MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC AGENDA – AUGUST 12, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Jeanne Leise, school social worker, has submitted a request to take a class at Rowan University for the fall 2008 semester.

Ms. Gail Ford, a community member, submitted a letter requesting further information on the district's school tax rate, and administration responded.

INTERVIEWS

8:00 P.M. – Mr. Leonard Wood, Attorney

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The electrical contractor who toured the building did not submit a proposal.

Camden Catholic High School's representatives did not submit any paperwork regarding the use of/and changes to the district's athletic field.

Auditorium Update

NEW BUSINESS

QSAC Requirement – Discussion on:

18A: 12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

a. I will uphold an enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the state Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

The board president will review the mandated board member training and board attendance requirements with all members.

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

June 24, 2008

July 8, 2008

COMMITTEES

Curriculum and Technology
Update: Parental Notification System and SASI link

Public Relations
School newsletter.

Policy

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

P 75	June Bill Run	41,310.45
P 77	Bank Charge	37.00
P 1 – new school year	July Bill Run	156,993.83

2. TRAVEL
Moved by_____, seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and approve the following travel requests.

Name	Date	Location	Event	Purpose	Amount	Code
Mansolino, Loretta Leise, Jeanne	8/6/08	Clementon, NJ	QSAC Learning Event	Personnel Requirements	$20.00	1
DiMatteo, Rose Leise, Jeanne	8/21/08	Clementon, NJ	QSAC Learning Event	Fiscal Requirements	$20.00	1

3. TRANSFERS

Moved by_____, seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and approve the following transfers effective June 2008.

11 190 100 610 General Supplies	121.62	11 190 100 320 Purchase – educational services	121.62
11 000 100 562 Tuition –Special – other LEA	1415.00	11 000 100 569 Tuition – other- Katzenbach School	1415.00
11 000 230 890 General Adm. – misc. expenditures	125.00	11 000 230 585 General Adm. – Travel out of district	125.00
11 000 230 339 General Adm. – purchase of services	278.00	11 000 230 610 General Adm. - supplies	278.00
11 000 100 562 Tuition – Special – other LEA	325.00	11 000 240 600 School Adm. – supplies	325.00

4. ARCHWAY SCHOOLS REQUEST TO PROVIDE STUDENT MEALS

Moved by_____, seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the following resolution to permit Archway Schools to continue providing meals and not collect co-payments from parents and guardians.

Be it resolved that the Merchantville Board of Education does not require the Archway Schools to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals provided as part of their educational program in compliance with the NJ Department of Agriculture's Child Nutrition Program regulations.

5. PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL NATURAL GAS JOINTURE

Moved by_____, seconded by_____ that the board of education approve to participate in the Pittsgrove Township School District Natural Gas Jointure for the 2008-2009 school year.

6. APPROVE TELEPHONE REIMBURSEMENTS

Moved by _____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve telephone reimbursements for the 2008-2009 school year for the following employees:

Mr. Christian Swanson	$780.00
Mrs. Rose DiMatteo	$384.00

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. APPROVE TO REHIRE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Moved by_____, seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to renew Doctor Robert Lehrer, as the district's contracted psychologist for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Lehrer will work approximately 6 days per month, at a fee of $285.00 per diem.

2. APPROVE TO RENEW BAND AND CHOIR COORDINATOR

Moved by_____, seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to renew Mr. John Bonaccorso, as the district's Band and Choir Coordinator for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Bonaccorso will be paid an additional salary (charged to the co-curricular salary line) in the amount of $7,532.

3. APPROVE TO REHIRE SCHOOL REPAIRMAN

Moved by_____, seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to renew Mr. Odelio Lopez, as a part-time (20% of FTE) intermittent school repairman for the school year 2008-2009 at a rate of $15.60 per hour, and to authorize additional work hours for Saturday, on an "as need" basis.

4. APPROVE TO SET HOURLY/DAILY RATES FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by_____, seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to establish the following hourly/daily rates for the 2008-2009 school year:

Substitute Teachers	$80.00 per day
Long-term substitute teachers (Following 20 consecutive work days)	$85.00 per day
Substitute Aides	$ 9.00 per hour
Substitute Nurses	$30.00 per hour
Home bound instructors	$32.00 per hour

5. APPROVE SUMMER WORK AND PAY FOR THE DISTRICT'S GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator for hourly summer work for Mrs. Deborah Phelps, school guidance counselor, approximate earnings of $3,667.

6. RENEW HEARTLAND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to renew the contract with Heartland Rehabilitation Services to provide the following services for the 2008-2009 school year:

Occupational Therapy	$ 84.14 per hour	Five (5) hrs. per week
Speech Language Therapy	$106.08 per hour	Six (6) hrs. per week
Speech Language Therapy	$160.52 per hour (Homebound rate)	One (1) hr. per week
Physical Therapy	$129.66 per hour	Three (3) hrs. per hour

Contracts on file in the business office.

7. APPROVE MOVEMENT ON THE GUIDE FOR MRS. BRILL

Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator and approve the additional education credits earned by Mrs. Janice Brill. Mrs. Brill's placement on the salary guide for the 2008-2009 will be a BA +30 on a Step 8, with a salary of $55,655, effective September 1, 2008.

8. **APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2008-2009 SY**

BACKGROUND We have continued recruitment efforts to expand our Substitute List. Linda Behlau, Barbara Carfagno, and Tanna Newell have indicated a willingness to serve. The necessary paperwork is well on the way toward completion for all three candidates

RECOMMENDED Moved by_____, and seconded by_____, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the addition of Linda Behlau, Barbara Carfagno, and Tanna Newell to the Substitute List for the 2008 - 2009 school year pending full completion of all necessary documentation.

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.