MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reading Center and Public Library at Merchantville School.

Members Present: Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Doran, and Mr. Loue

Members Absent: Mr. Velten

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. Henry Bermann, RSBA
Mrs. Jean Grubb, SCSSSD Business Official
Mrs. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

The board president called the meeting to order.

The board president led the board in the pledge to the flag.

No public comment.

ACCEPT ZEIDER'S RESIG-NATION FROM THE BOE

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Zeiders as a board member, effective immediately.
Unanimously approved.

Discussion: Advertising for a replacement – Place a notice in the brown envelope sent home to the parents, Borough Newsletter, PTA email chain, etc. – terms of appointment - deadline for applying - October 31, 2007.

As of today, there are three (3) new tuition-in students.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 MASONRY PRESERVATION

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Doran, 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.
Unanimously approved.
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Funds will be transferred from the district's maintenance reserve account to cover the change order charges.
SASI Student Management consultant will be here for a training session next month.

Wording for a Communication Policy for communicating with parents.

Mr. Honigfeld was asked to chair the policy committee, a position held by Mrs. Zeiders.

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

APPROVE MINUTES FOR 8/14/07 8/28/07 AND 9/11/07

August 14, 2007

Ayes (6)	Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, and Mr. Doran	
Noes (0)	Abstain (1) Mr. Loue	Motion carries.

August 28, 2007

Ayes (5)	Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Morrone, and Mr. Loue	
Noes (0)	Abstain (2) Mr. Bohn and Mr. Doran	Motion carries.

September 11, 2007

Ayes (6)	Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, and Mr. Loue	
Noes (0)	Abstain (1) Mr. Doran	Motion carries.

Note: Name and discussion changes mentioned will be noted in original minute book.

BUSINESS OFFICE

APPROVE JULY REPORTS

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, 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
Unanimously approved.
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APPROVE TRAVEL EXPENSE FORM 9/25/07

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the travel expenditures listed on the enclosed travel expense form.
Unanimously approved.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF NCLB APPLICATION

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, 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

Unanimously approved.

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF IDEA 2008

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the submission of the appropriate basic and pre-school applications (IDEA – 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.

Unanimously approved.

APPROVE CARROLL WILL BUDGET PROPOSAL

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, 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.

Unanimously approved.

Discussion – Committee met. Committee requested a review of the monetary requests (approximately $35,000 to $40,000) submitted for approval for next school year's budget. Suggested - a meeting with the PTA, teachers and the committee. Next meeting scheduled for 11/13/07.

APPROVE CLASS TRIP

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Board of Education approve the following Field Trips:

Batsto Village Nature Center
(7^{th} Grade Environmental Trip)
October 11, 2007

- 31 Students
- 4 Teacher
- 1 Chaperon

APPROVE CLASS TRIPS

Fairview Lake YMCA Camp	- 40 Students
(8th Grade Environmental Trip)	- 4 Teacher
November 28 – Nov. 30, 2007	- 2 Chaperons

Unanimously approved.

APPROVE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS FOR '07-'08 SY

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, 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.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE ADD'L SALARY FOR BONACC-ORSO

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, 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. for school year 2007-2008, effective September 1, 2007.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE CCESC NON PUBLIC AGRMT.

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, 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.
Unanimously approved.
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APPROVE SOURCE 4 TEACHERS' CONTRACT

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, 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.
Unanimously approved.
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Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the substitute teachers, aides, and nurses, as presented for the 2007-2008 school year. APPROVE SUBSTITUTES
Unanimously approved.
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Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the revisions to the travel expense from dated 9/25/07. APPROVE REVISED TRAVEL EXPENSE FORM 9/25/07
Unanimously approved.
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Mrs. Turan, Centre Street, expressed her concern about student and faculty health issues that may arise from the temperature of the junior high classrooms.

No closed session held.

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:42 p.m. ADJOURN
Unanimously approved.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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