MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC AGENDA – MAY 13, 2008

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. Doran	_____ Mr. Bohn	_____ Mrs. Perno
_____ Mr. Honigfeld	_____ Mrs. Hartson-Stine	_____ Mr. Loue
_____ Mr. Kabel	_____ Mr. Velten	_____ Mr. Morrone

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

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.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Brouse and members of the PTA will discuss the auditorium project.

Mr. Gerichter, Edvocate Group, cafeteria updates.

COMMUNICATIONS

Request received and approved for Mrs. Van Sciver to take a graduate course at Rutgers University in June 2008.

Porzio sent in a contract for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Copy of official election results is attached.

Defeated budget

APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS

Resolution - Awarding Contracts

Resolution authorizing the awarding of contracts for “professional services” for a one-year term commencing April 23, 2008, until the Reorganization of the Board of Education, without competitive bidding:

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1. **Auditor**
   (Currently – CPA Solutions, Inc.) _____

2. **Board Solicitor**
   (Currently - Gary Wodlinger, Esquire of
   Lipman, Antonelli, Batt, Dunlap, Wodlinger &
   Gilson, P.C.)
   _____

3. **School Physician**
   (Currently - Dr. Bruce Gooberman)
   _____

4. **Insurance Broker of Record**
   (Currently – Commerce Insurance Services /The
   Porch Agency Inc.)
   _____

5. **Business Administrator/Board Secretary**
   (Currently - Salem County Special Services)
   _____

6. **Treasurer of School Funds**
   (Currently - Jeannie Scott)
   _____

7. **Regulatory Services**
   (Currently –PARS Environmental)_____

8. **Purchasing Agent**
   (Currently – Henry Bermann)_____

9. **Architect of Record**
   (Currently, Garrison Architect _____
   and Lammey and Gorgio)

Establishment of Tuition-In Rate for the 2008/2009 School Years
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to establish a tuition-in rate for the 2008/2009 school year:

	Currently –	**2008-2009**
1st through 3rd Grade	$2,675.00	_____
4th Grade through 8th Grade	$3,000.00	_____

Mr. Swanson will offer a recommendation for next school year.

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Appointment of a Qualified District Purchasing Agent

N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-1 ET SEQ.

RESOLUTION

USE OF STATE CONTRACTS

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the Resolution increasing the bid threshold and appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-3a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and, also permitting the Business Administrator to use state contract pricing Whenever it is in the best interest of the district to do so; and

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Public School Contracts Law gave boards of education the ability to increase their bid threshold up to $29,000.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.18A: 18A-3a permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 ET seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Henry Bermann possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Merchantville Board of Education desires to increase the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A.18A: 18A-3, now, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Merchantville Board of Education, in the County of Camden, in the State of New Jersey, hereby increases its bid threshold to $29,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Henry Bermann as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-2b, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Henry Bermann's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

I, Henry Bermann, Secretary of the Merchantville Board of Education, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, do herby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Merchantville Township Board of Education, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, at a meeting of said governing body held on April 22, 2008.

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Joint Purchasing Agreement for Paper – waiting for contract

Business Services Agreement – waiting for contract

NEW BUSINESS
Discussion – Advertising in The Trend for tuition-in students.

COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Carroll Will

Community Relations

Curriculum and technology

Discipline

Finance

High School

Personnel

Planning

Policy

Library

CCESC

BUSINESS OFFICE
PAYMENTS
Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the following payments:

P 57	Payroll – 4/30	150,590.14
P 58	May bill run	123,075.79

TRAVEL FORM
Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the travel form attached.

Name	Date	Location	Event	Purpose	Amount	Code
Morrone, Steve	6/20 & 6/21/2008	Plainsboro, NJ	Leadership Conference	Development	$500.00	1

Loue, Russell	6/20 & 6/21/2008	Plainsboro, NJ	Leadership Conference	Development	$500.00	1

VOID AND REISSUE A CHECK
It is recommended that the board of education approve to void and reissue the following check :

Check #44289 4/23/2008 $3,420.00 Mill Creek School
The vendor never received the check.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION
Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, 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
Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, for the board of education to approve to return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, for the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting.

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