MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA – NOVEMBER 14, 2006

AGENDA

Room #105

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. Bohn_____	Mr. Kabel_____	Mr. Volkert_____
Mr. Doran_____	Mr. Morrone_____	Mrs. Zeiders_____
Mr. Honigfeld_____	Mr. Velten_____	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.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION - CHILD STUDY TEAM
Summary of Monitoring Report resulting from the on-site visitation conducted by the State of New Jersey on February 2 and 3, 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS
11/13/06 DRAFT
Merchantville BOE Goals & Objectives for 2006 - 2007

Buildings & Grounds – provide a physical environment for teaching and learning that is safe and pleasant for pupils, staff, and public.

- Work with administration to develop a list and budget for both short-term needs and long-term capital needs of the district. Present this list to the Board in late fall as preparation for budget development.
- Raise money for auditorium chairs.

Carroll Will

- Review use of Carroll Will funds for school trips. Can funds spent on school trips be reduced by tightening criteria on students that go on trips and limiting the number of trips?

Community Relations – provide an honest, continuous, comprehensive flow of information about the policies, procedures, programs, problems, and progress of the school system to the community and the staff.

- Promote public interest and participation in the operation of the school.

- Work with administration to develop a Parent Handbook that can be distributed to all school families and posted on the school Web site.
- Work with Curriculum & Technology Committee and administration to add BOE content to the Web site.
- Create a BOE Information sheet.

Curriculum & Technology – students shall demonstrate competency in language arts/literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, health and physical education, visual and performing arts, and world languages.

- Monitor implementation of SASI software for attendance and report cards by end of first marking period. Work with administration to develop a timetable implementation of additional features such as standardized test score tracking, scheduling, scheduling, etc.
- Continue to investigate reducing amount/weight of books being brought home by students each night through increased use of CD's and Web-based resources.
- Promote widespread use of technology in learning programs, not as a focus of learning itself.

Discipline – school should be free of drugs and violence and offer a safe, disciplined environment conducive to learning.

- Work with administrative staff to implement proactive programs to facilitate a productive student environment.
- Regularly report the progress and problems in this area to the Board.

Finance – the Board has major responsibilities for the adoption of a budget that will provide the wherewithal – in terms of facilities, staff, materials, and equipment – to enable the administration and staff to carry out its functions.

- Work with administration to provide guidance and recommendations concerning budget development. Report to the Board in late fall about issues/concerns that will need to be addressed in budget development for next year.
- Explore possible new sources of revenue.
- Monitor cafeteria operations related to quality, service, and profitability.
- Continue to investigate ways to reduce insurance costs.

High School

- Work with CSA to monitor progress of Merchantville students at PHS. Regularly report to the BOE on: number of students enrolled, student standardized test scores, number of students taking SATs, number of students planning on attending four year colleges, number of students planning other post-graduation education.
- Continue to investigate alternatives to our current sending/receiving relationship.

Planning – all planning, both that which is and that which is not related to the budget, needs to be interpreted to the public if citizens are to support the school program.

- Monitor current state-level developments that impact on our local funding and viability.

Personnel Committee

- Work with CSA to ensure the smooth and successful assumption of his new responsibilities as principal as well as CSA. Identify the resources needed for success in his new duties.
- Work with administration to review and update the job descriptions of the administrative staff.
- Review Board policies related to personnel issues

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Policy – the Board is responsible for the development of policy and for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.

- Ensure that policy book is updated regularly by prioritizing sections for review. Coordinate the update in a timely fashion.
- Monitor policy develops through the NJSBA.
- Review implementation of Dress Code Policy.
- Review implementation of Nutrition Policy.
- Review school security policy and implementation.

NEW BUSINESS

1000 Series Board Policies

The below listed policies represent all of the Merchantville Board of Education 1000 series policies. Copies of these policies are enclosed.

100	Educational Philosophy
300	District Goals and Objectives (T&E)
1000/1010	Community Relations Goals & Objectives
1100	Communication with the Public
1110	Media
1111	District Publications
1120	Board of Education Meetings
1140	Distribution of Materials by Pupils and Staff
1200	Participation by the Public
1220	Citizen's Ad Hoc Advisory Committees
1230	School-Connected Organizations
1250	Visits to the School
1312	Community Complaints and Inquiries
1322	Contests for Pupils
1330	Use of School Facilities
1410	Local Units
1600	Relations between other Entities and the District

Will be distributed.

COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Sound System Proposal

Carroll Will

Community Relations

Curriculum and technology

Discipline

Finance

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High School
Pennsauken Board of Education Meeting is Thursday, November 16, 2006.

Personnel

Planning

Policy

Library

CCESC

MINUTES
It is recommended that the board of education approve the following minutes:

September 26, 2006	Regular and Executive Session
October 10, 2006	Regular Session

RENEW CONTRACT FOR SERVICES TO BOILERS
It is recommended that the board of education approve to renew the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Bradley Sciocchetti, Inc. for service to the following district equipment for school year 2005-2006:

2	*H.B. Smith 450W Boilers*
2	*Power Flame C4-GO-30 Burners*
1	*BSI Boiler/Burner Control Panel*

		05-06
Yearly Coverage	*$2,665.00*	*$2,545.00*
Straight Labor Rate	*92.00 per hour*	*88.00 per hour*
Overtime Labor Rate	*129.50 per hour*	*123.50 per hour*
Sunday/Holiday Rate	*166.75 per hour*	*158.75 per hour*

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CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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RECOMMENDED It is recommended that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to appoint Mrs. Alice Papa to perform the additional duty of substitute notification, effective October 18, 2006, at the stipend and with the telephone reimbursement as listed in the current MEA Agreement, pro-rated to the October start date.

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RECOMMENDED It is recommended that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's and the child study team's' recommendation to continue the placement of TO #242 (new to the district) at Hampton Academy for the 2006-2007 school year, at the rate of $210.95 per day, effective September 21, 2006, with the required transportation for this student.

Additional Chief School Administrator's recommendations will be presented for approval.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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. Complaints stated, or actions requested by the public, will be taken under advisement by the Board for investigation, discussion, and action or disposition at a later time/date.

When addressing the Board of Education, please respect the following procedure:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address before commenting.
3. Identify the resolution on which you will be commenting.
4. Limit your comments to the specific resolution.

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

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