MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 7:30p.m. in the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

The board president, Mr. Steve Morrone, called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M. at which time the following statement was read:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Merchantville Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Retrospect, The Courier Post, Borough Hall, and Community Library.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Doran and Mr. Honigfeld

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. Henry Bermann, RSBA/Board Secretary
Mrs. Jean Grubb, SCSSSD Official
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

The board president led the board in the pledge to the flag.

No open public comment.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss the business administrator's contract, 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. 7:35 p.m.

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DISCUSSED:

Business Services Agreement

Shared Services
Language in contract
Terms and conditions

Negotiations

Tentative agreement reached – members will be given copies For reviewing and voting purposes.

Shared Services

*E*xpansion of services continues to be explored.

RETURN TO OPEN

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:35 p.m.

Resolution - Awarding Contracts

AWARD BUSINESS SERVICES CONTRACT

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, for the board of education to approve the resolution authorizing the awarding of contracts for "professional services" for a one-year term until the Reorganization of the Board of Education, without competitive bidding:

Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Salem County Special Services

With the inclusion of the following wording under General Requirements –Letter D- page #1:

One (1) day per week is defined as a eight hour (8) work day, inclusive of a one (1) hour lunch break.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

RENEW PORZIO LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve to renew the professional services contract to render legal services, as required, with Porzio, Bromberg and Newman, P.C. of Morristown, NJ.

Contract on file in the business office.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Proposals for a District Solicitor were taken by the ad-hoc committee to review. The CSA will be included in this process.

APPROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2008-2009

Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve the 2008-2009 school calendar as presented.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

No update on the PSE&G Alternative Energy Program

Carroll Will

CSA, BOE President, and the Bank's Board of Trustees will meet before 6/30/08.

Community Relations

Update: Open House held on Saturday - about a dozen families toured the school building and two (2) applications for tuition-in students were submitted.

Curriculum and Technology
The staff members who handle the SASI Program have advised Mr. Swanson that the student data is updated and ready to interface with a Parental Notification System.

Mr. Swanson advised that for the 2008-2009 school year, the Read 180 program would be available to students in grades three through eight. Mrs. Sasser and Mrs. Brill will be teaching the Read 180 program.

Personnel
The summer work schedule and all summer programs will be on a four (4) day cycle – Monday through Thursday.

Planning & High School
Update on QSAC – this committee is schedule to meet this week to discuss the QSAC requirements.

Policy
Mrs. Hartson-Stine forwarded two (2) policies in the 7000 series for review. The Medication Policy must be finalized.

Library
Library Supervisor requested that the district purchase a bicycle rack for the library's patrons to use.

PTA
Meeting scheduled for June 18, 2008 (Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Kabel will be the board liaison.

CCESC
The commission held their reorganization meeting and Mrs. Perno did vote.

BUSINESS OFFICE
PAYMENTS

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 61	Health benefits	2650.67
P 62	Correction	12,278.92
P 63	Correction	.05
P 65	Payroll – 5-30	152,048.84
P 66	Deductions from state aid-tuitions	8,829.70

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE TRANSFERS

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Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mrs. Velten, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and approve the following transfers effective May 2008:

11 000 219 320 Support services – purchase of services	1500.00	11 190 100 106A Classroom aide - substitutes	1500.00
11 000 223 500 Instructional staff training	2073.00	11 190 100 320 Instruction – contracted services	2073.00
11 204 100 610 Special education – supply line	200.00	11 204 100 101A Special education - substitutes	200.00
11 000 240 300 School support – purchase of services		11 204 100 101A Special education – substitutes	438.00
		11 000 213 500 Health services – purchase of services	900.00
		11 000 230 530 Communications	600.00
		11 000 230 585 BOE purchase of services	610.00
11 000 251 340 Central services – purchase of services	800.00	11 000 230 590 BOE misc. purchase of services	800.00
11 000 218 600 Support services – supplies	300.00	11 000 240 600 School support - supplies	300.00
		11 000 213 600 Health services - supplies	250.00
11 000 270 503 Transportation – aid in lieu	300.00	11 000 270 513 Transportation – contracted jointure	300.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

REAPPOINT ALL TENURED, CERTIFICATED TEACHING STAFF

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Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator, and reappoint all tenured, certificated teaching staff for the 2008-2009 school year. All salaries and steps listed are as per the 2007-2008 MEA/Board Agreement, and upon settlement of the new contract, the revised data will be presented to the board for approval.

Tenured - TPAF		**2007-2008 Contracted Salary**	**Bi-weekly**	**Degree**	**Add'l Credits**	**Step on Guide**
Batterman		81,413.00	4,070.65	MA		17
Bonaccorso	(79.73%)	64,910.58	3,245.53	MA		17
Borrelli		77,929.00	3,896.45	BA	39	17
Carr	(91.89%)	68,390.05	3,419.50	BA	21	17
Cogan		76,177.00	3,808.85	BA	30	17
Cook		74,426.00	3,721.30	BA	21	17
DiAngelo		77,929.00	3,896.45	BA	39	17
Diem		86,311.00	4,315.55	MA	30	17
Fields		55,983.00	2,799.15	BA		14
Franolich		64,506.00	3,225.30	BA	9	17
Gandy		50,709.00	2,535.45	BA		9
Hanna		68,017.00	3,400.85	BA	15	17
Hellman		61,996.00	3,099.80	BA		17
Holt		86,311.00	4,315.55	MA	30	17
Hood		74,426.00	3,721.30	BA	21	17
LaJeunesse	(72.76%)	51,888.79	2,594.44	BA	39	15
Lane		76,177.00	3,808.85	BA	30	17
McNamara	(50.00%)	32,253.00	1,612.65	BA	9	17
Montufar		64,506.00	3,225.30	BA	45	17
Ransom		82,707.00	4,135.35	MA	9	17
Rettinger		47,576.00	2,378.80	BA		6
Robertson		84,501.00	4,225.05	MA	21	17
Swanson, A.		86,311.00	4,315.55	MA	30	17
Talarico		74,426.00	3,721.30	BA	21	17
Turan		64,899.00	3,244.95	BA	15	16
Van Sciver		62,353.00	3,117.65	MA		12
Walton		61,996.00	3,099.80	BA		17
Wilson-Harvey		74,426.00	3,721.30	BA	21	17

Roll call vote:
Ayes (7) Mr. Loue, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Velten, Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Perno, and Mr. Morrone
Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

APPROVE ARCHWAY JUST KIDS CONTRACT

APPROVE ARCHWAY/JUST KIDS PROGRAM

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve the Archway/Just Kids Program contract with the Merchantville School District to provide before and after school child care services for the 2008-2009 school year.
Contract on file in the business office.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

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Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:25 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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