MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 10, 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, Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Doran, Mr. Velten and Mr. Morrone

Members Absent: Mrs. Perno

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.

At present, there are five (5) candidates for the three (3) open positions on the board of education. They are:

Kevin Barnett
Janice Engelke
Sharon Hartson-Stine
Elliot Honigfeld
Andrew Velten

The drawing of names for positions on the ballot will be held on Friday, March 13, 2009.

Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the second reading and adoption of - Personal Illness and Injury - Policy #4151.1
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE & ADOPT POLICY #4151.1

District's Handbook – Updates to the Early Dismissal Procedures and Evacuations Plan are in progress.

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve to set the Public Hearing for the 2009-2010 School Budget for Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., in Room #105 of Merchantville School.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET ON 4/2/09

Security - On vendor submitted a proposal.

An emergency test for a daytime occurrence in the building generated a report indicating that 10% of the contact numbers called were classified as "un-operating/bad" numbers.

Section 4A of the attorney's contract must be revised to read $300.00 per meeting attended thru the board's reorganization.

Budget Update – Prior to this meeting, the Finance Committee met with administration to discuss the budget. The state and federal aid numbers are still pending.

Ad-hoc Teaching Committee met. Questions arose involving classroom volunteers, and confidentiality issues for students with IEPS.

APPROVE PAYMENT

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education approve the following payment:

P 40	Payroll – 2/27/09	155,427.91

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE TRAVEL REQUEST

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education approve the following travel request:

Phelps, Deborah	3/17/09	Mount Laurel, New Jersey	NJ ASK District Test Coordinator Training	Training	$15.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE STOP PYMTS. AND REISSUES

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education approve to stop payment and reissue the following lost checks:

#45358	Comcast	$ 380.00
#45427	Comcast	$1,336.00
#45322	The Retrospect	$ 47.09

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

APPROVE FIELDS AND GRIMES TO THE SUB LIST

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Amanda Fields as substitute teacher and nurse, also Joanne Grimes as substitute aide and secretary for the 2008- 2009 school year.
Ayes (7) Noes (1) Abstain (1) Mr. Doran Motion carries.
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APPROVE TRIPS

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the following Field Trips:

Wheaton Village
(4th Grade Field Trip)
April 03, 2009

- 32 Students
- 2 Teachers
- 6 Chaperons

APPROVE TRIPS

The Grand (Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters)	- 34 Students
(3rd Grade Art-A-Facts Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April 24, 2009	- 9 Chaperons
Font Hill Museum / Moravian Pottery	- 36 Students
(5th Grade Art-A-Facts Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April 28, 2009	- 2 Chaperons
Annenberg Center (War of the Worlds)	- 39 Students
(6th Grade Art-A-Facts Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April 28, 2009	- 4 Chaperons
Philadelphia Zoo	- 41 Students
(2nd Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April 30, 2009	- 10 Chaperons

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

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

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Perno

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

Shared Services with other districts

Rowan University and consolidation feasibility studies

Before Reorganization, the CSA's Review must be completed.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Velten, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:03 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:04 p.m.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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