MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA –
WORK SESSION - MAY 8, 2007
PUBLIC AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Merchantville Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Retrospect, The Courier Post, Borough Hall, and Community Library.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Kabel_____	Mr. Honigfeld_____	Mr. Velten_____
Mr. Doran_____	Mr. Morrone_____	Mrs. Zeiders_____
Mr. Loue _____	Mr. Bohn_____	Mrs. Hartson-Stine_____

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

ELECTION RESULTS – UNOFFICIAL

The official results of the election are as follows:

For full three (3) year term:		
Edward Bohn	175	votes
Russell Loue	165	votes
Lorri Zeiders	31	votes
General Fund - $4,023,585.00		
YES	130	votes
NO	96	votes

There were six absentee ballots filed. One was rejected. The five approved did not include any “write-ins”.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience members attending Board of Education Meetings are permitted to voice their opinions on school-related topics at specified times during the regular meeting. These times are included in the printed agenda for the meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the public portion of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Enrollment information:

Current enrollment	367 students
Current Pre-K	30 students
Current K	43 students
Pre-K (new)	15 students (to date for ‘07)
K (new)	8 students (to date for ’07)

OLD BUSINESS
Items tabled from the Reorganization Meeting.
Appointments and Designations

Current Committees

Buildings and Grounds
Auditorium repairs and painting are complete.
Still pending - A quote for a new circular pump for the boiler is still pending.
A quote for painting in the locker rooms is still pending.
A quote for repairs to the carpeting in the Library is pending.
Cleaning and mulching of the small playground are scheduled for this week.

Carroll Will

Community Relations

Curriculum and technology

Discipline

Finance

High School
Pennsauken's Board of Education meeting is Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Personnel

Planning

Policy

Library

CCESC

Liaison to Pennsauken Board of Education
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of a Merchantville Borough Board of Education member as the liaison to the Pennsauken Board of Education.
Representative _____

Liaison to NJSBA
It is recommended that the board of education approve the appointment of a Merchantville Borough Board of Education member as a liaison to the NJSBA.
Representative_____

Establishment of Tuition-In Rate for the 2007/2008 School Years
It is recommended that the Board of Education establish a tuition-in rate for the 2007/2008 school year:

Currently –	**2006-2007**	
Pre-K	$ 1,850.00	_____
K through 3rd Grade	$ 2,600.00	_____
4th Grade through 8th Grade	$ 2,900.00	_____

Business Services Agreement – Pending receipt
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to enter a contract for Business Services for the 2007-2008 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
It is recommended that the board of education renew the Heartland Rehabilitation Services Contract to provide occupational and physical therapy to the district's students, as mandated in their IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) for the 2007-2008 school year.

Occupational therapy	$ 79.38 per hour	(Prior year, $ 75.60 per hour)
Physical therapy	$123.48 per hour.	(Prior year, $117.60 per hour)
Speech therapy	$154.35 per hour	(Prior year, $147.00 per hour)

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS RECOMMENDATIONS
(#1)
RECOMMENDED That the Board of Education approve the submission of the revised Merchantville School District Technology Plan (2007 – 2010).

Action of the Board_____

(#2)
RECOMMENDED That the Board of Education approve the (2007) Summer Music Program to be funded by the Marie J. Carroll Foundation at a cost of $2,000.

Action of the Board_____

(#3)
RECOMMENDED That the Board of Education approve the utilization of NCLB Title (II-A) funds to conduct curriculum development activities during the summer 2007, by specific curriculum committee members at the rate of $25.00 per hour.

Action of the Board _____

(#4)
RECOMMENDED It is recommended that the board of education approve to accept the grant award for fiscal year 2007 provided under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB):

Title I – Part A - Basic	$77,103.
Title II – Part II – Part A	$26,128.
Title II – Part D	$ 327.
Title III	$ 2,433.
Title IV	$ 2,593.
Title V	$ 986.

Some of these funds are allocated to the private schools located in Merchantville Borough. This allocation represents an approximate $5,000. decrease from the prior school year.

Action of the Board_____

(#5)
RECOMMENDED It is recommended that the board of education approve to renew the Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Merchantville, for snow removal and ground maintenance, in the amount of $ 9,600.

Action of the Board_____

(#6)
RECOMMENDED It is recommended that the board of education approve to renew the third year of a three-year agreement with GCA Services to provide custodial services for the district for school year 2007-2008. The custodial contract amount is $160,042.72, a 3% increase from the prior year ($155,381.28). Limited maintenance services are billed on an hourly basis.

Action of the Board_____

The CSA's recommendations for rehires for the next school year will be distributed at the meeting.
"Rice"/personnel letters were distributed to all employees.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION
It is recommended that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, personnel, or any other matter appropriate for this session. The results of this session will be made public immediately after, or as soon thereafter, as a decision is reached, if permitted by law.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

ADJOURNMENT