MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – APRIL 13, 2010

The regular meeting of the Merchantville School District Board of Education Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reading Center.

The board vice-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, and The Community Library.

Members Present: Mr. Kabel, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett, and Ms. Engelke
Mrs. Perno (7:40 p.m.) and Mr. Loue

Members Absent: Mrs. Hartson–Stine, Mr. Morrone and Mr. Doran

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

The board vice-president let the group in the pledge to the flag.

BUDGET AND ELECTION INFORMATION

Election date is Tuesday, April 20, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Reading Center.
There was no new or additional information to share concerning the budget.
The district's MEA is meeting next week.
A Defeated Budget would be presented to Borough Council for review.

Unfinished Business

a. CSA's Contract – Written approval was received. A Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Contract will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

b. Shared Services – no updates.

Liaison Reports

a. Borough Council
Borough used $300,000 of surplus funds to support their budget.
The borough's budget represents a 7.5-cent tax increase.
The Town's Birthday Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th.
An ad hoc "Town Consolidation Committee" was formed.

Chief School Administrator Recommendations

APPROVE SUBMISS-ION OF TECHN. PLAN FOR 2010-2013

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Ms. Engelke, that the board of education approve the submission of the revised Merchantville School District Technology Plan (2010 - 2013).
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE WILLIAMS TO SUB LIST

Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the addition of Jessica Williams to the Substitute List for the 2009 - 2010 school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE CLASS TRIPS

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

Annenberg Center	- 37 Students
(6th Grade Art-A-Facts Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April, 2010	- 4 Chaperons
YMCA Camp Ockanickon	- 33 Students
(4th Grade Field Trip)	- 3 Teachers
April, 2010	- 0 Chaperons
Philadelphia Zoo	- 32 Students
(2nd Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April, 2010	- 8 Chaperons
Ellis Island / Statue of Liberty	- 35 Students
(6th Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
May, 2010	- 4 Chaperons

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Mark Iannucci, a community member, running for the open position on the board, introduced himself to the board members and offered his support for this school year's budget.

The members thanked Mr. Russell Loue for his time served on the board, and wished him the best in the future.

No closed session held.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:10 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary