

# MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP OF EDUCATION

## WORK SESSION

September 15, 2009

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 at 330 Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel, NJ, by Ms. Diane Blair, 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 May 1, 2009.

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL

Roll Call - Members Present: Ms. Elliott, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Jones, Ms. Sojka, Ms. Wolfe, Mr. Frey, Ms. Blair.

Board Member Absent: Mr. Crowe

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**

Discussion as per attached agenda

- Dr. Rath informed the Board that Mr. Wachter, Mr. Smith and herself met with the Mayor, Township Manager and with representatives from Mount Laurel Basketball to discuss Building fee's for custodial overtime.

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) BCSBA

Mr. Gallagher stated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2009.

(b) NJSBA

No report.

(c) Library

Ms. Jones stated that the next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2009. She also stated that the Mount Library was recognized by the state of New Jersey for it's program offerings.

(d) PTO Liaison

Ms. Jones stated that the next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2009.

3. **Board Committee Reports**

## (a) Negotiations

Mr. Gallagher stated that the committee met on September 14, 2009.

## (b) Budget/Finance

Mr. Wachter stated that the committee met on September 14, 2009 and discussed the Solar Feasibility study. A presentation will be made to the full Board in October. The committee also discussed Health Benefits projected increase.

## (c) Policy

Ms. Haynes stated that the committee met on September 9, 2009 and the policies discussed are moving forward.

## (d) Curriculum/Instruction

Ms. Wolfe stated that the committee met on September 14, 2009 and a report will be given next week.

## (e) Communications/Community Relations

Mr. Gallagher stated that the committee met earlier this evening and a report will be given next week.

J. **TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

1. Opening School Report – Enrollment/Class Size  
Dr. Sharon Vitella
2. Nurse’s Report –  
Dr. Sharon Vitella
3. Personnel Status Report –  
Ms. Karen Andronici

- Ms. Blair thanked Dr. Vitella and Ms. Andronici for their presentations this evening.
- Ms. Blair thanked all the staff for the district’s successful opening for this school year.

K. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Blair opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:17 p.m.

None was offered.

After all those who wished to address the Board had the opportunity to do so, Ms. Blair closed the public comment portion of the meeting at approximately 8:17 p.m.

L. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Ms. Jones asked for clarification on item #3.
- Ms. Elliott commended item #5, and the fact that the teacher Ms. Ellington had such a positive effect on her student Chara Kramer.

M. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

N. **PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS**

Discussion as per the attached agenda.

- Ms. Jones asked for clarification on item #7.
- Dr. Rath expressed her sadness in the retirement of Linda Monelli and her appreciation for her dedicated years of service to the district.
- Ms. Haynes stated that at the Regular Meeting the Board would accept the retirement with regret. All Board members agreed.

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 8:20 p.m.

None was offered.

After all those who wished to address the Board had the opportunity to do so, Ms. Blair closed the public comment portion of the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Q. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Ms. Jones stated that she and Ms. Haynes attended the Lenape Reception this past Friday. She stated that the new construction looked great.

She also stated that a parent complained to her about the school calendar and she directed her to the Superintendent.

- Ms. Jones requested that Hillside give a presentation to the Board on the I-Pods. The kids are doing wonderful things.

R. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None for this meeting.

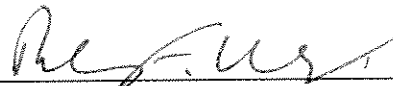
S. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

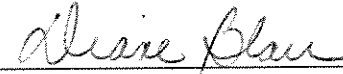
T. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded Mr. Frey, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 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)