

**MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP
OF EDUCATION**

WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 21, 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 Board Room of the Hattie Britt Administration Building, located 330 Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, NJ, by Ms. Diane Blair, Vice President, at 7:30 p.m.

B. NOTICE OF MEETING

Ms. Blair 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, September 13, 2005, October 24, 2005".

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL

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

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 informed the Board that the district received the first budget download today, but we are still waiting for budget calendar guidelines. She advised the Board that a special Board meeting to review the budget maybe necessary the first or second week of March.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that the district has submitted an application to be an approved SES provider. This will enable the district to be a state approved vendor for after school tutoring. She thanked the efforts of Karen Andronici, Larry O’Keefe and Linda Goldkrantz.
- Dr. Rath stated that the Parent University held on February 16, was a success and she thanked the Municipal Alliance and Marie Reynolds for their efforts.
- Mrs. Wolfe asked for clarification on the enrollment report and how the district handles the mid-year influx of new students.
- Mr. Greatrex asked if it is common for an influx of new students during or right after the winter break.
- Mr. Greatrex congratulated the Administration and Marie Reynolds for a job well done with the February 16, Parent University.
- Mrs. Blair stated that she also heard good things about the Parent University.

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

- All Board members received an invitation from Fleetwood School for the Olympic Read Across America celebration on March 1, 2006.

2. Board Reports

(a) Negotiations

Mrs. Blair stated that the negotiations committee met with the MLEA to discuss a contract issue.

(b) BCSBA

Ms. Haynes stated that she, Mrs. Siegel and Dr. Rath attended the February 6, 2006 meeting.

(c) NJSBA

No report.

(d) Lenape Council

No report.

(e) Library

Ms. Haynes stated that she attended a meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

(f) PTO Liaison

No report.

3. Ad Hoc Committeesa. Schools for Polling Places

Mr. Greatrex stated that he has received one response so far to his letter seeking interest from certain establishments in Mount Laurel to becoming a polling place .

b. Increased Enrollment Impact

Ms. Jones stated that she will give a report at the Regular Board meeting.

J. **TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

As per the attached agenda.

K. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Blair opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 7:50 p.m.

None was offered.

L. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Mr. Greatrex asked for clarification on item #4

M. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board of Education approved the following personnel action items:

N. **PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS** **ACTION ITEMS 1-8**

1. Termination of Employment: Certificated and Non-Certificated
2. Appointments: Certificated and Non-Certificated
3. Leaves of Absence: Certificated and Non-Certificated
4. Salary Adjustments: Certificated and Non-Certificated
5. Substitutes: Teachers and Support Staff
6. Community Education Program & Extended Day Care Program
7. Practicum Experience
8. Child Study Team

Item 1. TERMINATIONS (Resignations)

(a) RESIGNATION: CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Sheri Maston	Harrington Language Arts	2-28-06	Personal

(b) RESIGNATION: NON-CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Earl Chandler	Transportation Bus Driver	2-01-06	Retirement
Jose Morales	Countryside Custodian	6-30-06	Personal
Catherine Farr	Larchmont Aide to Class	2-07-06	Personal
Jane Macrina	Parkway EDC Aide AM only	2-17-06	Personal

Saleha Lakdawala	Hartford Aide to Class	2-17-06	Personal
Jonathan Murray	Hillside Custodian	2-15-06	Personal
Elizabeth Chilcote	Hartford Aide to Class	2-28-06	Personal

Item 2. APPOINTMENTS (Employment)

(a) EMPLOYMENT: CERTIFICATED

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date	Salary or Hourly Rate	Replacement/ Reason
Suzanne Haftman	Masonville Supervisor of Community Ed. & EDC	3-15-06	\$50,000	Linda Goldkrantz Retirement
Frank Williams	Harrington Language Arts Interim	3-01-06	1/200 th of \$42,000	Sheri Maston Personal

Recommendation: It is recommended the individual(s) listed above be appointed to the positions indicated for the 2005-06 school year.

(b) EMPLOYMENT: NON-CERTIFICATED-INTERIMS

Name	Building & Assignment	Effective Date	Salary or Hourly Rate	Replacement/ Reason
Mary Elizabeth Bowers	Fleetwood Interim Aide to Class	3-01-06	Step 1 \$10,100	IEP Driven
Julie Smith	Countryside Interim Aide to Class	3-01-06	Step 1 \$10,100	Lisa Miotla Abandonment of position

Recommendation: It is recommended that the individual(s) listed above be appointed to the positions indicated for the 2005-06 school year.

Item 3. LEAVES OF ABSENCE (Medical, Personal)

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

Name	Building & Assignment	Pay Status	Dates
Maureen Loftus	Springville Special Education	With Pay	4-13-06 to 5-16-06
Maternity		Without Pay	5-17-06 to 6-30-06
Janet Rosenberg	Hillside Grade 2	With Pay	2-14-06 to 2-15-06 (1/2)
Family Medical		Without Pay	2-15-06 (1/2) to 2-17-06
Laura Merrill	Larchmont Special Education	With Pay	2-01-06 to 2-28-06
Medical			

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

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

Name	Building & Assignment	Pay Status	Dates
Mariann Rita	Countryside Aide to Class	Without Pay	1-09-06 to 6-30-06
Medical			

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

(c) PERSONAL LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE: NON-CERTIFICATED

Name	Building & Assignment	Pay Status	Dates
Belle Niblo Moffa	Transportation Bus Driver	Without Pay	3-13-06 to 3-22-06
Personal (Family Leave)			

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

(d) RETURN FROM LEAVE: CERTIFICATED

Name	Building & Assignment	Dates
Keri Mikulski	Harrington Language Arts	9-01-06

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

(e) RETURN FROM LEAVE: NON-CERTIFICATED

Name	Building & Assignment	Dates
Catherine Farr	Larchmont Aide to Class	2-06-06
Roseann Paesani	Countryside Aide to Class	2-07-06

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

(f) EXTENSION OF LEAVE: NON- CERTIFICATED

Name	Building & Assignment	Pay Status	Effective Dates
Michael Byrd Medical	Transportation Bus Driver	Without Pay	2-06-06 to 2-15-06

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

Item 4. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

(a) SALARY ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO MOVEMENT ON SALARY GUIDE

Name	From Salary Info	To Salary Info	Effective Date
Amanda Feeley	Step 4/BA15 \$45,050	Step 4/BA30 \$46,050	2-01-06

Stephanie Jacobs	Step12/MA30 \$61,244	Step 12/MA45 \$62,270	2-01-06
Amy Maute	Step 9/MA \$49,400 + \$500	Step 9/MA15 \$50,250 + \$500	2-01-06
Dana Rupert	Step 7/BA15 \$45,800	Step 7/BA30 \$46,800	2-01-06
Karen Saybolt	Step 13/BA15 \$60,050 + \$500	Step 13/BA30 \$61,050 + \$500	2-01-06
Antoinette Spano	Step 5/MA \$51,250	Step 5/MA45 \$52,275	2-01-06

Recommendation: It is recommended that the above salary adjustments be approved as indicated.

Item 5. SUBSTITUTE STAFF (Teachers)

(a) SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (S)

Kevin King
Eileen Pacheco
Christine Smith
Nancy Napoli
Elizabeth Chilcote
Stephanie Bendel
Jacqueline Thomson

Recommendation: It is recommended that the above individuals be approved as substitute teachers for the 2005-06 school year.

Item 6. COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

(a) COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Dance Time Productions	Social Dancing for adult's	60% tuition
Core Academy of Dance	Children's dance classes	60% tuition
Adam Riser	Guitar instructor	\$20/hr
Terrane Polnitz	Basketball Clinics	65% tuition
Len Mangiaracina	Marine Powerboat Handling	60% tuition
Nick Handley	Adult Computer classes	\$30/hr
Nick Handley	Summer Computer Camps	65% tuition
Buddy Long	Golf clinics	60% tuition
Sharon Richman	The Knitting Store	60% tuition
Mike Landers	NJ Sailing School	60% tuition

Vicki LeMaster	Jewelry Wiring classes	\$20/hr
Valerie Gargus	Jr. Theater Director	65% tuition
Cindy Tedesco	Jr. Theater Music Instructor	\$792 for program

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

Item 7. PRACTICUM ASSIGNMENTS

(a) FIELD ASSIGNMENTS

<u>College</u>	<u>Student & Area</u>	<u>Semester/Dates</u>	<u>Assignment Info</u>
Widener	Andrew Lankford Elementary	15 Hours Starting 3-01-06	Sue Wotring Parkway
Burlington County	Eileen Condon Elementary	12 Hours Starting 3-07-06	Karen Beatty Larchmont
Burlington County	Jessica Alden Elementary	15 Hours Starting 3-01-06	Kathleen Donlin Angela Kuch Fleetwood
Rowan University	John Bauman Christopher Chapman Amanda Coburger Matthew DiDonna Megan Heber Jessica Henderson	4 Hours 3-08-06	Melissa Strong Fleetwood
Rowan University	Bryan McCabe Allison Pindale Mark Przybylowski Kenneth Rafter Amber Simpson Corey Stryker	4 Hours 4-15-06	Melissa Strong Fleetwood

Item 8. CHILD STUDY TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Pay Status</u>
Joann Ginis	My Buddy & Me	After School \$12.00 maximum 3 hours per week

Recommendation: It is recommended that the above individuals be approved as indicated.

O. **POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

Discussion per the attached agenda.

P. **ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Blair opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:05 p.m.

- Nancy Reed 149 Knotty Oak Drive, Mt. Laurel, asked about the availability of the exhibits listed in the agenda.

Q. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Dr. Rath updated the Board on the progress of the lobbyist hired by all the Lenape sending districts. She also stated that she will be meeting with certain members of the Assembly seeking additional state aid for technology.

R. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

S. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Frey, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

All Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

(President)