MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – MAY 12, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., in The Reading Center at Merchantville School.

The board president 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. Kabel, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Doran, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett, and Mrs. Hartson –Stine

Members Absent:

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. William Thompson, Business Administrator
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Upcoming Events

a. First & Second Grade Play - May 13, 1:15 and May 14, 9:30 AM
b. Spring Concert – May 21, 7:30 PM
c. Memorial Day Observance at Wellwood Park, May 25
d. BOE Meeting – May 26, 7:30

Awards, Honors, Acknowledgements

Vanessa Van Sciver, Science Teacher

- Certificate of Recognition by the American Meteorological Society (AMS) for completion of the DataStreme Atmosphere course funded by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Earth Systems Science Course sponsored by NASA
- MAURY Project, a hands-on oceanography course at the Annapolis Naval Academy sponsored by AMS/NOAA

Communications

Copy of the Camden County Department of Education's letter advising that the percentage of the district's pupils who attend the Pennsauken School District is less than 10% of the student population, and Merchantville is not entitled to representation on their board.
See Pgs._____

Pennsauken High School letter regarding home bound instruction for a student.

Community member's sent a letter regarding the students' test scores.

Presentation

District's students' test scores - Mrs. Phelps, Guidance Counselor:

Discussed districts' standardized test results
School schedules now combine reading and language arts
Study Skills Class
The Read 180 Program was expanded to include 3rd and 4th grades
Creating a club to work with children a few days a week
Learnia Program is being implemented. This program concentrates on standards of test scores and promotes skill based instructions
This summer, there will be a summer group for teaching Reading Skills
Some teachers attended a Literacy and Reading Rowan University Program and shared the material with all staff members.
Dr. Roth and Dr. Hartley, a Rowan University Consultant, will present a workshop on Differentiated Instruction. Dr. Hartley will follow-up with teacher consultation and data driven instruction.

Unfinished Business

A copy of the Committee Assignments is listed.
See page_____

APPROVE BOARD'S GOALS AND OBJECT-IVES

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the Merchantville Board of Education's Committees' Goals & Objectives for the 2009-2010 school year, as listed.
See pages_____

Dress Code Guidelines – Hair color – Discipline Committee will review and present in September 2009.

Sodexho Food Service Proposal not finalized.

Joint Purchasing Agreement – pending

Cafeteria Prices for 2009-2010 - pending

Library Contract – awaiting

Official Election Results - See pages_____

New Business

Draft of 2009-2010 calendar was distributed.

Two (2) families, who moved out of the borough, have made requests for their children to be permitted to finish the school year.

Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds

Committee met. Current security system will be upgraded. The internal procedures for children traveling in the building were reviewed.

Community Relations
Meeting will be scheduled regarding updates and changes to the district's Web site.

Curriculum & Technology
Meeting will be scheduled to discuss computer equipment, software and programs.

Finance
Committee met and reviewed a current budget summary – discussed fund balance – special education needs – next school year's budget.

High School ad hoc
Held for closed session.

Personnel
Committee met and discussed the CSA's Goals and Objectives – the open music teacher position – summer programs.

Planning
Committee met and discussed the music teacher's position - basic skills program.

Policy
Meeting planned. See policy in agenda.

Liaison Reports

Pennsauken High School
Principal's request to attend a board meeting.

Library
Agreement still pending.

Borough Council
After this issue, the Borough's Newsletter will be on-line only.

Chief School Administrator Report

Quarterly Status Report
Under revision.

QSAC Status Update
State personnel will be here this summer and the various QSAC committees were discussed.

APPROVE 1ST READING OF POLICY #5131

Committee Recommendations

Policy Committee – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Board of Education have a first reading of the following policy:

5131 – Conduct/Discipline

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
See pages_____

APPROVE TUITION-IN RATE FOR 09-10 SY

Business Office Recommendations

Tuition Rate for 2009-2010 School Year – Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the Board of Education establish a tuition-in rate for the 2009-2010 school year of *$3,500*.00, for 1st through 8th grades.

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

Set Cafeteria Prices for 2009-2010 – motion not moved.

Approve payments – Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the Board of Education approve the following payments:

APPROVE PAYMENTS

P 47	Adjustment	-$123.26
P 48	Deductions from state aid	$9,181.50
P 49	April 13, 2009 Payroll	$150,460.57
P 50	April 30, 2009 Payroll	$149,285.71

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
See pages_____

APPROVE TO REAPPOINT TENURED STAFF AS LISTED

Chief School Administrator's Recommendations

Reappointment of Tenured Staff and Support Staff – Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the CSA's recommendation to reappoint the tenured staff as listed below:

	2009-2010 Contracted Salary	Bi-weekly	Degree	Add'l Credits	Step on Guide
TPAF					
Teachers					
Batterman	87,013.00	4,350.65	MA		17
Borrelli	83,529.00	4,176.45	BA	39	17
Brill	58,974.00	2,948.70	BA	30	9
Carr (91.89%)	73,535.89	3,676.79	BA	21	17
Cogan	81,777.00	4,088.85	BA	30	17
Cook	80,026.00	4,001.30	BA	21	17
DiAngelo	83,529.00	4,176.45	BA	39	17
Diem	91,911.00	4,595.55	MA	30	17
Fields	66,365.00	3,318.25	BA		16
Franolich	70,106.00	3,505.30	BA	9	17
Gandy	57,246.00	2,862.30	BA		11
Hanna	73,617.00	3,680.85	BA	15	17
Hellman	67,596.00	3,379.80	BA		17
Holt	91,911.00	4,595.55	MA	30	17
LaJeunesse (72.76%)	62,051.18	3,102.56	BA	45	17
Lane	81,777.00	4,088.85	BA	30	17
McNamara (50.00%)	35,053.00	1,752.65	BA	9	17
Montufar	85,282.00	4,264.10	BA	45	17
Nettleton	57,832.00	2,891.60	MA		5
Ransom-Harper	88,307.00	4,415.35	MA	9	17
Rettinger	52,937.00	2,646.85	BA		8
Robertson	90,101.00	4,505.05	MA	21	17
Swanson-Pompeano	91,911.00	4,595.55	MA	30	17
Talarico	80,026.00	4,001.30	BA	21	17
Turan	73,617.00	3,680.85	BA	15	17
Van Sciver	71,582.00	3,579.10	MA		14
Walton	67,596.00	3,379.80	BA		17
Wilson-Harvey	80,026.00	4,001.30	BA	21	17

Social Worker					
Leise (75.00%)	43,865.25	2,193.26	BA	39	8
	2009-2010	Bi-weekly			Step
	Contracted				
PERS					
Support Staff					
Mallon	29,612.00	1,480.60			5
Papa	43,336.00	1,805.67			5

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes (9) Mr. Loue, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Doran, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett and Mrs. Hartson –Stine
Noes (0) Abstain (1) Motion carries.

APPROVE SCSSSD PAYROLL SERV. AGRM.

Payroll Service Agreement – Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the CSA's recommendation and approve the Payroll Service Agreement with Salem County Special Services School District to provide payroll services, as listed, for the period covering January 15, 2009 to May 15, 2009.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
See pages_____

APPROVE SOLICITOR'S CONTRACT

Solicitor Contract – Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the CSA's recommendation and approve the solicitor's contract for the firm of Wade, Long, Wood & Kennedy, LLC for the term of one year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
See pages _____

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

Field Trip Approvals - Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the following field trips. Transportation will be funded through the Marie J. Carroll Foundation.

Bucks County Parks (Tohickon) - 30 Students
(Naturalist Club Field Trip) - 3 Teachers
May 15-17, 2009 - 3 Chaperons

Adventure Aquarium - 38 Students
(7th Grade Field Trip) - 3 Teachers
June 1, 2009 - 3 Chaperons

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

No open public comment.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Board of Education adjourns, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, personnel, litigation, 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. 9:05 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Members Present: Mr. Loue, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Doran, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett and Mrs. Hartson –Stine

Members Absent:

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

High-School Issue

Neighboring districts
Contacts
Feasibility study
The state has not released the funds for these studies.

Mr. Swanson left at 9:30 p.m.

Chief School Administrator's Goals and Objectives

County Office has not returned an approved contract
The four (4) main goals were reviewed

Mr. Swanson returned.

Music Teacher's Position

Interviews in process – Some applicants are in the second round of the interview process – all applicants will be required to have background checks.

RETURN TO OPEN

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education to approve to return to open session. 10:10 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 10:11 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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