MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

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. 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

OLD BUSINESS

Security Systems - installation started.

No updates on the search for a new medical provider.

NEW BUSINESS

Set board objectives.

FYI – To date, tuition-in students for 2006-2007 school year – eleven (11).

Grade 1	1
Grade 3	2
Grade 5	2
Grade 7	6

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COMMITTEES
Buildings and Grounds

Carroll Will

Community Relations

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Discipline

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High School

Personnel

Planning

Policy

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BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
BOARD SECRETARY, TREASURER'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATION
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve and accept the:

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of June 2006. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (a) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of June 2006.

The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of June 2006.

Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23 – 2.11 (a) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.

Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23 – 2.11 (a) 4, we certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23 – 2.11 (a) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
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_____ SEPTEMBER 12, 2006
HENRY BERMANN

APPROVE BIOSECURITY PLAN

It is recommended that the board of education approve the following Biosecurity Plan.

School Lunch Biosecurity Plan

The Board of education is committed to protecting the health of the children and adults in school buildings by strengthening the safety of the foodservice operations. Therefore, the Board requires the creation and implementation of a School Lunch Program Biosecurity Plan that will keep school meals free from intentional contamination and enable the foodservice to respond to threats or incidents of bioterrorism.

The School Lunch Program Biosecurity Plan shall be a document that spells out school lunch program policies and procedures that minimize the risk of intentional contamination of food and reduce the risk of illness or death in the school community. The Plan shall describe strategies for preventing threats and incidents of product tampering and food contamination. The Plan shall also include appropriate response actions to be taken should an incident occur. There may be a general Plan for all the schools in the district; however, the Plan will address the specified roles and responsibilities for individual schools or locations where food is served.

The School Lunch Program Biosecurity Plan shall be prepared, revised, and update in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.13- Biosecurity for School Food Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "A Biosecurity Checklist for School Food Service Programs," March 2004 version, as amended and supplemented, as New Jersey's Biosecurity Policy for Child Nutrition Programs.

N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.13

APPROVE NUTRITION POLICY

It is recommended that the board of education approve the 1st reading of the following newly mandated school Nutrition Policy:

New Jersey
Model School Nutrition Policy
Must be adopted by September 2007

The Board of Education, or recognized school authority, recognizes that child and adolescent obesity has reached epidemic levels in the Unites States and that poor diet combined with the lack of physical activity negatively impacts on students' health, and their ability and motivation to learn. The Board is committed to:

Providing students with healthy and nutritious foods;
Encouraging the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, low fat milk and whole grains;
Supporting healthy eating through nutrition education;
Encouraging students to select and consume all components of the school meal; and,
Providing students with the opportunity to engage in daily physical activity.

All reimbursable meals shall meet Federal nutrient standards as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Program regulations. All items served as part of the After School Snack Program shall meet the standards as outlined within this policy.

The following items may not be served, sold or given out as free promotion anywhere on school property at anytime before the end of the school day:

Foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNV) as defined by U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations;
All food and beverage items listing sugar, in any form, as the first ingredient; and
All forms of candy.

Schools shall reduce the purchase of any products containing trans fats. (Federal labeling of trans fats on all food products is required by January 1, 2006.)

All snack and beverage items sold or served anywhere on school property during the school day, including items sold in a la carte lines, vending machines, snack bars, school stores and fundraisers or served in the reimbursable After School Snack Program, shall meet the following standards:
Based on manufacturers nutritional data or nutrient facts labels:
No more than eight grams of total fat per service, with the exception of nuts and seeds.
No more than two grams of saturated fat per serving.
All beverages shall not exceed 12 ounces, with the following exceptions:
Water
Milk containing two percent or less fat.
Whole milk shall not exceed eight ounces.

In elementary schools:
100 percent of all beverages offered shall be milk, water or 100 percent fruit or vegetable juices.

In middle and high schools:
At least 60 percent of all beverages offered, other then milk and water, shall be 100 percent fruit or vegetable juices.
No more than 40 percent of all ice cream/frozen desserts shall be allowed to exceed the above standards for sugar, fat, and saturated fat.

Food and beverages served during special school celebrations or during curriculum related activities shall be exempt from the policy, with the exception of foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by USDA regulations.

This policy does not apply to: medically authorized special needs diets pursuant to 7CFR Part 210; school nurses using FMNVs during the course of providing health care to individual students; or special needs students who's Individual Education Plan (IEP) indicates their use for behavior modification.

Adequate time shall be allowed for student meal service and consumption. Schools shall provide a pleasant dining environment. The Board recommends that physical education or recess be scheduled before lunch whenever possible.

This school district's curriculum shall incorporate nutrition education and physical activity consistent with the New Jersey Department of Education Core Curriculum Standards.

The Board of Education is committed to promoting the Nutrition Policy with all food service personnel, teachers, nurses, coaches and other school administrative staff so they have the skills they need to implement this policy and promote healthy eating practices. The Board will work toward expanding awareness about this policy among students, parents, teachers and the community at large.

APPROVE TRANSFERS
It is recommended that the board of education approve the following transfers:
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APPROVE PAYMENTS
It is recommended that the board of education approve the following payments:

P 102	June Bill Run	$29,119.61
P 103	June Bill Run	$154.75
P 2	August Bill Run	$162,315.31
P 3	Utica Insurance –Premium	10,137.00
P 4	July Payroll	$20,358.63
P 5	July Payroll	$15,483.88
P 7	August Bill Run	$73,150.53
P 9	August Payroll	$17,288.90
P 10	August Payroll	$13,927.54

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APPROVE TO VOID AND REISSUE CHECKS

It is recommended that the board of education approve to void the following checks issued to incorrect vendors, and reissue to the correct vendor:

#43050	8/31/06	$279.38	Matrix Security Systems
#42893	6/30/06	$ 4.75	Fire Safety Consultants
#42897	6/30/06	$150.00	Institutional Systems

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

APPROVE NEW STEP ON SALARY GUIDE

It is recommended that the board of education approve the following salary guide placement and salary for Mrs. Patty Carr for the 2006-2007 school year, to reflect additional educational credits earned:

BA +9 – Step 17- at 91.89% of FTE - $56,808.24 – (61,822).

It is recommended that the board of education approve the following salary guide placement and salary for Mrs. Kathi Harvey-Wilson for the 2006-2007 school year, to reflect additional educational credits earned:

BA +21 – Step 17 - $71,324.00

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PLACEMENTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

It is recommended that the board of education approve the placement of Merchantville students in various educational programs, provide transportation where needed, approve to receive occupational, physical, or speech services, assistance from one-on-one aides, home bound instruction, etc. for the 2006-2007 school year for the following students:

Two regular education students: one student attending Gloucester County Performing Arts High School, and one student attending the LEAP Academy.

And the following special education students:

Tuition Out (TO#) 33, 82 101, 135, 143 168. 169, 171, 172, 174, 176, 178, 179, 180, 189, 192, 193, 195, 196, 198, 199, 202, 203, 204, 211, 212, 218, 219, 222, 223, 224, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239,240 and 241.

APPROVE TO HIRE

It is recommended that the board of education approve to hire Mrs. Cindy Lou Guldin to serve as a one- on-one aide for a Preschool Handicapped Student in the morning program, and a classroom aid for the kindergarten afternoon program. Mrs. Guldin will be placed on the non-instructional aide salary guide at $11.91 per hour (step 1), for the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. Guldin's estimated wages are $14,155.

APPROVE CARROLL WILL SCHOOL BUDGET

It is recommended that the board of education approve the 2006-2007-school year Carroll Will budget totaling $37,875.00.

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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