

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION

MAY 17, 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."

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL

Roll Call - Members Present: Mr. Crowe, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Jones, Ms. Pelly, 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 informed that there was a reception at the Alice Paul House today for the Burlington County Women's History Month Project. Dr. Rath announced that Hillside School took second place.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that Hillside School was a state finalist for the Amistad Award. The Department of Education has a site visit to Hillside School scheduled for June 6, 2005.
- Dr. Rath informed the Board that Harrington Middle School Science Teacher Maureen Barrett received a grant from the Audubon Society. Her class is putting a fence and butterfly garden at the corner of Union Mill and Hartford Roads.
- Dr. Rath announced that Harrington Middle School received national recognition from the National Middle School/Prentice Hall Competition. Harrington Middle School received honorable mention for its volunteer mentoring program.
- Dr. Rath reported that Dragan Vujovic, a second grader at Larchmont School, won a Soil Conservation Essay Contest.

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

1. Reports

NOTE: Board reports will resume in May.

- (a) Negotiations
- (b) BCSBA
- (c) NJSBA
- (d) Lenape Council
- (e) Library
- (f) PTO Liaison

2. Ad Hoc Committees

- a. Schools for Polling Places
- b. Board Bylaws
- c. Increased Enrollment Impact

I. **TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

As per the attached agenda.

J. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Siegel opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:47 p.m.

None was offered.

K. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

L. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

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

M. **PERSONNEL**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

N. **POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

Per the attached agenda.

O. **ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Siegel opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 9:05 p.m.

None was offered.

P. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Q. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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 personnel matters at approximately

9:06 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 9:34 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Frey.

Also Present: Dr. Rath, Mr. Wachter.

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Pelly, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.

All Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

(President)