MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - JUNE 23, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, June 23, 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. Doran, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Morrone, 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.

Upcoming Events

a. *June 29th – Pre-K ESY* - (extended school year program begins – Pre-K classroom)
b. *June through August* – Drug Alliance Tutoring - various classrooms

Awards, Honors, Acknowledgements

Mr. Bohn served as a chaperon on the 6th grade trip to Fort Delaware and shared that the students were well behaved and this trip was a worthwhile learning experience.

Mr. Waldron and some students attended a movie at Lowe's Theater and were complimented for their good behavior by other patrons.

Mr. Kabel commended the 8th grade teachers on the graduation ceremony.

Mr. Morrone and Mr. Doran attended Pennsauken High School Graduation Ceremony.

Unfinished Business

a. *Sodexho Food Service Proposal* – The attorney reviewed the documents and requested additional information and some wording changes to this contract.
b. *Cafeteria Prices* for 2009-2010 –wait for proposal to be approved.
c. *Fire Alarm, door security, accessibility, air-conditioning* – proposals forwarded to the district's architect for review.

New Business

a. Moved by Mr. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve to advertise in *The Trend* for tuition-in students for the 2009-2010 school year. (Tuition-in rate is $3500.00)
Approve by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE AD FOR TUITION-IN STUDENTS

b. *Carroll Will Meeting held on Monday, June 22, 2009.*
$123,500 in scholarship funds was awarded to twenty-five (25) applicants.

Minimum scholarships of $625.00 were awarded to eleven (11) students.
Maximum scholarships in the $20,000 range were awarded to three (3) students.
Many incomplete applications were submitted and rejected.
A complete report will be presented.

Committee Reports

a. Community Relations and Curriculum & Technology
Three (3) board members viewed a website program presented by Educational Networks.

Other local districts use this program
The teacher's page and other areas of the programs were user friendly
Customization is available
Quotes were requested

West Deptford's Technology Coordinator was contacted regarding a presentation on website programs used in their district.

b. High School ad hoc
Mrs. Hartson-Stine contacted the board president of surrounding school districts regarding mergers/consolidations. There is no positive information to share at this time.
The state has "pilot funds" for approximately 8 districts to use for feasibility studies.
The state has listed a scope of the data that must be included in these studies.
Funds should be available for distribution in a few weeks.
This district's current budget and next year's budget contain funds for feasibility studies.

c. Personnel
Held for closed session.

d. Planning
BOE's Evaluations must be mailed this week. A NJSBA representative will present a summary at the next board meeting, and an overview of the QSAC requirements.

e. Policy
Meeting to be scheduled soon.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

Business Office Recommendations

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

P 55	June 15th payroll	$157,387.87
P 56	June Bill Run	$154,035.12
P 57	Tuitions deducted from state aid	$14,883.50

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

See pages_____

b. Transfers – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the following transfer of funds effective June 2009.

11 000 216 320 Related contracted services	500.00	11 000 213 500 Health –(other nursing services)	500.00

11 000 218 800 Guidance – other objects	613.00	11 000 218 104 Guidance – salaries (Administrative/guidance duties)	613.00
11 190 100 610 General Acct. – supplies	1,900.00	11 000 251 600 Business office – Supplies – (new computer equipment)	1,900.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote

c. *Seminar Request* – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the following seminar requests:

McCourt, Kathleen	August 4th & 5th	Learning Resource Center, Sewell, NJ	"Popping Up with New Ideas"	Workshop	$45.00
Rettinger, Cheryl	October 28, 2009	Pines Manor, Edison, NJ	"Community Medicine & School Health- Hot Topics for 2009	Conference	$245.00

APPROVE SEMINARS

Approved by unanimous voice vote

RENEW E-RATE AGRMT.

d. *E-Rate Exchange Service Agreement* – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve to renew the E-Rate Exchange, LLC Agreement for a two (2) year term, effective April 14, 2009, with services as listed in Schedule A of the agreement. Consulting fees set at $1,288.00.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
See pages_____

APPROVE DENTAL RENEWAL RATES

e. *Approve Horizon Dental Plan Rates for 2009-2010* – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the monthly dental renewal rates.

Category	Current Monthly Rates	Renewal Monthly Rates
Single	$32.96	$34.54
Parent/Child	$56.02	$58.71
Employee/Spouse	$56.02	$58.71
Family	$86.17	$90.31

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
See pages_____

APPROVE AGRMT. WITH ESUBC FOR PROFESS-IONAL SERVS.

f. *Approve Professional Agreement with Educational Services Units of Burlington County* - Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Educational Services Unit of Burlington County to provide services to Merchantville students, as mandated in the student's IEP. Assessment, Consultations and Evaluation fees are listed in the contract.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
See pages_____

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Chief School Administrator Report

APPROVE TO HIRE TAYLOR AND CANNA

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to approve the appointment of Ms. Sandra E. Taylor (.475 FTE as a BA Step 1) at a pro-rated salary of $22,300, and Ms. Laurel Canna (.475 FTE as a MA Step 1) at a pro-rated salary of $25,991, to share the music position for school year 2009-2010. An extra face-time stipend shall be shared depending on the schedule, at a total not to exceed $6,000 for school year 2009-2010, pending completion of the required paperwork including background checks.
Roll call vote:
Ayes (6) Mrs. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Morrone, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Bohn, and Mrs. Hartson-Stine
Noes (3) Mr. Barnett, Mr. Doran, and Mr. Loue Abstain (0) Motion carries.

Mr. Velten, Prospect Street, concerned about the state's involvement in consolidation/ regionalization studies and the results of these studies, and questioned whether the fees exceeded the credits received for the E-Rate Consultant. The NJSBA does not charge for the Board Self-Evaluation Presentation.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Board of Education adjourns, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, personnel, 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. 8:50 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Members Absent:

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

Topic Discussed:
Personnel
"RICE" letters
Change in terms of employment

RETURN TO OPEN

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve to return to open session. 8:52 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE SCIENCE PROGRAM PURCHASE

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Loue, for the board of education to approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to purchase new science books for the seventh and eight grades including online components, bilingual versions, and extended activities through the use of CDS, DVDS, etc.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, for the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:59 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary