MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

The board president, Mr. Steve Morrone, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.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, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Honigfeld and Mr. Doran

Members Absent: Mrs. Perno and Mrs. Hartson-Stine

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

No open public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Electrical contractor's proposal covering the district's electrical system was received and reviewed by the buildings and grounds committee.

There are no updates from Camden Catholic High School's representatives regarding the use of/and changes to the district's athletic field.

Auditorium Update – Meeting scheduled for September 30, 2008.

The costs for the expenditures from The Marie J. Carroll Will are not finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

QSAC Requirement – Discussion on:
18A: 12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the school or personal gain or the gain of friends.

Mr. Morrone read and discussed the above ethic codes.

COMMITTEES

Curriculum and Technology

Parental Notification System and SASI link

Update on the children's family contact information continues.

Policy

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve the action listed on the following policies and procedures:

Amended: Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve the action listed on the following policies and procedures, expect Policy #5142 which will be held at this time.

APPROVE THE ACTION LISTED ON VARIOUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

4111	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring	2nd reading and adoption
4111.1	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action	2nd reading and adoption
4112.2	Certification	2nd reading and adoption
4112.4	Employee Health	2nd reading and adoption
4112.6	Personnel Records	2nd reading and adoption
4113/4114	Assignment; Transfer	2nd reading and adoption
4115	Supervision	2nd reading and adoption
4116	Evaluation	2nd reading and adoption

4117.4	Reduction in Force/Abolishing a Position	2nd reading and adoption
4117.41	Non-renewal	2nd reading and adoption
5141.21	Administering Medication	2nd reading and adoption
5142	***HOLD - Pupil Safety***	

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Buildings and Grounds

APPROVE BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPAIRS

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

Painting and repairing of the flagpole – Estimated to cost $1,300.

And

Sidewalk repairs/replacement on Centre Street and the pipe and cement issues in the small playground – Estimated to cost $3,500.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Personnel and Negotiations

APPROVE CHANGES TO THE MEA/BOE AGRMT. 08-11

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve the following changes to the MEA/BOE Agreement dated 2008 to 2011:

Nullify Appendix "A"
Change the date on the first page of the agreement
Attach the submitted copies of the salary guide
Attach a new dated signature page.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE ROWAN PROGRAM

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation for the placement of Rowan University students in the district's Pre-K and K programs for one day a week for nine weeks. This program is part of a Junior Field Experience for education majors.

Approved by unanimous voice vote

Mr. Lammey, the district's architect, will review the electrical contractor's proposal.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P10	September bill run	$186,203.95

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator, and approve the following travel requests:

Name	Date	Location	Event	Purpose	Amount	Code
Leise, Jeanne	10/20/2008	East Windsor, NJ	Workshop School Social Workers	Presentation on Social Workers and School Leadership	$170.00	1

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRAVEL REQUESTS

APPROVE CCESC CONTRACT AND ADDENDUM

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator, and approve to renew the contract and addendum with Camden County Educational Services Commission for continuation of services to non-public school students in accordance with Chapter 192 and 193, for school year 2008-2009.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
Contract on file in the business office.

Use of Facilities requests and Haunted House information was shared.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education adjourns, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, personnel, 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.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Topics Discussed:

Shared Services
Feasibility Study
Meetings
Administrative Law Judge's and Education Commissioner's involvement in shared services and regionalization/ consolidation decisions

Early Retirement Buy-outs
- Submit draft to the district's attorney for review
- Final proposal must be submitted to the Division of Pensions and Benefits for approval
- Required number of retirees
- Deadline for submission and approval

MEA/BOE Contract
- Support staff's salary guide

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. 8:25 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The student Dress Code Guidelines (R 9/23/08) were discussed for clarification on the wearing of hooded sweatshirts.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, for the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:43 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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