The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 8, 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. Loue, Mr. Doran, Mrs. Perno, and Mrs. Hartson–Stine

Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

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.

Back-to-School Night – September 16, 2009
Newcomers' Night and PTA Meeting – September 23, 2009

Students - The 2009 Eight Grade Graduation Awards and the 2008-2009 Fourth Quarter Awards and Honors are attached.
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Mr. Swanson presented the board members with a report listing the "Average Daily Attendance Rate" with the student absentee data listed for the last three (3) school years**.** Mr. Swanson spoke with the Camden County Department of Education concerning the published data. Multiple attendances by a few students negatively impacted the group's attendance records.

APPROVE WURSTER'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Request for A Leave of Absence –Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to approve a leave of absence for approximately one (1) month for Mrs. Debra Wurster, instructional aide, as listed on the attached request.
Approve by unanimous voice vote.
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APPOINT DORAN AS ALTERNATE REP. TO CCESC

Request from the CCESC to appoint an alternate representative - Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to appoint an alternate representative, Mr. Terry Doran, to the Camden County Educational Services Commission.
Approve by unanimous voice vote.

Unfinished Business
Door security – both vendors are going to submit revised quotes
CSA's Contract – held for closed session
Chief School Administrator's Goals and Objectives – held for closed session

Revised Board Goals and Objectives – to align with the committee restructuring
First Reading of the following new or revised policies – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the first reading of the following new or revised policies:

APPROVE FIRST READING OF LISTED 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.

The board members and administration acknowledge and appreciate Mrs. Rettinger's and Mrs. Turan's beautification efforts.

President Obama's speech will be incorporated into the junior high schedule in the future, and the lower grades were able to watch and/or listen to this speech.

Power School data entry is not finalized. The teachers' in-service will cover the lesson plan portion of the system. The Learnia Program is on "hold", as Power School must be updated to utilize Learnia.

Some data must be revised before the Merchantville Handbook can be distributed.

New website vendor is still pending.

Committee Reports

Operations

Meeting scheduled for 9/22/09 at 6:30 p.m. – tour of the building to develop a prioritized repair list.

Education

Committee met. Carroll Will Budget discussed.

Personnel

Job descriptions for various secretarial and administrative positions are being revised.

Liaison Reports

PTA

Web site - Merchantvillepta.org.

Chief School Administrator Report

Use of Facilities – requests were submitted and are being reviewed.
QSAC Status Update – Earlier tonight, the board met and the Governance portion of QSAC was reviewed for compliance – some detail is needed – other sections of QSAC are being reviewed for compliance.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

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

11 190 100 106 Salaries other instructors	9,400.00	11 000 230 100 Salaries administration	500.00
		11 000 266 100 Salaries - security	8700.00
		11 000 270 161 Salaries – transportation	200.00
11 190 100 610 Supplies	700.00	11 000 219 600 – CST-testing supplies	700.00
11 000 230 610 Central supplies	50.00	11 000 230 339 Central – other professional services	50.00
11 204 100 101 – Salaries – special ed.	61,400.00	11 213 100 101 Salaries – resource room	61,400.00
11 204 100 106 Salaries – special ed – aide	8,000.00	11 213 100 106 Salaries –resource room aide	8,000.00
11 000 251 330- Central services – purchase of services	50,200.00	11 000 251 100 Central services – salaries	34,300.00
		11 130 1000 101 – Salaries grades 6 to 8	9,000.00
		11 213 100 106 Salaries resource room aide	1,500.00

		11 000 219 105 Salaries – secretary CST	3,500.00
		11 000 230 100 Salaries – administration	1,900.00
11 000 100 562 – Tuitions – SE – other LEA's	19,280.00	11 000 100 569 Tuitions – Katzenback	19,200.00
11 000 100 566 Tuitions – SE – private school	58,044.00	11 000 100 569 Tuitions - Katzenback	58,044.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote

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

APPROVE PYMTS.

P 2	July 2009 bill run	$144,479.62
P 3	August 2009 bill run	$127,250.92
P 4	July 15, 2009 payroll	$22,167.94
P 5	July 31, 2009 payroll	$18,932.49

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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VOID CHECK #46044

Void a Check - Moved by Mrs. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to void and not reissue check #46044 - $171.65 – BCSSSD – payment will be deducted from state aid.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE CASE AS HOME-BOUND INSTRUCTOR

Homebound Instructor Contract – Moved by Mrs. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran It is recommended that the board of education approve to enter into a contract with Mr. Gregory Case, Maple Shade, New Jersey, to provide home bound instruction for the 2009-2010 school year to district students. Homebound rate is $33.25 per hour, and the time frame is stipulated in code and the student's IEP.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE HELLMAN'S MOVE ON SALARY GUIDE

Movement on the Salary Guide – Moved by Mrs. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve a movement on the salary guide for Mrs. Joanna Hellman, to recognize the additional Education credits earned. Mrs. Hellman would be a BA +15, on a Step 17. Salary for the 2009-2010 is $73,617, effective September 1, 2009.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE CCTS TUITION CONTRACT

Approve CCTS Tuition Contract – Moved by Mrs. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran It is recommended that the board of education approve the 2009-2010 tuition contracts with Camden County Technical Schools Board of Education to provide education services at the Vocational Schools in Pennsauken and Sicklerville. Estimated cost per student - $2,500 – Eight (8) students – contract total $20,000.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE LEHRER AS DISTRICT PSYCHOLO-GIST

Approve School Psychologist Contract – Moved by Mrs. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to enter into a contract with Dr. Robert Lehrer,

Medford, New Jersey to provide services to the districts' students. The contract amount is $295.00, for approximately two (2) days per week, or as needed.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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No open public comment.

Moved by Mr. Bohn, 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, litigation, 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. 8:25 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

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

Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

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

Topics Discussed:

Tuition-In Payment Issue

Payment plan – past history

Mr. Swanson left at 8:45 p.m.

CSA'S Goals and Objectives

Draft copy should be revised with more details and to meet QSAC Language requirements.

CSA'S Contract

County Superintendent still needs more data.

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education to approve to return to open session. 9:25 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At the next county superintendents' meeting, the regionalization/consolidation of districts and the state funding for feasibility studies will be discussed.

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:30 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

2009 Eighth Grade Graduation Awards

School Awards

Outstanding Academic Achievement – (1st Honors each semester of Jr. High) – Rachel Turan, Shannon Wood
Superior Academic Achievement (1st or 2nd Honors each semester of Jr. High) – Maximilian Carfagno
Academic Achievement (1st Honors each semester of 8th grade) –- Rachel Turan, Shannon Wood
Academic Achievement (1st or 2nd Honors each semester of 8th grade) – Maximilian Carfagno, Iduis Picon
Outstanding Safety of the Year: Maximilian Carfagno
Peer Mediation Award – Rachel Turan, DaShonna Waters-Williams, Shannon Wood
Project Wisdom Golden Rule Award – Tiffany Maxwell
Excellent Attendance Award – Virgenmina Torres

PTA Awards:

Art – Tiffany Maxwell, Tyler Rendfrey
Computers – Alexander Sosa;
Foreign Language – Darnell Foreman
Instrumental Music – Rachel Turan
Language Arts – Rachel Turan
Mathematics – Shannon Wood
Music – Tiffany Maxwell
Physical Education – Alexander Sosa;
Reading – Shannon Wood
Science – Shannon Wood
Social Studies – Rachel Turan
Ruth S. Jones Memorial Scholarship Award – Rachel Turan
Jason Boyle Memorial Award – Pabel Arizaga
Deja Hall Ambassador Service Award – Maximilian Carfagno

Community Awards

American Legion Awards – Alexander Sosa, DaShonna Waters-Williams, Alyssa Nunez Kenya Pearson;
Charles Jordan Memorial Award - DaShonna Waters-Williams
Merchantville Nutrition Site 5 Award – Virgenmina Torres
Merchantville/Pennsauken Rotary Club Russ Mutschler Award – William Marshall
Merchantville Democrat Club Awards – Shannon Wood, DaShonna Waters-Williams
Edna M. Edwards Award – Kenya Pearson
Barbara J. Gilliss Memorial Award – Alyssa Hanley
Merchantville Alumni Association Awards – Pabel Arizaga, Natalie Marchione, Alyssa Nunez, Tyler Rendfrey
Camden Catholic High School Alumni Award – Rachel Turan
Merchantville Education Association Award – DaShonna Waters-Williams

2009 4th Marking Period Awards & Honors

Fifth Grade

High Honors: John Alloway, Savannah Fleig, Meagan Salas
First Honors: Justine Bozarth, Hannah Burns, Jaclyn Callari, Linda Chester, Angelina Chiazza, Alexander Cifone, Adam Gilliss, Julia Honigfeld, Rosemary Klawitter, Nina Parsons, Hannah Sodano, Veronica Summers, Lea Wehnau

Achievement List: Jaclyn Callari, Linda Chester, Julia Honigfeld
Knights of Honor: John Alloway Linda Chester

Sixth Grade
High Honors: Samuel Bohn, Emre Canturk, Grace Griffiths, Kira Kuhar, Baraka Wilson
First Honors: Denise Corbett, Joshua Councillor, Shameak Geter, Austin Gilliss, Charles Griffiths, Keanu Kelii, Gregory Kousoulis, Thomas Le, John Murphy, Kathyrn Murphy, William Perez, Timothy Ricci, Jose Semidey, Ray White, Jr.
Achievement List: Accacia Carter, Denise Corbett, Jamdayza Jones, Denasia Jennings-Smith, John Miles, John Murphy, Kathyrn Murphy, Candace Negri, Stan Sidner, Kierra Wesley
Knights of Honor: Shameak Geter, Denasia Jennings-Smith, John Murphy

Seventh Grade
High Honors: Laura Donohue, Joshua Edwards, Steven Gilliss, Matthew Goldner, James Stine
First Honors: Gerard Crockenberg, Paige Hvizdos, Alexander Kasimos, Morgan Gay, Spencer Newell, Taylor Raymond, Siamante Santana, Rebekah Wilhelm, Charles Zeiders
Achievement List: Laura Donohue, Matthew Goldner, Taylor Raymond
Knights of Honor: Claudia Acevedo, Logan Fleig

Eighth Grade
High Honors: Rachel Turan, Shannon Wood
First Honors: Maximilian Carfagno, Mecca Collier, Darnell Foreman, Ilduis Picon, Tyler Rendfrey, Alexander Sosa, Shaun Reiss, DaShonna Waters-Williams, Vaughn Yarnall
Achievement List: Alexander Sosa
Knights of Honor: Francheska Dominguez, Tyler Rendfrey