MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – MARCH 11, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mrs. Jean Grubb, SCSSSD 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 open public comment.

Some staff members were present regarding curriculum.

A notice of a hearing was received from Michael C. Learn, Esq. for the Pennsauken Zoning Board of Adjustment, regarding the installation of an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility on South Clayton Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ.

Board self-evaluation report will be discussed at the committee meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008.

Board approved budget was delivered to the county office on Thursday, March 6, 2008. The school district's budget will be advertised in the newspaper, *The Retrospect.* The public hearing will be held on March 25, 2008.

APPROVE IDEA CARRY-OVER NON-PUBLIC FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the IDEA carry-over non public funds in the amounts of $7,677.00 and $333.00.
Ayes (7) Noes (1) Abstain (1) Mr. Loue Motion carries.

Discussion:

To date, the receipt of Verizon Aid to the Borough was not confirmed.

The district will receive PILOT Funds from the Borough. Exact amount not determined.

The Pennsauken High School tuition for next school year is $8,934.00 per student.

COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Discussed:

Committee met with teachers' liaison committee regarding the installation of air-conditioners in some classroom. Items mentioned: health conditions of some of the employees and children, such as allergies and asthma – electrical code requirements – contacting the insurance agent regarding insurance requirements - installation of exhaust fans – need to install 220 electrical lines – electrical engineer's review of the building – alternative solutions to the installation of air conditioners.

Community Relations

Mrs. Hartson-Stine is preparing the data to present the budget to the community members at the public hearing.
Committee would like the development of a single page review sheet for each grade level, each month, for distribution to the community.

Curriculum and technology

The Gifted and Talented Program - items mentioned: ideas submitted by committee, reconfiguration of the creative arts component of this program – more meaningful programs – consider expanding this program to include more than science and arts – possibility of the production of a children's play.

Discipline

Board member's requested a monthly report.

Personnel

The board member's evaluation of the Chief School Administrator is due by April 25th.

Library

County meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2008.

APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO MASONRY

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the disbursement of $14,753.20, as the final payment to Masonry Preservation for repairs to the gym, and the payment of the accompanying administrative fees to Garrison Architects.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVE STIPENT PAYMENT

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the following distribution of the Cheerleading Stipend for this school year:

Mrs. Carr	$1,398.90
Ms. North	$2,520.10

Ayes (7) Noes (0) Abstain (1) Mr. Velten Motion carries.

Miss New Jersey is scheduled to be at school for a "Right Decisions" program.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Doran, 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. 9:10 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

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

Topics Discussed:

- Tuition Reimbursement to staff members
- Contact with the local MEA
- Employee Health Benefits
- Updated information for the Porzio Group

Mr. Doran left at 9:45 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Velten, for the board of education to approve to return to open session. 9: 55 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN MEETING

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, for the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:56 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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