MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - OCTOBER 9, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in Room #105 of Merchantville School.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

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.

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Curriculum committees who presented the revised curriculum included:

Pre K
Math – junior high
Science
Visual Arts
Language Arts/Literacy

Fourteen (14) of the district's teachers attended this meeting, and some offered input in addition to the overview presented by that committee's representative.

Copies of the newly revised curricula will be reviewed by the board's curriculum and policy committee, and a recommendation to approve and accept is expected at the next board meeting.

A community member interested in serving on the board of education submitted a letter to the board president.

At present, there are twelve (12) tuition-in students.

Grade 2	-	1student
Grade 3	-	1 student
Grade 4	-	2 students
Grade 5	-	1 student
Grade 6	-	1 student
Grade 7	-	1 student
Grade 8	-	5 students

The SASI Student Management Program Consultant was here on Friday, October 5, 2007, and transition work continues. The medical component of the software was reviewed, and the junior high and special education teachers received training on the grade book component.

Repairs in the gymnasium area are complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bermann presented the members with a copy of an agreement submitted by E-Rate Exchange, LLC, Syracuse, NY, to perform certain services relating to the Universal Service Administrative Company/ Schools and Libraries Division E-rate application process designed for eligible education entities to receive discounts and/or reimbursements for eligible telecommunication services and Internet access (the "E-Rate Services").

Board members will review paperwork and a motion will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

COMMITTEES

Carroll Will

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

High School

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Doran, for the board of education to adjourn, 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. 9:25 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

Members Present: Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Velten, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Doran (until 10 p.m.), and Mr. Loue

Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
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TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Porzio, Bromberg and Newman's Report was discussed.

Mr. Bermann presented a proposal to be considered by the board members, relative to staff.

Negotiations –
Negotiation Team - review of contract -
attorney involvement – meeting dates

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 10:08 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Library
The Library Personnel recognized and thanked the district for the improvements to the library area.

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve the following field trips:

APPROVE TRIPS

Conte's Farm	39 students
Kindergarten Field Trip	2 teachers
October 15, 2007	6 chaperons
Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge	39 students
5th grade Environmental Trip	4 students
October 22, 2007	3 chaperons

Unanimously approved.

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 10:09 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary