MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JULY 14, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, July 14, 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. Kabel, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Morrone, and Mrs. Hartson–Stine

Members Absent: Mr. Loue, Mr. Doran and Mrs. Perno

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.

PRESENTATION (S)

5. Presentation(s) to the Board

a. Ms. Mary Ann Friedman, NJSBA Representative – Board Self-Evaluation and QSAC Information.
Ms. Friedman reviewed, explained and offered suggestions on the self-evaluation process and planning strategies and clarification on QSAC mandates.

Mr. Barnett left at 8:25 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Upcoming Events

a. June and July – Pre-K ESY - (extended school year program)
b. June through August – Drug Alliance Tutoring - various classrooms
c. July 6th through July 31st - Summer Music Program

7. Awards, Honors, Acknowledgements

a. *Students*
b. Staff

8. Communications

9. Unfinished Business

a. Sodexo Food Service Proposal – forwarded to the state for approval.
b. *Cafeteria Prices* for 2009-2010 –contract must be approved first.
c. *Fire Alarm, door security, accessibility, air-conditioning* – proposals forwarded to the district's architect for review.
d. Summary of Carroll Will Scholarships and Budgets – August 11, 2009 agenda
e. *Tuition-in Ad* – will appear in *The Trend*.

10. New Business

a. *Student Enrollment Report and Student Participation Report* – New format presented for review and discussion.

APPROVE TO CANCEL 7/28/09 MEETING

b. Moved my Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve to cancel the July 28, 2009 meeting.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

11. Committee Reports

Community Relations and Curriculum & Technology
Mr. Bohn and Ms. Engelke met with Mr. Thompson, Mr. Swanson and Mr. Tucci. Mr. Tucci offered a review of the web site, teacher web and data input pages, and etc. used at the West Deptford School District.

During the week, some board members viewed School Wires demo web site.

High School ad hoc
Board President spoke with the Cherry Hill Board President about the possibility of shared service arrangements. As with all previous discussions and meetings, there does not appear to be any interest.
Board President spoke with the Haddon Heights Board President about the possibility of shared service arrangements. At present, they have partnered with Barrington and Lawnside Districts in a Feasibility Study.
Board President is drafting additional follow-up letter to surrounding district's board presidents and members about shared services .
The County Executive Superintendent is available to attend meetings about shared services and feasibility studies.

Personnel
County business administrator forwarded questions/concerns regarding the chief school administrator's contract and that information was emailed to Ms. Nicolosi.

The chief school administrator's goals and objectives will be presented at the August 11th meeting.

APPROVE FIRST READING OF POLICIES AS LISTED

Policy
Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the first reading of the following policies:

5020	Role of Parents/Guardians
5111	Admission
5113	Student Absences & Excuses
5114	Suspension and Expulsion
5118	Non-Residents
5119	Transfers
5120	Assessment of Individual Needs
5124	Reporting To Parents/Guardians
5125	Pupil Records
5126	Awards For Achievement
5127	Commencement Activities
5131.5	Vandalism/Violence
5131.6	Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco

5131.7	Weapons & Dangerous Instruments
5134	Married/Pregnant Pupils
5136	Fund-Raising Activities
5142	Pupil Safety

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
(Copies given to all members.)

No liaison reports.

No Chief School Administrator report.

Approval of Minutes -Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Board of Education approve the following minutes:

APPROVE MINUTES

June 9, 2009 and June 23, 2009

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Business Office Recommendations
Set Cafeteria Prices for 2009-2010 - not moved.

Approve payments – Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Board of Education approve the following payments:

APPROVE PAYMENTS

P 58	6-19 Payroll	$149,119.58
P 59	6-30 Payroll	$31,316.86

Approved by unanimous voice vote
See pages_____

Approve Horizon Dental Plan Rates for 2009-2010 – Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the *revised* monthly dental renewal rates that include the additional employee benefits.

APPROVE REVISED MONTHLY DENTAL RATES

Category	Current Monthly Rates	Renewal Monthly Rates
Single	$32.96	$41.20
Parent/Child	$56.02	$73.38
Employee/Spouse	$56.02	$73.38
Family	$86.17	$112.88

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Seminar Requests - Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the following seminar requests:

APPROVE SEMINAR REQUESTS

Employee	Date	Location	Subject	Price
Brill, Janice Di Angelo, Nancy Borrelli, Diane Gandy, Barbara Diem, Ann McCourt, Kathleen	July 30, 2009	Absecon, NJ	Writer's Notebook Workshop	$700.00 (Total)

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Movement on Salary Guide for Brill - Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone that the board of education approve the movement of Mrs. Janice Brill's on the

APPROVE BRILL'S MOVEMENT ON THE SALARY GUIDE

salary scale to reflect the additional graduate credits earned, effective September 1, 2009. - MA Step 9 – $62,304.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

No chief school administrator's motions.

No open public comment.

No closed session.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, for the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 10:10 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary