# MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - MAY 11, 2010

The Public Hearing on the Chief School Administrator's Contract (7:15 p.m.), and the Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in The Reading Center at Merchantville School.

The board president, Ms. Hartson-Stine, called the public hearing to order at 7:15 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.

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

Members Present: Mr. Kabel, Mr. Doran, Mr. Iannucci, Ms. Engelke, and Ms. Hartson-Stine

Members Absent: Ms. Perno, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Barnett, and Mr. Bohn

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

**OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS**
Pending.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON CSA'S CONTRACT

*Open Public Hearing* - Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to open the Public Hearing on the Chief School Administrator's Contract. 7:15 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The board president distributed paperwork that included the basic contents of the contract: salary – vacation – sick days – personal leave, etc.

Discussion followed.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

There were no members of the public present.

*Close Public Hearing* – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Ms. Engelke, that the board of education approve to close the Public Hearing on the Chief School Administrator's Contract. 7: 22 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE CSA'S CONTRACT

*Approve CSA's Contract* – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's contract that was recently approved by the Executive Superintendent of Schools in accordance with N.J. A. C. 6A: 23 A-3.1. This employment contract covers 2008 through 2011, and is in compliance with all regulations.

Roll call vote:
Ayes (5) Mr. Doran, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Iannucci and Ms. Hartson-Stine
Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

REGULAR MEETING BEGINS

Mr. Barnett arrived at 7:28 p.m.

The regular meeting of the board of education began at 7:30 p.m.

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Members Absent: Ms. Perno, Mr. Morrone, and Mr. Bohn

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**PRESENTATION**

Member's of the Child Study Team, Dr. Roth and Mrs. Leise, reviewed the tentative reconfiguration of the district's 2010-2011 Early Childhood and Special Education Programs:

One (1) half-day Pre-school Disabled Class
Two (2) full-time Kindergarten Classes
One (1) Learning/Language Class
Two (2) Resource Centers

Changes from current programs - one less Pre-school Class, and one less Resource Center.

The required number of eligible council members were not present at the Borough Meeting on Monday to adopt a resolution on the district's defeated budget. A special meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2010.

**COMMUNICATION INFORMATION**

The Camden County Department of Education advised that the percentage of Merchantville's pupils who attend the Pennsauken School District is less than 10% of the student population, and Merchantville is not entitled to representation on Pennsauken's Board of Education.

ACCEPT BAKEY'S RESIGN. 5/4/10

*Accept Bakey's Resignation* – Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Bakey, a special education teacher who is currently out on a maternity leave, effective May 4, 2010.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Department of Education submitted the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Review Report. The district scored "high performing" in all areas. Instruction and Programs – Fiscal Management – Operations Management – Personnel – Governance.
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*Graduate Course Reimbursement Requests* – Submitted by: Gerardina Turan, Patrice LaJeunesse, Joanna Hellman, and Jeanne Leise.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board's goals and objectives for 2010-2011 school year.

APPROVE KABEL AS ALTERNATE TO CCESC

*Alternative Representative to the Camden County Educational Services Commission* - Moved by Mr. Iannucci, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve an alternate representative to the CCESC, as requested by the commission.

Mr. Henry Kabel

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TAXES SCHEDULE

*Approval of Taxes Schedule* – Moved by Mr. Iannucci, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the quarterly tax schedule payments submitted by the borough:

May 2010, August 2010, November 2010 and February 2011

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

SET CAFETERIA PRICES FOR 2010 - 2011

*Set Cafeteria Prices for 2010-2011 - –* Moved by Mr. Iannucci, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve to set the following prices for the cafeteria, effective September 2010. (No change from current year.)

| | Currently |
|---|---|
| Adult Lunch | $4.00 |
| Adult Breakfast | $1.75 |
| Student Lunch | $2.50 |
| Student Breakfast | $1.25 |
| Student Reduced Lunch | $ .40 |
| Student Reduced Breakfast | $ .30 |

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

### *COMMITTEES*

Committee Assignment Sheets, with objectives, will be distributed.

## BUSINESS OFFICE

APPROVE PAYMENTS

*Payments* – Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the following payment:

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| P 58 | April Bill Run | $335,313.32 |

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

*Extended School Year Programs and Special Services for Summer 2010* – Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's and child study team's recommendation to provide extended school year educational services, occupation therapy, speech therapy or physical therapy, as mandated and, transportation for the following students for summer 2010:

| TUITION OUT NUMBERS |
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| #101 |
| #33 |
| #176 |
| #193 |
| #267 |
| #282 |
| #274 |

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

*Transfer of Accounts* - Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school's recommendation to transfer funds from and to the following accounts for the month of April 2010:

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| 11 401 100 100 Co-curricular salaries | 100.00 | 11 401 100 800 Co-curricular – other expenses | 100.00 |
| 11 000 230 339 Professional services – consultants | 5,000.00 | 11 000 230 331 Professional services - attorney fees | 5,000.00 |
| 11 000 270 511 Transportation – contracted services – home and school | 500.00 | 11 000 270 512 Transportation – contracted services – co-curricular | 500.00 |

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE PRE-SCHOOL EXTENDED YEAR

*Approve Preschool Extended School Year (ESY) Program for Summer 2010* – Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's and the child team's recommendation for the Preschool Extended School Year (ESY), with special services as mandated, for summer 2010.

July 12th through August 12th – 5 weeks – 20 days
Monday through Thursday each week
8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

For seven (7) students, as mandated in their IEP's
One Teacher - one aide
Heartland Rehabilitation - Speech Services
2 x's a week - 2 hours per day

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

## CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the (2010) Summer Music Program to be funded by the Marie J. Carroll Foundation at a cost of $2,000.

APPROVE SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

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| Session One: | June 29, 2010 | - | July 9, 2010 |
| Session Two: | July 27, 2010 | - | August 6, 2010 |

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

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| Wizard of Oz | - 36 Students |
| (1st Grade Art-A-Facts Trip) | - 2 Teachers |
| May, 2010 | - 6 Chaperons |
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| Eastern State Penitentiary | - 37 Students |
| (7th Grade Art-A-Facts Trip) | - 2 Teachers |
| May, 2010 | - 4 Chaperons |
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| Font Hill / Mercer Museum | - 33 Students |
| (5th Grade Art-A-Facts Trip) | - 3 Teachers |
| May, 2010 | - 1 Chaperon |
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| Eastern State Penitentiary | - 39 Students |
| (8th Grade Art-A-Facts Trip) | - 2 Teachers |
| May, 2010 | - 4 Chaperons |
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| Philadelphia Museum of Art | - 40 Students |
| (3rd Grade Art-A-Facts Trip) | - 2 Teachers |
| May, 2010 | - 4 Chaperons |
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| 3 Billy Goats Gruff | - 45 Students |
| (Kindergarten Grade Art-A-Facts Trip) | - 4 Teachers |
| June, 2010 | - 2 Chaperons |

APPROVE TRIPS

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|---|---|
| Adventure Aquarium | - 41 Students |
| (1st Grade Field Trip) | - 2 Teachers |
| June, 2010 | - 6 Chaperons |
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| Student Council / NJHS | - 30 Students |
| (Field Trip) | - 2 Teachers |
| June, 2010 | - 0 Chaperon |
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| Johnson's Farm | - 26 Students |
| (Kindergarten Field Trip) | - 3 Teachers |
| June, 2010 | - 4 Chaperons |

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

No open public comment.

No closed session.

ADJOURN Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:20 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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