MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - MARCH 25, 2008
- PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET -

The Public Hearing for the 2008-2009 Budget and the Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

Members Present: Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Velten, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Loue, Mr. Bohn and Mr. Doran (7:26 p.m.)

Members Absent:

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.

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PUBLIC HEARING 2008-2009 SCHOOL BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve to open the public hearing portion on the 2008-2009 school budget. (7:08 p.m.)
Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hartson-Stine prepared and distributed a budget packet that included information on:

The Proposed Tax Increase –Maintaining the District's Programs - Student Enrollment - Per Pupil Expenditures - Student Performance Data - Staff Data - Anticipated Revenues - The Tax Rate -Impact on Taxes –Voting Information

Discussion included:

Increased funds adjustment to the Charter School tuition expenditure line to reflect the revised tuition rates received from the State of New Jersey.

Decrease to funds allocated to the private school tuition-out expenditure line to reflect a change in placement for two students.

Administration is challenging the state's charge to the district for a student in a state facility.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve to close the public hearing on the 2008-2009 school budget. 7:23 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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BUDGET RESOLUTION

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, for the board of education to approve by roll call vote, the following adjustments to the 2008-2009 budget:

Final adjustments required for budget submission:

Decrease Account #	Increase Account #	Amount
11-000-100-564	11-000-100-561	10,000.00
Voc Special Education Tuition	LEAS within State - Regular -PHS	
11-000-100-562	11-000-100-561	25,736.00
LEAS within State - Special	LEAS within State - Regular -PHS	
11-000-100-566	10-000-100-56X	39,284.00
Private schools for the Disabled within the state	Transfer Funds to Charter School	

2008 - 2009 BUDGET RESOLUTION

And, the following budget resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a 2008-2009 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

		Budget		Local Tax Levy
General Fund	$	6,095,940	$	4,077,152
Special Revenue Fund	$	549,261		.00
Debt Service Fund	$	355,659	$	335,137
Total Base Budget	**$**	**7,000,860**	**$**	**4,412,289**

BE IT RESOLVED that there be raised for General Funds $4,077,152 for the 2008-2009 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Honigfeld	Yes	Mr. Velten	Yes
Mr. Kabel	No	Mrs. Perno	Yes
Mr. Loue	Yes	Mr. Bohn	Yes
Mr. Morrone	Yes	Mrs. Hartson-Stine	Yes

Ayes (7) Noes (1) Mr. Kabel Abstain (0) Motion Carries.
(Mr. Doran arrived after the motion was voted on.)

Mr. Velten is working on the Board self-evaluation report.

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Auditorium Project – items discussed – PTA members are eager to move forward with this project, but there is a shortage of funds – Board supports this project and the business administrator believes the board involvement is necessary for insurance purposes, etc. – the payment of prevailing wages by contractors was mentioned – the donated seats must be moved to storage containers. A meeting with the architect, Mr. Lammey, is scheduled for April 8th.

A tentative meeting between the board's Negotiating Committee and the local MEA is scheduled for April 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Negotiating Committee will meet at 6: 00 p.m.

The Planning Committee scheduled a meeting for Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., in Room #105, to discuss the district's performance review of the fiscal planning portion of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC).

APPROVE 2/26/08 AND 3/1/08 MINUTES

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

February 26, 2008

Ayes (8) Noes (0) Abstain (1) Mr. Morrone Motion carries.

March 1, 2008

Ayes (8) Noes (0) Abstain (1) Mr. Morrone Motion carries

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 43	2/15 Payroll	148,027.43
P 44	2/28 Payroll	148,221.25
P 45	March Bill Run	271,102.62

Unanimously approved.
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APPROVE TRANSPORTATION JOINTURE

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve to enter into a joint transportation agreement with the Pennsauken Board of Education to transport Merchantville students to Bishop Eustace High School, in Pennsauken, New Jersey. Details as follows:

School Year	2007-2008
Bus Route	BE1A
School	Bishop Eustace, Pennsauken, NJ
Number of students	Twelve (12)
Cost per student	$765.16
Total route cost	$9,181.92

Ayes (4) Noes (1) Honigfeld Abstain (3) Mr. Bohn, Mr. Velten, and Mr. Loue
Motion Carries.

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APPROVE TRANSFERS

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

100 000 230 339 Purchase of professional services	200.00	11 000 230 332 Audit Fees	200.00
11 190 100 610 General supply account	250.00	11 000 240 600 School supply account	250.00
11 000 261 420 Building repair and maintenance – contracted services	1,000.00	11 000 261 610 Building repair and maintenance - supplies	1,000.00
11 000 262 520 Insurance account	600.00	11 000 262 100 Custodial –salaries	600.00

Unanimously approved.

VOID CHECK #44680

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to void and not reissue check #44680 – 3/25/08- $34,310.55, payable to the State of NJ Health Benefits. Funds are transferred electronically.
Unanimously approved.

No audience participation.

APPROVE CLASS TRIPS

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

Annenberg Center	- 30 Students
(7^{th} Grade Art-A-Facts)	- 2 Teachers
April, 2008	- 4 Chaperons
Kimmel Center	- 68 Students
(1^{st} & 3^{rd} Grade Art-A-Facts)	- 4 Teachers
April, 2008	- 11Chaperons
Statute of Liberty / Ellis Island	- 40 Students
(6^{th} Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April, 2008	- 5 Chaperons
Wheaton Village	- 33 Students
(5^{th} Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April, 2008	- 6 Chaperons
Philadelphia Zoo	- 37 Students
(2^{nd} Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April, 2008	- 10 Chaperons

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Fonthill Museum / Moravian Tile Works	- 40 Students
(5th Grade Art-A-Facts)	- 2 Teachers
April, 2008	- 2 Chaperons

Unanimously approved.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Loue, 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, 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. 7:55 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Topics Discussed:

Litigation:
Contact information and data for the Porzio Report

State funding for the borough and the district

Mr. Swanson left the closed session meeting.

Negotiations:
Salary issues
Financial impact of contract negotiations

CSA's Evaluation and Contract

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve to return to open session. 9:08 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, for the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:10 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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