

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION

JANUARY 24, 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. Helen Siegel, President, at 6:45 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, September 13, 2005, October 24, 2005 and January 19, 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. Haynes, Ms. Jones, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Siegel.

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

D-1 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mrs. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Frey, the Board voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters at approximately 6:47 p.m.

Ms. Siegel announced that the items discussed in Executive Session could be released to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Roll Call Vote: Yes - Mrs. Jones, Mr. Frey, Ms. Blair, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Greatrex,, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Siegel. Motion Carried

D-2 **RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the Board voted to return to public session. The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Mrs. Jones, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Blair, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Frey, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Siegel. Motion Carried

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

F. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Dr. Rath read the proclamation acknowledging School Board recognition month to the Board and Public.

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

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Dr. Rath stated that January 30, 2006 was the last day for enrollment for the sick leave enhancement plan.
- Dr. Rath stated that the 2005 QAAR goals were approved by the county office.
- Dr. Rath stated that we are still awaiting information on the 2006-2007 budget guidelines.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that the Fleetwood School burglary case remains unsolved and that we are moving forward with an insurance claim.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board about the Parent University presentation by Dr. Fallen on February 16, 2006 at Harrington Middle School.
- Mrs. Haynes asked for clarification on a suspension at Hartford School.

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

- Mr. Greatrex stated that he received an e-mail from a parent in regards to an incident at Harrington Middle School.
- Mrs. Wolfe stated that she received an e-mail based on an “in-balance” of religious celebrations.
- Mrs. Jones stated that she received a verbal comment on the same issue.
- Mrs. Siegel stated that she received an e-mail from a parent on PTO sponsored clubs and supervision.
- Mrs. Siegel also received an e-mail that was positive about the week schools were closed this past November.
- Mrs. Siegel received an e-mail from Mr. & Mrs. Cornell thanking the Board and Dr. Rath for acknowledging their daughter at a Board meeting.

2. Board Reports

(a) Negotiations

Setting up meeting with the MLEA to discuss a contract issue.

(b) BCSBA

Next Meeting February 6, 2006.

(c) NJSBA

Delegate Assembly May 20, 2006

(d) Lenape Council

No report.

(e) Library

No report .

(f) PTO Liaison

No report.

3. Ad Hoc Committees

a. Schools for Polling Places

No report.

b. Increased Enrollment Impact

Next meeting February 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

J. **TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

As per the attached agenda.

K. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Siegel opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:15 p.m.

None was offered.

L. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Mr. Greatrex commented on item #6 and asked for clarification on item #7

M. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

N. **PERSONNEL**

Discussion per the attached agenda.

- Mrs. Siegel asked for clarification on the sick leave enhancement. The names will be added as an addendum to next weeks meeting.
- Mrs. Wolfe asked for clarification on item #4.

O. **POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

Discussion per the attached agenda.

P. **ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

None was offered.

Q. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Greatrex commented on how nice it was to have the Harrington Student Council President speak to the Board at the last Board meeting.

R. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Crowe, seconded by Mr. Frey, the Board of Education voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters at approximately 8:30 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**

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Ms. Haynes the Board voted to return to public session. The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Greatrex, seconded by Mr. Gallagher the board hereby determines, based on the Evidence presented at the hearing held on this date, that the family of A.M. does not reside in Mount Laurel and has not resided in Mount Laurel at any time during the 2005-06 school year; and hereby accepts the recommendation of Administration to disenroll students B.M. and J.M. and seek tuition for all dates of unauthorized attendance.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Mr. Greatrex, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Blair, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Frey, Ms. Haynes, Mrs. Jones, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Siegel. Motion Carries

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Ms. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20p.m.

All Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

(President)