

MOUNTAIN LAKES BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, March 16, 2006

A Special Meeting of the Mountain Lakes Borough Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Lakes High School.

Robert C. Rader
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Roll Call:

Present: Mrs. Boertzel
 Mrs. Brennan
 Mrs. Dawson
 Mr. Gniewek (7:35 p.m.)
 Mrs. Lareau
 Mrs. McCusker
 Mr. Munday
 Mr. Stokes
 Mrs. Wall
 Mrs. Pascarella, Boonton Township Representative (9:21 p.m.)

Absent: None

Also present: Dr. Kazmark, Superintendent, Tim Vrael, and members of the public.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Mountain Lakes Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Mountain Lakes Municipal Building and sent to the following newspapers: the Citizen of Morris County and the Morris County Daily Record.

PRESENTATIONS

Discussion of 2006-2007 Tentative Budget

Dr. Kazmark presented an overview of the tentative 2006-2007 school budget. He addressed staffing, program and the development process of the tentative budget. Dr.

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PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D).

Rader, Interim Business Administrator, addressed advertised appropriations, advertised revenue and reviewed a tax analysis of the tentative budget. The Board reviewed both expenditures and revenues and sought clarification of several issues. Mr. Tim Vrabel CPA, of Dickenson, Vrabel and Cassells, clarified issues on free balance, tuition reserves and tax increase information.

Dr. Kazmark presented information on areas of consideration for budget reductions of up to 2% of the tentative property tax increase.

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE MLEA PRESIDENT

Ms. Amal Hussein, MLEA President, requested that the Board not consider personnel cuts at any level because of the impact on students.

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Robert Reid, Principal of Wildwood School, requested no cuts in personnel because it would derail the carefully developed Educational Plan for the district.

Mr. Mark Cohen commented with regard to cuts in the capital budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Boertzel, seconded by Mrs. Wall to adopt a Resolution to enter into Closed Session to discuss Legal and Personnel matters. Resolution was duly read and the Board entered into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

Motion carried 9-0.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

At 9:23 p.m., the Board returned to public session.

Mrs. Pascarella joined the Board in Executive Session at 9:21 p.m.

The Board indicated that they reviewed possible cuts and were not unanimously prepared to cut personnel from the approved tentative budget. Several suggestions were made to improve the budgeting process from next year and explore additional sources of revenue. In further discussion following Executive Session the Board also decided not to cut capital projects.

Mrs. McCusker reminded the Board members of the need to respond quickly to the Superintendent Evaluation Forms that they would be receiving shortly.

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE MLEA PRESIDENT

Ms. Hussein thanked the Board for their careful consideration of the budget and advised that her trust in the Board was not misplaced.

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Wall, seconded by Mr. Gniewek, that meeting be adjourned at 10.08 p.m.

Motion carried 10-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Rader
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Regina Giardina, Stenographer

Meetings of the Mountain Lakes Board of Education

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>
March 27, 2006 (Public Hearing)	Regular Meeting	Mountain Lakes High School (7:30 p.m.)
April 3, 2006	Regular Meeting	Mountain Lakes High School (7:30 p.m.)
April 17, 2006	Regular Meeting	Mountain Lakes High School (7:30 p.m.)
April 18, 2006	School Election	St. Catherine's Parish Center (7:00 a.m – 9:00 p.m.)

May 1, 2006

Reorganization Meeting

Mountain Lakes High School
(7:30 p.m.)