MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Doran and Mr. Velten

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.

A resident submitted a request for school placement for a foreign exchange student.

Board self-evaluation report - committee has a tentative meeting scheduled and will prepare and submit a summary to the board members.

Update – Privately Owned Vehicle Policy #3541.31
Update - #6153 – Field Trips

Commerce Insurance Agency suggested that each policy contain the following:
Maximum occupancy per vehicle – six (6)
Restraint needed for each occupant in the vehicle

Following a discussion and many unresolved issues, the committee decided to do further review on these policies.

2008-2009 Budget Information –

- The state guidelines were distributed
- The tax increase is capped at 4%
- State aid for most districts will increase
- Mandated tax relief is included in this budget
- The state's first download of paperwork and aid information is scheduled for January 23, 2008
- Early Childhood Program Aid and Demonstrably Effective Aid funds are expected to be included with regular aid money
- Second questions on the budget are not an option
- Increases to health care costs are expected to be released in April
- Saturday budget meeting will begin February
- The preliminary budget is due to the county on March 11, 2008
- The Public Hearing on the budget will be the end of March, or the beginning of April 2008

No update on the installation of cameras in the Reading Center.

No new business was discussed.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 24	December bill run	410,715.65
P 26	12-14 Payroll	148,043.80
P 27	12-21 Payroll	148,234.28
P 28	Posting correction	.00
P 29	11-07 Payroll	10,293.14
P 30	Deductions from state aid	7,559.70

Unanimously approved.
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APPROVE TRANSFERS

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by a Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the following transfers:

11 000 217 320 Contracted –related services	150.00	11 190 100 320 Contracted services Sources-for-Teachers	150.00
11 000 230 610 General Admin - Supplies	300.00	11 000 230 530 General Admin – telephone services-E Rate contract	200.00
		11 000 230 630 General Admin – BOE supplies	100.00
11 000 262 610 Custodial supplies	700.00	11 000 262 100 Salaries – aides	700.00
11 190 100 500 Purchase of services for instructional purposes	1000.00	11 000 270 350 Administrative transportation fees to CCESC	1000.00
11 000 291 270 Health Benefits	3450.00	11 000 291 241 Board contributions for pension funds	3450.00
11 000 217 320 Contracted –related services	2220.00	11 000 213 500 Contracted services – substitute nurses	2220.00

Unanimously approved.

APPROVE ABCO-ING TO LIST OF 403B

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the business administrator and add the payroll slot **"ABCO-ING"** for the purposes of making available to eligible employees an eligible deferred compensation plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 403 (b). The contractor, ING North America Insurance Company, is thus authorized to offer investment-funding vehicles for said plan. The ING plans will be introduced by Haddon Financial Group – 502 Pleasant Valley Avenue – Moorestown, New Jersey – who will act as the Agent of Record.

The above-mentioned companies indemnify the hold harmless the district, any individual member of the governing board, representatives and employees from every claim, demand and suit, which may arise from either failure or negligence to meet the requirements of their agreements.

Be it further resolved, that the board authorize the business administrator to sign the Basic Plan Agreement and any other necessary agreements to effectuate the Deferred Compensation Plan.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE TRAVEL FORM

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the attached travel form.
Unanimously approved.
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Mr. Henry Bermann advised the board members that at the Pittsgrove Board of Education's December 2007 meeting, Mr. Bermann was appointed the Superintendent for the district.

APPROVE GREEN TO SUB LIST

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the addition of Ms. Vicki Green, to the substitute aid list for the 2007-2008 school year.
Unanimously approved.
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ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Bohn, 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, negotiations, litigation, 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. 9:05 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, and Mr. Loue

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Topics:

Negotiations
Personnel and Negotiations Committee interviewed three (3) negotiator candidates.
Committee members agree that the board needs a negotiator.
Candidate was chosen, and references are being checked.

Porzio Report
Chief School Administrator will contact Porzio's staff and convey the board member's requests concerning data on the pending report.

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF ECPAOP

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve the submission of the district's Early Childhood Program Aid Operational Plan in the amount of $166,927, for fiscal year 2008-2009.
Unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the Board of Education approve to return to open session. 10:15 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the Board of Education approve to adjourn this meeting. 10:16 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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