MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC AGENDA
- OCTOBER 28, 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.

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve to open the Public Hearing on all acts of Violence and Vandalism that occurred during the last school year.

PUBLIC HEARING

VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM

Report by the Chief School Administrator on all acts of Violence and Vandalism, which occurred during the past school year.

Moved by _____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve to close the Public Hearing on all acts of Violence and Vandalism that occurred during the last school year.

Moved by_____, and seconded by _____, that the board of education approve to submit the Public Hearing Report on Violence and vandalism to the State Department of Education, Office of Program Support Services.

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.

PRESENTATION
Curriculum update

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COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE:

Camden Catholic High School's representatives regarding the use of/and changes to the district's athletic field.

Auditorium Project – November 14, 2008 – Ribbon-cutting ceremony

Revisions to Policy #5142 – Pupil Safety

Board of Education Goals and Objectives for the 2008-2009 school year.

District's Student Council nomination process.

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the policies listed below:
(Copies already distributed.)

4119.21	Conflict of Interest	2nd Reading and adoption
4119.22	Conduct and Dress	2nd Reading and adoption
4119.23	Employee Substance Abuse	2nd Reading and adoption
4121	Substitute Teachers	2nd Reading and adoption
4122	Student Teachers/Interns	2nd Reading and adoption
4123	Classroom Aides (Paraprofessionals)	2nd Reading and adoption
4132/4131.1	Staff Development; In-service Education/Visitation/Conferences	2nd Reading and adoption
4138 (4038)	Non school Employment	2nd Reading and adoption
4138.2 (4134)	Private Tutoring	2nd Reading and adoption
4147	Employee Safety	2nd Reading and adoption
4151	Attendance Patterns	2nd Reading and adoption
4151.1 (4051.1)	Personal Illness and Injury	2nd Reading and adoption

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NEW BUSINESS
QSAC Requirement – Discussion on:
18A: 12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

MINUTES
Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

October 14, 2008

COMMITTEES
Curriculum and Technology
Update: Status of the Parental Notification System and SASI link
The Parental Notification System does have a text to Spanish component, and Mrs. Cook will discuss this with the consultant.

Buildings and Grounds
Update:

Finance
Update: Cafeteria Operations

BUSINESS OFFICE

1. Payments

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

P 15	10-15 payroll	148,729.84
P 16	October bill run (Finance Committee representative reviewed these bills.)	244,653.84

2. Business Office Report

The September 2008 Revenue Summary is attached.

Pending:

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve and accept the:

Board Secretary's Report – Treasurer's Report - Certification
For September 2008

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of September 2008. 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 September 2008. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of September 2008 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.

_____ _____
Henry Bermann, RSBA Date

3. Summer Pay

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the payroll paid for non contracted work performed during the summer 2008, as listed on the attached sheet.

4. Approve Speech and Language Services

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the renewal of speech and language services with Barbara M. Jordan MA, CCC-SLP, LLC, Moorestown, New Jersey, at the rate of $240.00 per hour. (This represents a 3.9% increase for 2008-2009 school year.)

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CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Chief School Administrator Recommendations

RECOMMENDED That the Merchantville Board of Education approve the addition of Elizabeth Anne Graver Alloway to the Substitute List for the 2008 - 2009 school year pending full completion of all necessary documentation.

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

Camp Ockanickon	- 41 Students
(6th Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teacher
October 21, 2008	- 0 Chaperon
Washington's Crossing	- 41 Students
(6th Grade Field Trip)	- 4 Teacher
October 30, 2008	- 0 Chaperon
Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge	- 34 Students
(5th Grade Field Trip)	- 4 Teacher
November 03, 2008	- 0 Chaperon
Franklin Institute	- 33 Students
(3rd Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teacher
November 05, 2008	- 6 Chaperons

RECOMMENDED That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to hire Ms. Amanda Fields and Mrs. Pat Fields as the district cheerleading coaches for school year 2008 – 2009 at a stipend of $ 4,076.

RECOMMENDED That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to hire Ms. Meg Bakey as a special education teacher for the young self-contained program for the remainder of school year 2008 – 2009 at a pro-rated salary of $48,340 (BA step 4), with an effective appointment date of November 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and Child Study Team to place (T.O. #268) at the Real Center program in Voorhees for the remainder of school year 2008 – 2009 at a pro-rated tuition of $175. per diem. Transportation arrangements shall be implemented through the County Educational Services Commission.

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RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the Board of Education adjourns, 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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