

Joint Meeting

**Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Hunterdon County Vocational Education Board (Polytech)
Board of School Estimate
Main Street County Complex, Freeholders' Meeting Room
Flemington, New Jersey 08822**

Saturday, February 28, 2009

The joint meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Hunterdon County Vocational Board of Education (Polytech) Board of School Estimate convened at 8:16 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MR. MENNEN, MR. MELICK, MR. HOLT, MR. PETERSON, MR. SWOREN.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Mennen announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before February 23, 2009, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Lambertville Beacon, The Express, Courier News, Trenton Times, Hunterdon Review and The Star Ledger, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

Rhonda Paradis, Polytech Board President, gave a presentation on "The State of the School" from 8:20 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

Facilitator Diane Morris, of the New Jersey School Boards Association introduced herself and asked "What are Hunterdon County's expectations for today?"

The responses of those present included:

- Be proactive and develop a unified vision for Polytech
- Address facility needs and lease property.
- Decide on better use of tax payer funds
- Build a better relationship between boards

Questions and discussions took place regarding;

- Enrollment
- Duplication

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Polytech Board of School Estimate recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened in open session at 10:45 a.m.

Clarification was achieved to resolve a misunderstanding concerning the ability of Polytech to discuss additional space. The Polytech can discuss this issue but no formal action can take place without the approval of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Also discussed:

- Joint Goals
- Facilities plan
- Sending school participation
- Ad Hoc Committee
- Full-time concerns

Requested:

- Determine needs and short and long term goals.
- Develop a Facilities Plan
- Formulation of a plan with details that show how Polytech determines whether to start, continue or discontinue a course of study
- Assumptions from the members about the school that need to be addressed
- Present details of the full recruitment and marketing plan, and share a copy of the State of the School presentation

Formed subcommittee to develop a plan to address space needs:

After further discussion, both Boards agreed to form a subcommittee to address space needs. The subcommittee members will be: E. Martin, R. Paradis, R. Sworen, W. Mennen and K. Metz and the first meeting shall take place on March 09, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Boards, Freeholder Director Mennen and Polytech Superintendent, Kim Metz, adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Mennen, Freeholder Director