MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 26, 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
Mr. Henry Bermann, RSBA/ Board Secretary
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.

Cafeteria update postponed.

Several staff members – Mrs. Diem, Mrs. Fields, Mrs. Harvey-Wilson, Mrs. Hellman, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Pompeano-Swanson, and Mr. Waldron – attended the meeting. The Social Studies, Math Grades 1 to 5 and the Gifted and Talented curricula were presented.

Administration address the concerns expressed in a parent's email.

Sodexho Food Service advised that none of the recalled beef items were served at Merchantville School.

The Merchantville Police Department and administration dealt with the report that a student intended to bring a weapon to school. Following a detailed investigation, it was determined that the student never made this statement.

APPROVE FIELD TRIP POLICY #6153

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve the second reading and the adoption of Field Trip Policy #6153.
Unanimously approved.
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No update on the Board self-evaluation report.

During the summer, the Camden County Library System will be installing cameras in the Reading Center. These cameras will be operational during public library hours only.

Ms. Amy Polumbo, Miss New Jersey, will present a student program called "Right Decisions, Right Now" on March 7, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES 1-22-2008 2-09-2008 2-12-2008

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

January 22, 2008

Ayes (6) Noes (0) Abstain (2) Mr. Velten and Mr. Honigfeld Motion carries.

February 9, 2008

Ayes (5) Noes (0) Abstain (3) Mr. Perno, Mr. Morrone, and Mr. Doran Motion carries.

February 12, 2008

Ayes (4) Noes (0) Abstain (4) Mr. Velten, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Doran and Mr. Loue Motion carries.

Enclosed

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve and accept the:

APPPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 12/2007 AND 1/2008

Board Secretary's Report – Treasurer's Report - Certification
For December 2007 and January 2008

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the months of December 2007 and January 2008. 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 months of December 2007and January 2008. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the Month of December 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.

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve the following payments:

P 33	Adjustments	.00
P 34	1-15 Payroll	147,264.51

APPROVE PAYMENTS

P 35	Tuitions-deducted from state Aid	7,559.70
P 36	1-31 Payroll	149,730.00
P 37	1-31 Payroll adjustment	2,177.17
P 39 and P 40	Adjustment	.00
P41	February bill run	317,837.75

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Unanimously approved.

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

APPROVE TRANSFERS

11 190 100 610 General Supplies	450.00	11 401 100 600 Co-curricular – supplies	450.00
11 190 10 500 Purchase of services	500.00	11 190 100 106A Salaries – classroom aides – substitutes	500.00
11 204 100 610 Special education-learning disabled-supplies	30.00	11 401 100 600 Co-curricular – supplies	30.00
11 000 217 320 Extraordinary services – Purchase of services	1000.00	11 000 213 500 Health services – purchase of services	1000.00
11 000 216 600 Related services-supplies	50.00	11 000 213 600 Health services – supplies	50.00
11 000 222 600 Library - supplies	200.00	11 000 218 600 Support services – supplies	200.00
11 000 217 320 Extraordinary services – Purchase of services	200.00	11 000 219 390 Support services – Purchase of services	200.00
11 000 230 331 General admin. Legal Fees	200.00	11 000 230 590 General admin. Miscellaneous purchase of services	200.00

Unanimously approved.

APPROVE TRAVEL FORM DATED 2/26/08

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve the attached travel form.
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Roll call vote:
Ayes (8) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

No audience participation.

Discussion: NJQSAC (NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum) - requirements contains 342 elements for evaluating a district.

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, 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. 9:35 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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

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

Porzio Report

- Additional information

Negotiations:

- Salaries
- Benefits
- Contract
- Salary Guide

Mr. Berman left at 10:20 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve to return to open session. 10:23 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 10:25 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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