MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2009 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A Budget Work Session of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 17, 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, and Mr. Morrone

Members Absent: Mr. Velten and Mrs. Perno

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

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

Ballot Positions – Andrew Velten, Sharon Hartson-Stine, Elliot Honigfeld, Janice Engelke, and Kevin Barnett.

2009-2010 BUDGET

The Preliminary Budget Packet was reviewed and discussion included:

- Maintaining the current staff and all of the district's programs
- The proposed tax increase
- Student enrollment numbers
- Tuition-out costs
- The Pennsauken High School tuition charges for 2009-2010
- Current pre-school program
- State mandated pre-school program
- The computer budget

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- The textbook allocations
- Anticipated state and federal aid

APPROVE PRELIM-INARY BUDGET FOR 2009 - 2010

Moved by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve to submit the district's 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget to the county for approval and to advertise this budget in the district's approved newspaper, The Retrospect.

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
General Fund	**6,088,241**	**4,085,669**
Special Revenue Fund	**587,042**	
Debt Service Fund	**308,357**	**287,836**
TOTAL BASE BUDGET	**6,983,640**	**4,373,505**

Roll call vote:
Ayes (7) Mr. Doran, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Bohn, Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Loue and Mr. Morrone

Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

ENTER CLOSED

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the Board of Education adjourns, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss contractual issues, 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. 8:22 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Velten and Mrs. Perno

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

Topic Discussed:
Contracted services

RETURN TO OPEN

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education to approve to return to open session. 8:29 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:30 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

_____Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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