MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

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.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

It is recommended that the board of education approve Masonry Preservation Group, Inc. change order #2 in the amount of $22,007. This change order covers the replacement of additional hardwood flooring in the school gymnasium. This area was damaged by water saturation. The area involved is 373 square feet at $59.00 per square foot.

BUSINESS OFFICE

It is recommended that the board of education approve and accept the:

Board Secretary's Report – Treasurer's Report - Certification
For July 2007

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of July 2007. 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 July 2007. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month

of July 2007 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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Henry Bermann, RSBA Date

It is recommended that the board of education approve the travel expenditures listed on the enclosed travel expense form.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Chief School Administrator Recommendations

Approval of NCLB Application
Approval of IDEA Application
Approval of Carol Will Budget
Approval of Field Trips

B. Informational Items

1. Future Meeting Dates: Tuesday, October 9, 2007
   Tuesday, October 23, 2007
   7:30 PM
   Reading Center at Merchantville
   School & Public Library

A. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

RECOMMENDED That the Board of Education approve the submission of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Consolidated Application (NCLB – 2008) and accept the funds as allocated in the following programs:

Our district allocations for each program area are listed below:

	LEA Allocation	Private Schools	Total
Title I	67,400		67,400
Title II (A)			27,762
Title II (D)			452
Title III	2,199		2,199
Title IV			2,656

Title V	825
Total	100,294

Action of the Board _____

RECOMMENDED That the Merchantville Board of Education approve the submission of the appropriate basic and pre-school applications (IDEIA – 2008) and to accept the funds following approval, as outlined:

	Public	Non-Public	Total
Basic	$107,733.	$38,903	$146,636.
Pre-School	5,647.	941.	6,588.
Total			$153,224.

Action of the Board _____

RECOMMENDED That the Merchantville Board of Education approve the Marie J. Carroll Will Budget Proposal for school year 2007 - 2008 to fund planned activities totaling $40,425.00.

Action of the Board _____

RECOMMENDED That the Board of Education approve the following Field Trips:

Batsto Village Nature Center	- 31 Students
(7th Grade Environmental Trip)	- 4 Teacher
October 11, 2007	- 1 Chaperon
Fairview Lake YMCA Camp	- 40 Students
(8th Grade Environmental Trip)	- 4 Teacher
November 28 – Nov. 30, 2007	- 2 Chaperons

Action of the Board _____

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PLACEMENTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

(5) It is recommended that the board of education approve the following services for Merchantville students for the 2007-2008 school year:

Placement of Merchantville students in various educational programs

Transportation services, where needed

Occupational, physical, speech, and/or behavior counseling services

Commission for the Blind services

Assistance from one-on-one aides

Homebound instruction

Students include:
Eight regular education students: one student attending Gloucester County Performing Arts High School, and seven students attending Charter Schools in Camden.

And the following special education students:

Tuition Out (TO#) 33, 82 101, 135, 143,168, 169, 172, 174, 176, 189, 192, 193, 196, 198, 199, 203, 204, 222, 224, 227, 229, 230, 231 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 241, 243, 246, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, and 257.

(6) Annually, it becomes necessary to approve the additional salary payment to Mr. John Bonaccorso for music and choir, in accordance with the signed 2005-2006 resolution. Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the additional salary payment (charged to the co-curricular salary line) to Mr. John Bonaccorso in the amount of $ 7313. or school year 2007-2008, effective September 1, 2007.

(7) It is recommended that the board of education approve to re-enter into an agreement with the Camden County Educational Services Commission for the continuation of services to non-public school students in accordance with Chapters 192 and 193, for school year 2007-2008.

(8) It is recommended that the board of education approve to re-enter into a placement agreement with Source4Teachers to provide substitute services, when needed, for the 2007-2008 school year, at a rate of $127.52 per day.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
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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. Wait to be recognized before making your comment(s).
5. Limit your comments to the specific resolution.

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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, negotiations, 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