The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 22, 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, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Doran, and Mrs. Hartson–Stine

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

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

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

No open public comment.

Mr. Swanson reviewed the Crisis Management Plan – the breakdown procedures for various situations were reviewed with staff - a drill is scheduled for October 2009.

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the Crisis Management Plan for the 2009—2010 school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE CRISIS MGMT. PLAN FOR 2009-2010 SY

Mr. Swanson met with members of the police department and reviewed the "Memo of Understanding" between the police department and the district.

PTA Newcomers' Night is scheduled for 9/23/09.

Mrs. Stine requested that the guidance counselor identify all students with good/high test scores and present them with certificates, and for the Educational Committee to meet with Mrs. Phelps prior to the next board meeting, to review the district's test data.

Door security – Administration and the district's architect are reviewing the recently submitted revised quotes.
CSA's Contract – County office requested a comparison reports using data from similar school districts reflecting the chief school administrator's salaries.
Chief School Administrator's Goals and Objectives – Held for closed session.
Tuition-in Students – At present, there are six (6) tuition-in students.

Committee Reports

Operations

Committee members toured the building to review the "identified" problem areas that need to be addressed before the QSAC Maintenance Tour.

Education

APPROVE ADOPTION OF POLICIES LISTED

Second Reading and adoption of the following new or revised policies – Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the second reading and adoption of the following new or revised policies:

5131	Conduct / Discipline
5141	Health
5141.1	Accidents
5141.2	Illness
5141.3	Health Examinations and Immunizations
5141.4	Child Abuse and Neglect
5142	Pupil Safety
5142.1	Safety Patrols
5145.4	Equal Educational Opportunity
5145.5	Photographs of Pupils
5145.6	Pupil Grievance Procedure
5145.11	Questioning and Apprehension
5145.12	Search and Seizure
5200	Nonpublic School Pupils
5231	Dress Code
6010	Goals and Objectives
6111	School Calendar
6112	School Day
6114	Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

First Reading - Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the first reading of the following policies.

6115	Ceremonies and Observances
6121	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
6122	Articulation
6140	Curriculum Adoption
6141	Curriculum Design/Development
6141.2	Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs
6142	Subject Fields
6142.1	Family Life Education
6142.2	English As A Second Language; Bilingual Programs
6142.4	Physical Education and Health
6142.6	Basic Skills
6142.9	Arts
6142.10	Technology
6142.12	Career Education

6142.13	HIV Prevention Education
6143	Curriculum Guides
6143.1	Lesson Plans
6144	Controversial Issues
6145	Extracurricular Activities
6145.1/6145.2	Intramural Competition; Interscholastic Competition
6145.3	Publications
6146	Graduation Requirements
6146.2	Promotion/Retention
6147	Standards of Proficiency
6147.1	Evaluation of Individual Student Performance
6151	Class Size

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Personnel

Job Descriptions – some job descriptions were passed to the Personnel Committee for review.

Pennsauken High School – BOE Meeting on Thursday.

Quarterly Status Report – Initial enrollment numbers were requested.

QSAC Status Update – Finance Meeting to be scheduled.

Approve transfers – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation for the transfer of funds from/ to the following accounts:

APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

11 190 100 610 General supplies	400.00	11 000 219 600 Child Study Team – testing material	400.00
11 000 230 895 BOE – dues	1140.00	11 000 230 585 BOE – other purchase of servs.	1140.00
11 204 100 101 Special Education – salaries	300.00	11 000 240 105 Secretary - salaries	300.00

APPROVE PAYMENTS

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

P 6	Posting correction	-$5,205.11
P 8	September bill run	$167,414.84
P 9	August Payroll	$21,054.13
P 10 & 11	August Payroll	$24,654.61 and $180.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE JORDAN'S CONTRACT

Approve School Speech and Language Therapy Contract - Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to enter into a contract with Barbara M. Jordan, Moorestown, New Jersey, to provide services to a district student. The contracted fee is $187.40 for a forty-five (45) minutes session, timeframe as mandated in the student's IEP.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE LEISE'S INTERNSHIP

Approve Internship/Research Guidance Counselor – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to permit Mrs. Jeanne Leise to due an internship under the supervision of Dr. Susan Roth. Requirements include: student counseling, consultation with parents, participation in activities that promote academic as well as person-social development, intervention services, student records, etc.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE DISCOVER EDUCATION DE LICENSE RENEWAL

Approve Agreement with Discovery Education – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to renew the DE steaming license for access via the Internet as described in the agreement.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE JULY FINANCIALS

Approve July 2009 Financials – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the following

Board Secretary's Report – Treasurer's Report - Certification
For July 2009

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of July 2009. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23-2.11 (a) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of July 2009. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of July 2009 Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23 - 2.11 (a) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.

Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23 – 2.11 (a) 4, we certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23 – 2.11 (a) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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William Thompson, Business Administrator Date
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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Approve Data Streme Ocean Course Participation - Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation for Mrs. VanSciver to enroll in the Data Streme Ocean Course to act as

a resource person on promoting the use of current ocean information across the district's curriculum. This course is offered with no charge.

APPROVE VAN SCIVER'S ENROLLMENT IN OCEAN COURSE

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Chief School Administrator Report

APPROVE UNIFORM STATE MEMO. WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to formally adopt the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between district and law enforcement officials for school year 2009 – 2010. Agreement of said affirmation shall be processed by all parties and submitted to the County Prosecutor and County Superintendent of Schools for approval as well.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

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

Grounds For Sculpture	- 35 Students
(2nd Grade Art-A-Facts)	- 2 Teachers
October 8, 2009	- 6 Chaperons
Rancocas Reservation	- 36 Students
(7th Grade)	- 2 Teachers
October 9, 2009	- 2 Chaperons
Fairview Lake YMCA Camp	- 37 Students
(8th Grade Environmental Trip)	- 4 Teachers
December 9 through December 11, 2009)	- 4 Chaperons

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

A resolution to approve and submit The Violence and Vandalism Report will be presented.

One of the district's tuition-out students may require a one-on-one aide.

Mr. Swanson was not able to meet with the county superintendent at the Chief School Administrators/Superintendent's monthly meeting. Administration is attempting to confirm a meeting date with Haddon Heights Administration and board members regarding shared services.

The board president forwarded an email to the county superintendent and requested an update on the state funding for feasibility studies, and the parameters of these studies

The board members requested a review and some changes to the rules on student lateness procedures presented.

ENTER CLOSED

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education adjourns, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, personnel. 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. Kabel, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Bohn, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Doran, and Mrs. Hartson–Stine

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

Also Present: Mr. William Thompson, RSBA
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

TOPIC:
CSA'S Goals and Objectives
Responsibilities – deadlines – requests

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education to approve to return to open session. 9:10 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:11 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary