MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JULY 24, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 7:40 p.m., in the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Velten, Mr. Morrone, and Mr. Loue

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. Henry Bermann, RSBA
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 open public comments.

The board took no action on the request from the New Jersey General Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS

Travel Policy – First reading of policy #9250.

Chaperon Policy/Procedure – discussion to be continued.

Nutrition Policy – August meeting scheduled with the school nurse, Mrs. Rettinger.

Bids for Repairs to the School Gym Wall – Low bidder, Martell Construction Company, acknowledged an error in bid, and asked that bid be dismissed. Next lowest bidder, Masonry Preservation Group. Bid amount $122,625.00. Description of work includes, but is not limited to:

Repairing the gymnasium floor – all problem areas
Scraping and repairing all wall areas in the gym – (no ceiling work)
Repointing of the exterior wall
Replacing up to five hundred (500) bricks on two (2) walls
Washing of the exterior walls in the gym area
Creating a cavity area between the walls to allow any water that enters to be released to the outside of the building.

APPROVE TO AWARD CONTRACT TO MASONRY PRESERV. FOR REPAIRS IN GYM AREA

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve to award the contract and accept the bid for repairs to the school gym wall to the lowest qualified bidder, Masonry Preservation Group, Inc., Merchantville, NJ. The bid amount is $122,625.00.
Unanimously approved.
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No action was taken on the $27,569. + proposal submitted by Executive School Solutions to replace the plastic lockers in the girls' and boys' locker rooms. Proposals will be requested from other vendors.

APPROVE FOR ARCHWAY SCHOOLS NOT TO REQUIRE PAYMENT FOR REDUCED AND/OR PAID MEALS

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the following resolution:

> **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.

Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bermann introduced Ms. Jean Grubb, Salem County Special Services Business Administrator, to the members of the board.

APPROVE CAFETERIA PRICES FOR 2007-2008 SY

Moved by Mrs. Zeiders, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve to set the cafeteria prices for 2007-2008 school year.

Breakfast	$1.10	Reduced	$ .30
Student Lunch	$2.10	Reduced	$ .40
Adult Breakfast	$1.35		
Adult Lunch	$3.10		
Milk	$ .40		

Unanimously approved.
Pre-k students will pay $.25 for milk.

Sodexho Food Service will have a vending machine containing 100% juice items in the cafeteria area.

Mrs. Hartson-Stine's summary of the Carroll Will Annual Meeting with the Trustees:

- $169,959 is available for distribution this year, and this includes unused carry-over of $18,900 from the prior year
- $158,447 was awarded this year
- $121,800 is designated for scholarships – (75%) of this year's funds, plus unused portion form prior year awards
- $47,000 is designated for student enrichment – (25%) of available funds
- 39 students were awarded scholarships. Last year, 32 students were awarded scholarships
- This year's maximum awarded is $18,500. Last year's maximum award was $16,000
- This year's minimum award is $650. Last year's minimum award was $1,200.

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MINUTES

APPROVE 6/26/07 MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the minutes from the:

June 26, 2007 Board Meeting

Ayes (3) Noes (0) Abstain (2) Mr. Bohn and Mrs. Hartson-Stine Motion Carries.

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

APPROVE PAYMENTS

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the following payments.

P 77	June bill run	$106,411.70
P 78	June 30, 2007 payroll	$ 12,523.58

Unanimously approved.
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APPROVE TRANSFERS

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the following transfers for the month of June 2007 to date, as listed.

11 120 100 101 Salaries –Grades 1-5	200.00	11 120 100 101A – Salaries – subs	200.00
11 190 100 320 Contracted services	200.00	11 401 100 500 Contracted services	200.00

Unanimously approved.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROVE CHANGE IN SALARY FOR LEISE TO BA +30 STEP 6

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the change on the salary guide for Mrs. Jeanne Leise to acknowledge the additional graduate credits earned. Mrs. Leise's new salary is $39,012, consistent with a BA Step 6 plus 30 graduate credits, effective September 1, 2007.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE NON-PUBLIC NURSING AGRMT.

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to renew the Interlocal Nursing Agreement with the County of Camden to provide nursing services to children in nonpublic schools, and this agreement further provides that funding for these services be through the State Commissioner of Education.
Unanimously approved.
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APROVE CCTS TUITION CONTRACT

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to enter into a tuition contract agreement with the Camden County Technical Schools to provide educational services to Merchantville Students attending the Vocational High School for school year 2007-2008. The cost per pupil is $2500, and the estimated number of students enrolled is 18 (eighteen).
Unanimously approved.
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APPROVE CANON FINANCIAL EQUIPMENT AGRMT.

Moved by Mr. Zeiders, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve to enter into a rental agreement with Canon Financial Services, Inc. for the following equipment:

1 –(One) Canon image RUNNER 7095
And
1 – (One) Canon iR 3035 with eCopy
on a 60-month Cost Per Copy Rental that includes
73,000 pages per month for $1,505.00 per month.
Overage is billed monthly @ .0057 each page.

Unanimously approved.
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Mrs. Carfagno, Park Avenue, stated that she was meeting with the Nutrition Committee regarding the policy.

No closed session held.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:59 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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