MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JANUARY 27, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 27, 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, Mr. Doran, and Mr. Morrone

Members Absent:

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.

The board president and chief school administrator presented awards to several members of the National Junior Honor Society.

First draft of the Board's Goals and Objectives was given to each member to review. Pgs._____

Pending: District's Handbook - Personal Illness and Injury - Policy #4151.1

A new ad-hoc committee was appointed to review the district's educational process and develop new approaches to teaching. Committee will include board members, staff members and community members.

Some board members attended a Regionalization Meeting in Voorhees, and the distributed booklet was given to all members.

APPROVE 12/16/08 AND 1/13/09 MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the Board of education approve the following minutes:

December 16, 2008

Ayes (8)	Noes (0)	Abstain (1) Mrs. Perno	Motion carries.

January 13, 2009

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

BUSINESS OFFICE

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

APPROVE PAYMENTS

P 30	January bill run (Reviewed by finance committee member)	545,923.46

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE TRANSFER

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the recommendations of the chief school administrator and approve the following transfer of accounts as of 1/31/09:

11 190 100 106 Salaries – classroom aides	2200.00	11 000 262 100 Salaries – custodians and non instructional aides	2200.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRAVEL FORM

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the following travel requests:

Sue Roth And Jeanne Leise	2/26/09	Sewell, NJ	Array/Supports for Including students- Workshop	$25.00
Loretta Mansolino	02/04/09	Egg Harbor, NJ	EWEG – new process for receiving grant funds	$20.00

APPROVE NEW SALARY FOR LEISE

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve a movement on the salary for Mrs. Jeanne Leise to a BA 39 Step 7, at 75% FTE, salary $41,804.25, effective February 1, 2009.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE DECEMBER REPORTS 2008

A budget summary, revenue summary report and transfer status report were distributed.

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve and accept the:

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

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of December 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 month of December 2008. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of December 2008 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.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education accept the funds provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEIA) in the amounts of $150,984.00 (Basic) and $6,293.00 (Pre-school) and approve the submission of the fiscal year 2006 Grant Acceptance Certificate.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO ACCEPT IDEIA FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education approve the following field trip:

APPROVE FIELD TRIP

Rutgers Center for the Arts –(7th Grade Art-A-Facts Trip) – February 4, 2009
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mr. Doran, 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. 7:55 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

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

Members Absent:

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

- Send/Receive, Regionalization and Consolidation possibilities
- Availability of state funds for feasibility studies
- Involvement of the Executive County Superintendent with regionalization and consolidations of districts
- Shared services

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the board of education to approve to return to open session. 8:43 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Budget discussion: General Fund – 4% cap – revenues - salary and health benefit costs – paperwork due dates – CSA's guide lines – Pennsauken Board of Education tuition-in rate for 2009-2010, and the adjusted tuition rate from prior years, defeated budget – finance committee charge, etc.

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:55 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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