MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - OCTOBER 23, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Library.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mrs. Jean Grubb, SCSSSD Business Official

The board president called the meeting to order.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, for the board to open the Public Hearing on the report of all acts of Violence and Vandalism that occurred during the last school year. 7:34 P.M.
Unanimously approved

PUBLIC HEARING

The Chief School Administrator reported on all acts of Violence and Vandalism, which occurred during the past school year. The Board reviewed the report and a discussion ensued. The Board asked several questions of the Chief School Administrator regarding the Violence and Vandalism report. The Chief School Administrator answered the various questions.
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CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board to move to close the Public Hearing on all acts of Violence and Vandalism that occurred during the last school year.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE TO SUBMIT VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM REPORT

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, for the board to submit the Public Hearing Report on Violence and Vandalism to the State Department of Education, Office of Program Support Services, per the discussion.
Unanimously approved

No public comment.

APPROVED REVISED CURRICULA

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, for the board to approve the revised curricula presented at the previous board meeting – Pre K, Math (junior high), Science, Visual Arts and Language Arts/Literacy.
Unanimously approved.

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve the agreement submitted by E-Rate Exchange, LLC's, 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").

APPROVE E-RATE APPLIC-ATION

Unanimously approved
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APPROVE TRANSFER FROM RESERVE TO EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Moved by Mr. Doran and seconded by Mr. Velten, for the board to transfer funds from the Maintenance Reserve fund in the amount of $75,000 to account #11-000-261-420 to pay the balance due to Garrison and Masonry Preservation for work in gymnasium area.
Unanimously approved

The availability of funds to proceed with approval for the Porzio, Bromberg and Newman's Report is under review.

Mr. Berman's proposal relative to staff discussed at the last closed session meeting of the board of education is under review.

One applicant submitted a letter of interest for the open seat on the Board of Education. Discussion will continue at a later meeting.

APPROVE 9/25/07 AND 10/09/07 MINUTES

MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve the following minutes:

September 25, 2007 and October 9, 2007

Unanimously approved.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Velten, for the board of education to approve and accept the:

APPROVE AUGUST 2007 REPORTS

Board Secretary's Report – Treasurer's Report - Certification
For August 2007

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of August 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 August 2007. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month
of August 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
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Unanimously approved

APPROVE PAYMENTS

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Velten, for the board of education to approve the following payments:

P 6	8-15 Payroll	$18,788.90
P 8	8-31 Payroll	$12,593.95
P 9	Sept. Bill Run	$191,892.48
P 10	9-15 Payroll	$146,085.48
P 11	9-28 Payroll	$147,769.81
P 12	Tuition deducted from state aid	$3,245.60
P 13	Adj-tuition ded. From state aid	+$1392.90
P 14	October Bill Run	$408,478.71

Unanimously approved.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

Moved by Mr. Loue and seconded by Mr. Velten, for the board of education to approve the following transfers:

11000 218 104 Salaries – guidance	500.00	11 000 219 104 Salaries – Support Services	500.00
11190 100 610 Supplies	50.00	11 204 100 610 Spec. Ed. - supplies	50.00
20 224E 100 101 DEPA - salaries	339.00	20 224C 100 101 DEPA - salaries	339.00
20 231 100 100 NCLB – salaries	777.00	20 231 200 200 NCLB - benefits	777.00
11 000 262 520 Insurance Acct.	250.00	11 000 270 511 Transportation	250.00
11 190 100 610 Supplies	175.00	11 204 100 610 Spec. Ed. - supplies	175.00
11 190 100 610 Supplies	600.00	11 230 100 600 Basic Skills - supplies	600.00
11 190 100 610 Supplies	750.00	11 240 100 610 Bilingual – supplies	750.00
11 230 100 101 Basic Skills - salaries	4900.00	11 000 262 100 Salaries – custodial, Aides, etc.	4900.00
11 120 100 101 Salaries –Grs. 1-5	1000.00	11 105 100 101 Salaries – Pre K	1000.00

11 204 100 106 Salaries – Spec. Education – aides	26460.00	11 130 100 101 Salaries – Grades 6-8	24460.00
11 213 100 101 Salaries – resource room	20938.00	11 130 100 101 Salaries – Grades 6-8	20938.00
11 230 100 101 Salaries – basic skills	18000.00	11 130 100 101 Salaries – Grades 6-8	18000.00
11 213 100 106 Resource room – aide – salaries	19000.00	11 190 100 106 Classroom Aide Salaries	19000.00
11 204 100 101 Salaries – Spec. Education	2500.00	11 190 100 106 Classroom Aide Salaries	2500.00
11 204 100 101 Salaries – Spec. Education	2100.00	11 000 219 104 Salaries – support Services	2100.00
11 204 100 101 Salaries – Spec. Education.	1500.00	11 000 230 100 Salaries – general Administration	1500.00
11 204 100 101 Salaries – Spec. Education.	250.00	11 000 221 104 Salaries – improvement to instruction	250.00
11 230 100 106 Basic Skills – Salaries – aides	3279.00	11 000 262 100 Salaries – custodial, Aides, etc.	3279.00
11 000 252 100 Salaries – technology	250.00	11 000 262 100 Salaries – custodial, Aides, etc.	250.00
11 000 217 320	4902.00	10 000 100 56X Charter School tuition	4902.00
11 000 100 562	6257.40	10 000 100 56X	6257.40
11 000 100 563	3700.00	10 000 100 56X	3700.00
11 000 100 565	27,000.00	10 000 100 56X	27000.00
11 000 100 566	15300.00	10 000 100 56X	15,300.00
11 000 100 567	4689.00	10 000 100 56X	4689.00
Various Tuition Accts.		Charter School Tuition Acct.	

Unanimously approved.

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Doran, for the board of education to approve payroll paid for work performed during the summer 2007 (ex compensation – no contracted wages) as listed on the attached sheets.
Unanimously approved
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APPROVE SUMMER 2007 EX –COMP PAYROLL

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Doran, for the board of education to approve the Travel Expenses Form attached.
Unanimously approved
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APPROVE OCT. TRAVEL FORM

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Doran, for the board of education to approve the addition of Ameriprise Financial Services located in Marlton, New Jersey to the list of TSA (403B) vendors.
Unanimously approved

APPROVE AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL AS A TSA VENDOR

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, for the board of education to approve the following field trips:
(funding for the transportation will be through the Marie J. Carroll Foundation)
Washington Crossing and Franklin Institute.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

Moved by Mr. Kabel and seconded by Mr. Doran, for the board of education to approve the placement of #241 at the Real Center at an estimated tuition of $175.00 per diem for the remainder of the school year 2007-2008, enrollment date as soon as possible, and Transportation provided through the CCESC.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE PLACEMENT OF TO #241 AT REAL CENTER

Moved by Mr. Bohn and seconded by Mr. Kabel, for the board of education to approve the payment of $30.00 per month to Mrs. Rose DiMatteo as compensation for the use of her personal cell phone in responding to emergency calls.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE CELL PHONE REIMB.

No public comment

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Velten and seconded by Mr. Kabel that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss personnel, 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. 8:10 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mrs. Jean Grubb, SCSSSD Business Official

Topic: Personnel Issues

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Loue and seconded by Mr. Velten that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:40p.m.
Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld and seconded by Mr. Kabel that the board of education approve to adjourn the meeting. 8:45p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Jean Grubb, SCSSSD Business Official