	Substitute EDC Aide	\$8.50/hr

(b) Extended Day Care Program - Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dane Rosenfeld (Resigned)	EDC Supervisor	09-01-05

8. Practicum Assignments and Student Teaching Experiences

(a) Student Teaching Experience

<u>College</u>	<u>Student & Area</u>	<u>Semester/Dates</u>	<u>Assignment Info</u>
Rider	Laurie Erb	01-23-06 to	Marianne Wildeman

9. Clubs/After School Activities, Extracurricular/Addl Assignments Intramural and Interscholastic Activities

(a) Clubs/After School Activities - 2005-2006

<u>BUILDING/ Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
HARTFORD		
Art Club 5	Georgine Bradbury	\$ 510.00 (PTO funded)
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Poetry Club	Antionietta Spano	\$ 760.00 (PTO funded)
Jazz Band	Gail Carpenter	\$1,000.00 (PTO funded)
Fitness Club	Daniel Bruce	\$ 510.00 (PTO funded)
Digital Photography	Nick Handley	\$1,000.00 (PTO funded)
Sign Language Club	Neisha Bruce	\$ 760.00 (PTO funded)

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

10. Tuition Reimbursement

Held for the September 27, 2005 regular public meeting.

N. POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Per the attached agenda.

O. ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

None was offered.

P. OLD BUSINESS

a. Ms. Siegel reviewed the focus group assignments with the Board.

Q. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Board agreed to add an October work session meeting on October 18, 2005 and to move the October 25, 2005 meeting to October 24, 2005.

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Jones, 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 9:05 p.m. Ms. Siegel 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**

The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 9:44 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Frey.

Also Present: Dr. Rath, Mr. Wachter.

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, 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)