

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

MARCH 28, 2006

A. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT**

The Regular Public Meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Board of Education was called to order in the Cafeteria of the Hartford School, located at 397 Hartford 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, September 13, 2005, October 24, 2005".

C. **FLAG SALUTE**

D. **BOARD OF EDUCATION ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Mr. Crowe

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

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Haynes, the minutes of February 28, 2006 Regular Public Meeting, the February 28, 2006 Executive Session, the March 14, 2006 Special Meeting, the March 14, 2006 Executive Session the March 21, 2006 Work Session and the March 21, 2006 Executive Session were approved.

Roll Call Vote: YES – Ms. Jones Mr. Frey, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Greatrex (Abstained March 14, 2006), Ms. Haynes, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Blair, Ms. Siegel . Motion carried

F. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Each month, a student from Harrington Middle School will be in attendance at the Board Meeting to provide a short presentation on Middle School activities. Tonight, Board of Education members would like to recognize the attendance of Harrington Middle School student Janae' Pringle.

Board Awards

The Board of Education presented an award of recognition to Hartford fifth-grade student Ellie Lieberman. Ellie, the originator of *Ellie's Seeds of Hope*, has worked tirelessly to raise funds and awareness to combat Multiple Sclerosis. Her efforts recently resulted in her recognition by New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine and designation of March 12-18 as MS Awareness Week and March 14 as MS Day of Hope in New Jersey.

The Board of Education also presented awards of recognition to the following members of the Harrington Middle School Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams for winning their league championships:

Boys' Team

Coaches: Doug Wagner and Steve Beyer

Players: Doug Brown, Vangelis Carabasas, Bryan Clayton, Kevin Cunningham, Jeffrey Dinich, Jordan Enlow, Harmandip Ghumon, Phillip Hart-Jackson, Ryan Holloway, Stefan Kancylarz, Chris Malinowski, Charles Meyer, Joshua Nace, Dajon Roach, Billy Robertson, Brad Robertson, Evan Wright

Girls' Team

Coaches: Gayle Sklar and Alan Smith

Players: Moira Anthony, Nicole Bianco, Maya Bryant, Victoria Coppola, Katelyn Davis, Jacqueline Dunning, Elise DiDonato, Christina Foggie, Maya Hinton, Brianna Hood, Margaret Keenan, Allison Kushner, Megan Upton, Carolyn Wiley

The Board of Education presented an award of recognition to Harrington Middle School student Michael Weaver in acknowledgement of his earning the elite rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 15.

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

1. **Enrollment Report**

The Enrollment Report as of February 28, 2006 was included in the agenda as Exhibit #3 to be filed in the Minute Book

2. Attendance Report

The Attendance Report for the month of February 2006 was included in the agenda as Exhibit #4 to be filed in the Minute Book .

3. Suspension Reports

The Suspension Reports for the month of February 2006 were included in the agenda as Exhibit #5 to be filed in the Minute Book.

- Dr. Rath updated the Board on some Harrington Middle School issues dealing with discipline and school security.

- Dr. Rath acknowledged Ms, Siegel for her tenure as Board President. On behalf of everyone Dr. Rath thanked Ms. Siegel for her efforts.

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

a. Mr. Wachter gave the Board an update on the Capital Projects 2003.

b. Report on the Drawing for position on the April 18, 2006 Annual School Election ballot which was held on March 8, 2006.

c. Mr. Wachter discussed bus bids.

d. Mr. Wachter acknowledged Art Hayton, Jack Swartwood, Alana Lum, and Kathy Lewis for their efforts with the latest round of Bus Inspections.

I. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

1. Correspondence

No report.

2. Board Reports

a. Negotiations

Ms. Blair stated that the negotiations committee met with the MLEA to discuss the Sidebar Agreement contract language.

b. BCSBA

Ms. Haynes stated that a meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2006.

c. NJSBA

No report.

d. Lenape Council

No report.

e. Library

No report.

f. PTO Liaison

Ms. Siegel stated that a meeting was held Thursday, March 30, 2006. The main topics were Budget issues and getting out the vote.

3. Ad Hoc Committeesa. Schools for Polling Places

No report.

J. **TOPIC PRESENTATIONS**

No presentation for this meeting.

K. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

The following individuals spoke during the public portion to discuss issues involving the Harrington Middle School. Their comments centered on school security, discipline, communication between the school and parents and the need for community involvement and information through programs such as the upcoming gang awareness assembly and parent meeting:

- Paul Molnar, 34 Daylily Drive
- Cindy Resch, 8 Conover Court
- Maurice Clayton, 2308 Denim Court
- Cindy DiPietrantonio, 2 Forrest Court
- Austin Craley, 136 Brenywood Drive

- Kelly Cucinata, 102 St. Andrews Drive
- Kathryn O’Hara, 11 Telford Lane
- Patty Jones, 806 Braddock Terrace
- Lorraine Clappen, 4 Avon Court
- Jim Smith, 207 Willow Turn
- Steve Beyer, 6 Eastt Coach Lane
- Betsey Turgeon, 160Schoolhouse Lane

After all those who wished to address the Board had the opportunity to do so, Ms. Siegel closed the public comment portion of the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Frey, the Board of Education approved the following Curriculum and Instruction action items:

L. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Conference Approvals

The following conference requests, as per the negotiated agreement, for the following personnel:

Kristen McDonald – Pathwise: Teaching & Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL from June 22 through June 28, 2006

Karen Andronici – Pathwise: Teaching & Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL from June 22 through June 28, 2006.

2. Harrington’s Spring Sports Schedule

Harrington’s Spring Interscholastic Sports Schedule as per the attached exhibit #8 to be filed in he Minute Book.

3. Volunteers

The following volunteers have been approved:

Larchmont

- Marie Newby (Playground)

- Mackenzie Hoffman and Lauren Haag, Hartford Students, to volunteer time to Diane Canzanese to assist with the Art Show Projects and Planning. Days will vary, but the time will be approximately 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

4. 2006-2007 Calendar

2006-2007 district calendar as per the attached exhibit #9.

5. Approval of Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Contract

Contract with the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the following student as per the attached exhibit #10.

#03-143

6. Combined Kindergarten Sessions

Countryside School to combine preschool and kindergarten sessions on April 4, 2006 for Countryside's Gym Show and May 12, 2006 for Field Day.

7. Assistive Technology/Augmentative Communication Services

Jennifer Drenchek (Technology for Education and Communication Consulting, Inc.) to provide assistive technology/augmentative communication implementation and consultation to Mount Laurel student #98-199. Services will be provided for two hours per month during the months of April, May and June 2006 at the rate of \$90 per hour. The student is attending an out-of-district placement at Archbishop Damiano/St. John of God School.

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

On Motion of Ms. Jones seconded by Ms. Haynes, the Board of Education approve the following Business and Facilities action items:

M. **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES**

1. Secretary's Reports

The following financial reports pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23, 11(c)3 that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(a), as certified by the Board Secretary, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2 11(c)4 that no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-02.11(b) as contained in Exhibits #11A, #11B, #11C, and #11D to be filed in the Minute Book:

- (a) Secretary's Report as of February 28, 2006
- (b) Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2006
- (c) Budget Report as of February 28, 2006
- (d) Cafeteria Report as of February 28, 2006

1. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfers for 2005-06 as outlined in Exhibit #12 to be filed in the Minute Book.

3. Bill Lists

- (a) The bills for the month of March 2006 in the amount of \$2,633,406.69 per Exhibit #13 to be filed in the minute book.
- (b) Capital Projects 2003 in the amount of \$157.64 per Exhibit 13 to be filed in the Minute book.

4. Facility Use Request

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following facility use request in accordance with Board of Education Policy No. 1330 and Board of Education Regulations for use of the Auditorium.

- a. Silver's Karate Center would like to request use of the Hartford School gym on Sunday, July 11, 2006 for a Karate Belt Ceremony from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. The estimated charges are \$235.00.
- b. Dr. Jayashree Pain would like to request use of the Springville School cafeteria on Saturday, July 29, 2006 for an Indian cultural dance performance from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The estimated charges are \$479.00.
- c. NJAGC/Burlington County Consortium of Educators of the Gifted would like to request the use of the Harrington School Auditorium on Thursday, March 30, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a parent meeting. There are no fees associated with this use.

5. Food Service Contract Renewal

Nutri-Serve Food Management, Inc. renewal contract (year 4 of 5) for the 2006-2007 school year, as the food service management company for the Mt. Laurel School District with a management fee of \$0.0780 per meal and \$0.0446 per meal equivalent, Guarantee Break Even as per the attached exhibit #14 to be filed in the Minute Book.

6. Acceptance of PTO Donation

PTO donation to the Larchmont School in the amount of \$750.00 for additional Library Books and \$1,452.00 for the purchase of a set of Activ Vote Pods.

PTO donation of \$4,356.00 to Hillside School for three sets of Activ Vote Pods.

7. Award of School Bus Bid

- a. Bids for eight (8) 54-passenger school buses were opened on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. The bid is being awarded to H. A. Dehart & Sons, the lower bidder, as per the attached exhibit. Four (4) year lease/purchase at \$134,174.25 per year for a total of \$536,697.00.
- b. Bids for two (2) 16-passenger school buses were opened on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. The bid is being awarded to H. A. DeHart & Son, the low bidder, as per the attached exhibit. Four (4) year lease/purchase at \$24,263.15 per year for a total of \$97,052.62.

Roll Call Vote: YES – Ms. Jones, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Frey, Mr. Gallagher (ABSTAINED - Item #3), Mr. Greatrex, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Blair Ms. Siegel. Motion carried.

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

N. PERSONNELItem 1 APPOINTMENTS (Non-Certificated)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Replacement/ Reason</u>
Frank Talarico	Transportation Bus Driver	Step 1 \$10,386	Upon completion of paperwork	New position
Jules Krauses	Larchmont Night Custodian	Step 1 \$29,300	Upon completion of paperwork	Ivery Callaway Resigned
Robert Paul III	Fleetwood Night Custodian	Step 1 \$29,300	Upon completion of paperwork	Dan Hatvaney transferred to Hillside
Harley Johnson	Larchmont Night Custodian	Step 1 \$29,300	Upon completion of paperwork	John Turzanski Resigned
Kathleen Garrett	Larchmont Interim Aide to Class Autistic	Step 1 \$11,615	Upon completion of paperwork	Catherine Farr Resigned

Christine Jeckot	Harrington Stage Manager	\$17.00 per hr. Part time	Upon completion of paperwork	Shannon Lawrence Resigned
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Recommendation: It is recommended that the above individual(s) be approved as indicated.

Item 2 TERMINATIONS (Resignations)

(a) RESIGNATION: CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Maureen Loftus Resignation	Springville Special Ed.	6-30-06	Personal
Alicia Stichweh Resignation	Fleetwood Grade 4	6-30-06	Personal
Barbara Charton Retirement	Harrington Computers	6-30-06	Personal

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

(b) RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS: NON-CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Renee Bellino	Hartford .5 Aide to Class	3-10-06	Personal
Richard Font	Fleetwood Custodian	3-10-06	Staying in the military
Ivery Callaway	Larchmont Custodian	3-13-06	Personal
Kathleen Pietras	Harrington Aide to Class	3-17-06	Personal
John	Larchmont	3-14-06	Personal

Turzanski	Custodian		
Joseph Furphy	Fleetwood Custodian	7-31-06	Retirement
Jonathan Capocci	Springville EDC Supervisor	3-15-06	Personal

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, Child Rearing)

(a) MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Name	Building & Assignment	Pay Status	Dates
Rose Ann Moreno Medical	Child Study Social Worker	With pay	2-27-06 to 5-31-06 & 6-01-06 (1/2)
		Without pay	6-01-06 (1/2) to 6-30-06
Stephanie Jacobs Medical Family Medical	Harrington Guidance	With pay	5-15-06 to 6-30-06
		Without pay	9-01-06 to 11-24-06
		Without pay	11-27-06 to 6-30-07
Jean Kuffer Medical	Parkway Grade 2	With pay	3-27-06 to 4-13-06

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

(b) EXTENSION OF LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE: CERTIFICATED

Name	Building & Assignment	Pay Status	Dates
Lori Karsch Child	Harrington Guidance	Without pay	9-01-06 to 6-30-07

Rearing			
Megan Mitchell Child Rearing	Fleetwood .5 Kindergarten	Without pay	9-01-06 to 6-30-07
Melissa Winkel Family Medical	Hillside Grade 2	Without pay	9-01-06 to 10-15-06
Debra Malast Medical	Harrington Language Arts	With pay	4-01-06 to 5-22-06
		Without pay	5-23-06 to 6-30-06

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

(c) RETURN FROM LEAVE(S): CERTIFICATED

Name	Building & Assignment	Return Date
Carolyn Markley	Hillside Grade 3	2-27-06
Laura Merrill	Larchmont Special Ed.	3-02-06

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

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

Name	Building & Assignment	Pay Status	Dates
Susan Zimmerman Family Medical	Fleetwood Aide to Class	Without pay	2-27-06 to 5-27-06
Linda Priole Medical	Transportation Bus Driver	With pay	2-14-06 to 4-23-06
Charlene	Transportation	With pay	2-23-06 to

Bozman Medical	Bus Driver		3-28-06
Linda Kavanagh Medical	Larchmont Office Aide	With pay	4-24-06 to 6-08-06
		Without pay	6-09-06 to 6-30-06

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

Item 4. SUBSTITUTE STAFF (Teachers)

(a) SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (S)

Kissam, Mary Ann
Soll, Jacquelyn
Tattory, Karen
Bernard, Beth
Alexander, Aisha

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

(b) SUBSTITUTE BUS AIDE/BUS DRIVER

Delmar Horn – Bus Aide
Joseph Luttrell – Bus Driver

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

(c) SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN(S)

Christopher Reinert
Donald Staiger
Anthony Peoples

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

Item 5 COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

(a) COMMUNITY SPRING/SUMMER INSTRUCTORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Territa Sorden	Crochet Instructor	\$20/hr.

Sue O'Brien	One Stroke Painting	\$20/hr.
Vicki LeMaster	Jewelry Making	60% of tuition
Asa Cansler	Fitness, Dance Substitute	\$20/hr.

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

Item 6 STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCES

(a) STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE(S)

<u>College</u>	<u>Student & Area</u>	<u>Semester/Dates</u>	<u>Assignment Info</u>
Philadelphia Biblical University	Megan Padden Grade 2	10-25-06 to 12-13-06	Debbie Gaines Springville
Rowan	Luanne Masson Grade 3	9-05-06 to 10-20-06	Suzanne Hunt Springville
Rowan	Joseph Radice Physical Science	9-05-06 to 10-20-06	Dennis Jakubowski Parkway
Rowan	Kathryn Haughey Health & Physical Science	10-23-06 to 12-22-06	Judi Ruff Harrington
Rowan	Melissa Minuto Physical Science	9-05-06 to 10-20-06	Janice Martin Larchmont
Rowan	Matthew Rentzel Music	9-05-06 to 10-20-06	Melissa Strong Fleetwood
Rider	Carle Zalan-Korossy Grade 1	1-22-07 to 4-27-07	Jane Kitchen Springville

Recommendation: It is recommended that the above individual(s) be approved to complete his/her Student Teaching Experience in the Mount Laurel district as indicated.

Item 7 CLUBS

(a) CLUBS 2005-06

<u>Building Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Hartford Game Board	Paul Devery	\$1,000 PTO funded
Harrington	Elizabeth Lubin	\$2,350 replacing

Asst. Lacrosse Coach

Michelle DeLucia

Recommendation: It is recommended that the above individuals be approved for the activity and stipend as indicated.

Item 8. CHILD STUDY TEAM

(a) AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building & Assignment</u>	<u>Pay Status</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Mathew Mortimer	Harrington Aide coverage for special ed. student to participate in intramural activities	\$9.30 per hr. 1.5 hrs. per day 1 to 3 days a wk.	IEP Driven

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

Item 9. STATUS CHANGE: NON-CERTIFICATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building/ Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Andrew Fagan	Harrington interim Head Custodian nights to Permanent Head Custodian nights	4-01-06	No change
Cynthia Bennett	Fleetwood Autistic Aide to Aide to Class	3-24-06	From Step 1 \$11,615 to Step 1 \$10,100

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

On motion of Ms. Blair, seconded by Mr. Greatrex, the Board of Education approved the following Policy and Legislation items:

O. POLICY AND LEGISLATION

No items for this meeting.

P. **ADDITIONAL REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Siegel opened the meeting for public comment at approximately 8:50 p.m.

None was offered

Q. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Siegel discussed the issue of leadership change for the Board.

Ms. Haynes expressed an interest to become President and Ms. Jones and Mr. Frey expressed interest in Vice President position.

Ms. Jones, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Wolfe and Mr. Frey thanked Ms. Siegel for her leadership and efforts. The remaining Board members concurred.

Mss. Siegel thanked the Board for their support.

R. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Ms. Jones, 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 8:55 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 Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Wolfe the Board voted to return to public session. The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 10:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Frey was not present for this discussion.

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

- The Board accepted the retirement of Joan Horneff effective June 30, 2006 with regret.
- The Board agreed to the 3 month extension for the services of the Lenape sending district Lobbyist for 3 months (approximate) cost \$1,200 per month.

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Haynes, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:05 p.m.

All Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

(President)