MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 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. Velten, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, Mrs. Zeiders, and Mr. Loue

Members Absent: Mr. Doran

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 public comment.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, attorney/client privileged information, 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. 7:37 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Doran

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. Henry Bermann, RSBA
Mrs. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

TOPIC DISCUSSED:

Porzio, Bromberg and Newman, P.C
Mr. Vito Gagliardi, Jr. presented the report requested by the Board of Education members.
Discussion and clarification followed.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Board of Education approve to return to open session. 9:10 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

PTA's offer to purchase air conditioners for some classrooms was discussed. Points mentioned were: potential impact on the mechanical/unit ventilator air circulation units, increased electrical demand, increased utility costs, maintenance issues, rumored grievance filings as a result of partial implementation, appropriate sizing of units, etc.

Masonry Preservation will be submitting a change order to cover the additional repair work to the water damaged gymnasium floor.

Merchantville Borough is interested in using the district's copiers for some of their large printing jobs.

No new business to discuss.

No committees submitted reports

BUSINESS OFFICE

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 1	July 07 bill run	$165,344.10
P 2	August bill run	$41,943.95
P 3	August bill run	$306,537.23
P 4	Payroll –7-15	$14,343.14
P 5	Payroll – 7-31	$16,967.06

Unanimously approved.
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CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROVE TO HIRE NORTH AS A N INSTRUCT. AIDE

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to hire Ms. Lauren North as an Instructional Aide for school year 2007-2008 at a salary of $25,965. (Step 1 on the salary guide), pro-rated to an approximate start date of October 1, 2007.
Roll call vote:
Ayes (7) Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Velten, Mr. Bohn, Mrs. Zeiders, and Mr. Loue
Noes (0) Abstain (1) Mr. Morrone Motion Carries.
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APPROVE TO HIRE SEGREST AS A NON-INSTR. AIDE

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve The recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to hire Ms. Lucia Segrest as a part-time (.50 FTE) Non-instructional aide for school year 2007-2008, at the rate of $12.44 per hour (Step 1 on the salary guide), with an approximate start date of September 14, 2007.

Roll call vote:
Ayes (8) Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Velten, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Morrone, Mrs. Zeiders, and Mr. Loue
Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion Carries.
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ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:50 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary