MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JANUARY 13, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 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 The Community Library.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Doran

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. Henry Bermann, RSBA
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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

Mr. Brunton, Cove Road, one of Borough Council's board liaisons, introduced himself.

Election Information:

- The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for a position of the Merchantville Board of Education is 4:00 p.m., Mon., March 2, 2009.
- As of now, there will be three (3) board seats open, each with a three (3) year term.
- Members whose terms expire this year are: Mr. Honigfeld, Mrs. Hartson-Stine and Mr. Velten
- Elections are scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

Unfinished Business:

Board of Education Goals and Objectives for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Personal Illness and Injury Policy #4151.1 was sent to the insurance agent for review.

District's Handbook.

The Guidance Counselor's Job Description was forwarded to the personnel committee and the board president.

The broken fence at the field is scheduled for repairs.

COMMITTEES

Building and Grounds

An anonymous donor inquired about replacing the windows in the auditorium.

Carroll Will

All budgeted projects are not fully implemented.

Community Relations

Possible update and redesign of the district's web page was discussed.

Curriculum and Technology

Requested next school year's budget from school personnel and the status of this year's computer purchases.

Finance

Salem County Special Services School District's termination of business administrator services was held for closed.

Budget Items:

The state aid numbers will be released later than usual this year.
The state changed the calculations of administrative costs for this budget cycle.
Debt service is outside of the cap calculation.
Suggestions for the future:

A request was made for various "teaching models" for the district to be proactive and not reactive to the declining financial climate. At the board's reorganization, this should be reviewed.

Personnel

Communication – hold for closed.
CSA's Contract.

BUSINESS OFFICE

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 26	December bill run (reviewed by finance committee)	$336,755.79
P 27	12-15 Payroll	150,022.37
P 28	Payroll posting correction	-170.16
P 29	12-23 Payroll	152,713.08
P 31	Tuitions deducted from state aid	5,045.50

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the recommendations of the chief school administrator and approve the following transfer of accounts as of 12/31/08:

11 000 100 569 Tuitions – special	16,800.00	11 000 217 320 Extraordinary services – one – on-one aide	16,800.00
11 000 251 330 Professional services	500.00	11 000 230 332 Audit Fees	500.00
11 000 252 610 Computer supplies	600.00	11 000 262 100 Salaries – aides, etc.	600.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

APPROVE TRANSFERS

Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld**,** approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and the Child Study Team to approve the following revision to T.O.#176's IEP: - Replace current behaviorist with a contracted one-on-one aide provided by entering into a contract with Protocall, estimated at $16,578.00, ($19.95 per hour, for seven hours per day) through 6/30/ 2009.

APPROVE REVISION TO TO #176 SERVICES

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the addition of Kathleen Speese to the Substitute List for the 2008 - 2009 school year, pending full completion of all necessary documentation.

APPROVE TO HIRE SPEESE AS A SUBSTITUTE

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the Board of Education adjourns, 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. 8:25 p.m.

ENTER CLOSED

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Topics Discussed:

Employee retiring on 6/30/2009.

Early Retirement Incentives
State's position
NJEA's opinion

Mr. Bermann and Mr. Swanson left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Business Administrator's Contract
Changes from the previous contract
Duties and responsibilities
Termination clause

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Bermann and Mr. Swanson returned at 9:17 p.m.

APPROVE B O N A C C O R S O 'S RETIRE-MENT 6/30/09

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve to return to open session. 9:17 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve to accept, with regret, the resignation and retirement of Mr. John Bonaccorso, effective June 30, 2009.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE PBOE BUSINESS SERVICES AGRMT.

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education approve to enter into a business services agreement with the Pittsgrove Board of Education, with the terms and conditions listed in the contract and a forty-five (45) day termination clause.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:35 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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