MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA – FEBRUARY 12, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Velten, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Doran, and Mr. Loue

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

Mr. Steve Volkert, Prospect Street, next year, the borough will be allocating a portion of the PILOT Funds received to the district.

The board members received 2007 Financial Disclosure Statement and Personal/Relative Disclosure Statement for completion.

1ST READING OF POLICY #6153

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the first reading of the Field Trip Policy #6153.
Unanimously approved.

Update – Auditorium Seating – about twenty sponsorship letters were mailed.

SET ALL ELECTION AND BUDGET HOURS, RATES, DATES, ETC.

BUDGET AND ELECTION INFORMATION:
Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve to set the following tentative times, dates, rates, etc., pending the delivery of additional budget and election information from the State of New Jersey.

To set, **Monday, February 25, 2008,** at 4:00 *p.m.*, in the Merchantville Business Office, as the deadline for filing a petition to run for a seat on the board of education.

To set, Wednesday, **March 5, 2008*, at 1:00 p.m.***, in the Merchantville Business Office as the date, time and place for the drawing of names for positions on the ballot.

To set, **Tuesday, April 15, 2008**, as the election date, with voting hours *of 2 to 9 p.m.*, in the Reading Center at Merchantville School and Public Library.

To establish a rate of $10.00 per hour for poll workers, and $12.50 per hour for the two election judges.

To approve to hold a Public Hearing on the Budget on **Tuesday, March 25, 2008** at *7:00 p.m.*

To set, **Tuesday, April 22, 2008,** as the date for The Reorganization of the Board of Education.
Unanimously approved.

COMMITTEES

No reports submitted by:
Buildings and Grounds
Carroll Will
Discipline
Finance
High School
Planning
Library
CCESC

Community Relations
Budget information will be sent to the Borough's Newsletter office for submission in the next edition.

Curriculum and technology
The committee met with Mr. Monteleone, computer technician, to review the proposed budget for next year, and the staff usage of current projector equipment and accessories. At a future board meeting, some staff members will explain the utilization of the projectors and other equipment in the teaching process. The budget presented is approximately $50,000. The future installation of MAC Computer units was mentioned.

Personnel
Held for closed session.

Policy
Discussed earlier.

APPROVE 2-12-08 TRAVEL FORMS

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the attached travel form.
Roll call vote:
Ayes (5) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

APPROVE HOME-BOUND INSTRUCT-ION

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve home bound instruction for a student (HB#1), with the following specifics:

Five (5) hours per week
Term of four weeks (unless a revised medical note is received)
Instruction to begin about February 15, 2008
Home bound rate of $30.00 per hour.

Unanimously approved.

APPROVE CARR'S MOVEMENT ON SALARY GUIDE

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the additional credits earned by Mrs. Patty Carr, and her movement on the teacher's guide to a BA21 on a Step 17, effective February 1. 2008. Mrs. Carr's salary will be $68,309. (91.89% of $74,426).
Unanimously approved.

ADD CELOTTO TO SUB LIST

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the addition of Christine S. Celotto to our Substitute List for school year 2007 – 2008, pending receipt of an approved criminal history report.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE CLASS TRIPS

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Board of Education approve the following Field Trips:

Adventure Aquarium	- 30 Students
(7th Grade Field Trip)	- 3 Teacher
February 22, 2008	- 1 Chaperon
Teen Arts Festival	- 30 Students
(Art Field Trip)	- 2 Teacher
March 19, 2008	- 4 Chaperons

Unanimously approved.

APPROVE GRANT AWARD FOR 2007 FOR NCLB

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Board of Education accept the grant award for fiscal year 2007 provided under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB):

Title I	$77,103.
Title IIA	$26,128.
Title IID	$ 327.
Title IV	$ 2,593.
Title V	$ 986.

Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Jean Grubb, SCSSSD Official, arrived.

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Title I	$67,400.
Title IIA	$26,762.
Title IID	$ 453.
Title IV	$ 2,656.
Title V	$ 825.

Unanimously approved.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, 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. 8:25 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

Members Present: Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld,
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Topic Discussed:
- Pending negotiation meeting
- Salaries
- Health Benefits
  - Tiered cost sharing of benefit premiums
  - Enrollment period
  - Dependent coverage

Mr. Bermann arrived at 9:00 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Perno, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 9:00 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

Mr. Bermann distributed an "Executive Summary" of the 2008-2009 budget, with prior year comparisons. The Pennsauken Board of Education has not set the tuition-in rate for next school year. There will be tentative Budget Meetings on Saturday, February 23, 2008 and Saturday, March 1, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. The budget must be submitted on Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:20 p. m.
Unanimously approved.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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