MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JULY 8, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville Board of Education was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 7:30p.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 Community Library.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Kabel

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. Henry Bermann, RSBA/Board Secretary
Mrs. Jean Grubb, SCSSSD Official
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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

No open public comment.

No communication items.

Solicitor Proposals – schedule meetings with a representative from the two law firms.

APPROVE STEPS AND SALARIES TO NEW CONTRACT

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education adopt the following steps and the associated salaries as part of the MEA/BOE Agreement dated July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. (These steps are not on the original paperwork submitted, and a staff member is on this step.) Negotiators are revising the paperwork.

SY 2008-2009	BA 21	Step 8
SY 2009-2010	BA 21	Step 9
SY 2010-2011	BA 21	Step 10

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO CANCEL THE 7-22-08 MEETING

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, for the board of education to approve to cancel the July 22,2008 board of education meeting.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds

Administration met with Mr. Finnegan, a community member, and Ms. Marlene Grimes, Camden Catholic High School representative, regarding use of the track at the field, and some upgrades to the grounds. All changes will be submitted for approval.

Mr. Bill Gerichter, Edvocate Group, inspected the building for compliance to the GCA Custodial Contract.

An electrical contractor toured the building and will submit a proposal for air-conditioning and ventilation upgrades.

Urie Electric will submit a proposal for the replacement of the three (3)-door freezer in the cafeteria.

Carroll Will

Meeting was held on June 26, 2008.

Curriculum and Technology

Update: Parental Notification System and SASI link

Global connect submitted a proposal and we are waiting for proposals from other vendors.

Pearson informed administration that they would end support for the SASI Student Management Program in 2010. Pearson will be offering replacement software at a discounted rate.

The Pearson representative will be here in August to work with Merchantville Staff and the following should be completed: class lists, teachers' schedules, and children's schedules.

Administration will schedule a meeting to update the Technology Committee.

Discussed: Renaissance Project – Good Character Club – rewards for good deeds and good grades – Algebra junior high program – Spanish junior high program. – Medical Policy – tuition –in applicants.

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

P 71	6-19 Payroll	134,764.10
P 73	Petty Cash Reconciliation	$284.15
P 74	6-30 Payroll	20,894.34

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mr. Doran, seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and approve the following travel requests.

Name	Date	Location	Event	Purpose	Amount	Code
Mansolino, Loretta Leise, Jeanne	7/8/2008	Clementon, NJ	QSAC Learning Event	Governance Requirement	$20.00	1
Mansolino, Loretta Leise, Jeanne Swanson, Christian	7/24/08	Clementon, NJ	QSAC Learning Event	Operations Requirements	$20.00	1

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and approve the following transfers effective June 2008.

11 000 213 300 Health services – purchase of services	300.00	11 000 213 600 Health services – supplies	300.00
11 000 100 566 Tuition – private schools for the handicapped	136.00	11 000 213 600 Health services - supplies	136.00
11000 291 270 Health benefits	4285.00	11 190 100 340 Computer technical services	4285.00
11 190 100 500 Purchased services	1505.00	11 190 100 340 Computer technical services	1505.00
11 000 291 270 Health Benefits	22938.43	11 190 100 610 Supplies – Read 190 System	22938.43
11000 291 270 Health benefits	400.32	11 000 213 500 Health services – purchase of services	400.32
11 000 230 590 General Administration – other purchase of services	1785.22	11 000 230 530 Communications	1785.22

11 000 291 270 Health benefits	2168.30	11 000 230 530 Communications	2168.30
11 000 240 105 Salaries – main office secretary	241.02	11 000 240 600 Supplies – main office	241.02
11 000 262 620 Energy line	69.96	11 000 262 100 Supplies -custodial	69.96
11 000 213 300 Health services – purchase of services	300.00	11 000 213 600 Health services – supplies	300.00
11 000 100 566 Tuitions – private school for the handicapped	136.00	11 000 213 600 Health services – supplies	136.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE POLICIES #7110 AND #7115

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the second reading and the adoption of the following policies:

#7110 Long Range Facilities Planning
#7115 Developing Educational Specifications

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE NJSHBPA RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH BENEFITS

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the resolution to authorize participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Act of the State of New Jersey for state health benefits.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
Copy of resolution on file in the business office.

APPROVE NJSHBPA RESOLUTION FOR PRESCRIP-TION BENEFITS

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the resolution to authorize participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Act of the State of New Jersey for state prescription benefits.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
Copy of resolution on file in the business office.

ESTABLISH SALARIES STEPS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education approve to establish the following salaries, steps and assignments for the 2008-2009 school consistent with the MEA/BOE Agreement dated July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

	2008-2009 Contracted Salary	Degree	Add'l Credits	Step on Guide 08-09	Assignment
Tenured - TPAF					
Batterman	84,163.00	MA		17	Pre-K Teacher
Bonaccorso (79.73%)	67,103.16	MA		17	Music Teacher
Borrelli	80,679.00	BA	39	17	Elementary School Teacher
Carr (91.89%)	70,917.03	BA	21	17	Health/Gym Teacher
Cogan	78,927.00	BA	30	17	Elementary School Teacher
Cook	77,176.00	BA	21	17	Computer Teacher/Basic Skills
DiAngelo	80,679.00	BA	39	17	Elementary School Teacher
Diem	89,061.00	MA	30	17	Elementary School Teacher
Fields	58,500.00	BA		15	Elementary School Teacher
Franolich	67,256.00	BA	9	17	K - Teacher
Gandy	53,000.00	BA		10	Elementary School Teacher
Hanna	70,767.00	BA	15	17	Elementary School Teacher
Hellman	64,746.00	BA		17	Resource Room Teacher
Holt	89,061.00	MA	30	17	Jr. High Teacher/Basic Skills
Hood	77,176.00	BA	21	17	Special Education Teacher
LaJeunesse (72.76%)	53,973.37	BA	39	16	Art Teacher
Lane	78,927.00	BA	30	17	Jr. High Teacher/Basic Skills
McNamara (50%)	33,628.00	BA	9	17	Basic Skills Teacher
Montufar	82,432.00	BA	45	17	Special Education Teacher
Ransom	85,457.00	MA	9	17	Elementary School Teacher
Rettinger	50,500.00	BA		7	School Nurse
Robertson	87,251.00	MA	21	17	Elementary School Teacher
Swanson-Pompeano	89,061.00	MA	30	17	ESL/Speech Teacher
Talarico	77,176.00	BA	21	17	Jr. High Teacher/Basic Skills
Turan	70,767.00	BA	15	17	Jr. High Teacher
Van Sciver	66,983.00	MA		13	Science Teacher
Walton	64,746.00	BA		17	Health/Gym Teacher
Wilson-Harvey	77,176.00	BA	21	17	Elementary School Teacher
Leise (75%)	40,971.75	BA	30	7	School Social Worker

	2008-2009 Contracted Salary	Degree		Add'l Credits	Step on Guide	Assignment
Non-tenured - TPAF						
Brill	54,545.00	BA		21	8	Jr. High Teacher/Basic Skills
Nettleton	55,312.00	MA			4	K - Teacher
Roth (60%)	41,901.00	MA		30	12	Learning Disabled Teacher Consultant
Sasser	54,536.00	MA			3	Jr. High Teacher-Resource Room
Waldron	51,000.00	BA			8	Jr. High Teacher/Basic Skills
Secretary						
Papa	41,271.00				5	School Secretary
Aides - Instr. & Non Instr.						
Aide						
Casey – hourly employee	13.15		Step		2	Elementary school classroom aide
Guldin - hourly employee	13.67		Step		3	Elementary school classroom aide
Mallon	28,201.00		Step		5	Copy Room/playground & library aide
Nolte - hourly employee	14.49		Step		5	Copy Room/cafeteria aide
Nolte - hourly employee	14.49		Step		5	Library aide
Richards	28,201.00		Step		5	Elementary school classroom aide
Segrest – hourly employee	13.15		Step		2	Elementary school classroom aide
Turner – hourly employee	13.15		Step		2	Elementary school classroom aide
Wurster	28,201.00		Step		5	Elementary school classroom aide

Roll call vote:
Ayes (8) Mr. Bohn, Mr. Doran, Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Loue, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Velten and Mr. Morrone
Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

APPROVE SALARIES CHARGED TO SPECIAL REVENUES

Moved by Mr. Velten, and seconded by Mrs. Hartson-Stine, that the board of education approve the allocation of salaries charged to special revenue accounts for the 2007-2008 school year, as listed on the attached excel spreadsheets. – (No Child Left Behind Grant, Early Childhood Program Aid, Demonstrably Effective Program Aid and Target at Risk Grant.)
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mr. Hartson-Stine, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the board of education approve the District's Mentoring Plan for 2008-2011, as developed by members of the Local Professional Development Committee and recommended by the chief school administrator.

APPROVE MENTORING PLAN

Furthermore, be it resolved that the board of education approve the submission of the District's Mentoring Plan (2008-2011), to the County Superintendent for final approval.
Discussion – Mandated program for presentation to the State Department of Education – Program for new teachers – mentor receives a stipend – stipends sits outside of existing contract.
Ayes (7) Noes (0) Abstain (1) Mr. Velten Motion Carries.

No closed session held.

Information items:

- Sodexho June 2008 Cafeteria Participation and Loss Report was sent to all board members. .
- Staff members will participate in a "Literacy Team" offered through Rowan University. The fee of $2,900 would be funded through NCLB Title II and Title V Funds.
- A psychology student requested to complete her/his practicum course with the school district's psychologist, Dr. Lehrer.
- There may be a student teacher in one of the primary grades

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Doran, for the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 8: 12 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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