MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JANUARY 12, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 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, Mrs. Hartson–Stine, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Bohn, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Doran, and Mrs. Perno

Members Absent: Mr. Loue

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

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

Mr. Bouvier, St. James Street, advised that the change of classroom request made by his family is withdrawn at this time.

Re: December Holiday Concert. – board members who attended expressed their pleasure with the music, presentation, etc.

The benefactor, who is interested in replacing the school's auditorium windows, continues to move forward with this project.

. **Unfinished Business**

a. CSA's Contract – Mr. Leonard Wood, district's attorney, emailed the county office, again, requesting a response, and has not received a reply. Mrs. Hartson-Stine is emailing Ms. Nicolosi requested a response, and a date for the Governance Component of QSAC.

b. Shared Services

Approve Resolutions to Purchase Gas And Electric Services Through ACES

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the resolutions to purchase Natural Gas Services and Electric Generation Services (addendum #1 and #2) through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) through May 2014.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports

a. Operations

Committee met tonight. Topics discussed:

Treasurer

Approve To Suspend Treasurer Without Pay

Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to suspend the school treasurer, Ms. Michelle McKinney, effective immediately, without pay, pending review by the district's attorney.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to appoint Ms. Carin M. Haabak, Franklinville, NJ, to the position of interim treasurer through June 30, 2010, at a salary of $2500. (pro-rated), effective immediately.

Appoint Haabak As Interim Treasurer

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

State Aid Payments

- As of now, the state intents to reduce the district's 2009-2010 state aid, by the amount of the district's surplus. This surplus was budgeted for tax relief for the 2010-2011 budget.
- The state has advised that there will be no stimulus funds budgeted for districts next year.

Budget Preparation

- The borough's ratable will be requested
- The chief school administrator directed the business administrator to develop the payroll expenditures for the next school year's budget with all current tenured and untenured staff and employees.
- The state health benefits premiums increased by approximately 25%, effective January 1, 2010. The business administrator was advised by the county office to anticipate an additional 25% increase effective January 1, 2011.

b. Education

Committee requested final version of previously approved job descriptions.

c. Personnel

Approve First Readings Of Listed Policy

Approve first reading of the following policies- Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the first reading of the following policies.

5113	Student Absences & Excuses
5118	Non-Residents
5131	Conduct/Discipline
6142.13	HIV Prevention Education
9271	Code of Ethics

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

All the district's policies are ready for placement on the web.

Chief School Administrator Report

a. Use of Facilities – PTA has multiple requests for various functions.

b. QSAC Status Update – The county representatives – Dr. Catherine Thomas, Camden County Child Study Team Supervisor and Ms. Genevieve Lumia, Education Specialist, were here on Wednesday, January 6th, and reviewed Programs and Instructions, Personnel and Operations, and interviewed six (6) staff members. Favorable comments were shared.

Approve Payments

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

P 33	12-15 Payroll	$158,071.14
P 34	12-09 Bill Run	$52,340.96
P 35	12-23 Payroll	$159,581.46
P 36	Utica Nat'l Insurance	$10,218.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Transfers –Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the Chief School Administrator's recommendation to transfer funds from and to the following accounts for December 2009:

11 000 100 562 Tuition – special education – other LEA districts	17950.00	11 000 100 565 Tuition –special education County school districts	17950.00
11 190 100 500 Regular program – other purchase of services	600.00	11 150 100 320 Homebound instructions – regular education	600.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Transfers

Motion tabled - Approve Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Chief School Administrator Report

Moved by Ms. Engelke and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to provide homebound instruction to a sixth grade student (SR) currently attending the Kennedy Health Systems - Cherry Hill Division. Brookfield Schools shall be the service provider and bill back the district at the rate of $33.25 per hour for five - ten hours per week.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Homebound Instruction For SR

Moved by Ms. Engelke and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and members of the Child Study Team to place (T.O. #282- TC) in an autistic program at Burlington County Special Services School District - PAC Westhampton Campus for the remainder of school year 2009 - 2010, at a pro-rated tuition of $28,000, plus out-of-district fees.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve TO #282 To BCSSSD

Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to approve an extension to a previously approved motion for Ms. Alexis Batterman to function in the capacity of a volunteer for up to 200 hours for the 2009-2010 school term and through the summer.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Alexis Batterman As A Volunteer

Mr. Mark Iannucci, Walnut Avenue, a town resident, introduced himself.

Mr. Swanson distributed a "*draft"* of the 2010-2011-school calendar. Request - reoccurring events be listed in the calendar.

Enter Closed

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Ms. Perno, that the board of education approve to adjourn, by resolution, into closed session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss possible 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. 8:35 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Members Absent: Mr. Loue

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
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Topic:
Shared Services
Haddon Heights School District's Superintendent resigned as of February 2010
Mr. Gagliardi is not available in January
Coordination and feasibility efforts continue

RETURN TO CLOSED

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:47 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Perno, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:47 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

A RESOLUTION BINDING THE MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SERVICES
THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES ("ACES") Bid
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

RESOLUTION NUMBER #1

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.,* and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq*. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated there under; and

WHEREAS, the Merchantville Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of Resolution Number_____

Adopted by _____ at its meeting on_____ 20__.

BY: _____ ATTESTED BY:_____
Name and Title Name and Title

On Behalf of:_____

County of_____, State of New Jersey
(Insert county name)

A RESOLUTION BINDING THE Merchantville Board of Education
TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES
THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES ("ACES") Bid
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

RESOLUTION NUMBER #2

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.,* and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq*. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated there under; and

WHEREAS, the Merchantville Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014 hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

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