The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., in Room #105, of 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, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Hartson–Stine, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Loue, and Mr. Morrone

Members Absent: Mr. Bohn and Mr. Doran

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. William Thompson, RSBA
Mr. Leonard Wood, District's Attorney
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education 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. 7:33 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Bohn and Mr. Doran

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. William Thompson, RSBA
Mr. Leonard Wood, District's Attorney
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

Topic discussed:
Students' possible placement in another classroom setting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Loue, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education to approve to return to open session 7:50 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Bouvier, St. James Street, followed-up on a letter sent to members and administration requesting a change in the current classroom placement of their children.

Mr. Moore, Springfield Avenue, possible movement of the Ambulance Building. Mr. Morrone and the committee will contact Mr. Moore.

Merchantville's Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 4th. Community involvement is needed.

Violence Awareness Week is October 19th thru the 23rd. The Violence and Vandalism Report will be presented at the next meeting.

QSAC Special Education Supervisor is scheduled to be at Merchantville School in January 2010. Other meetings are still pending.

Some of the district's students will be acknowledged at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

a. *Door security* – Franklin Alarm will install the new security equipment.

b. *CSA's Contract* – Mrs. Nicolosi questioned two items and the paperwork was given to Mr. Wood for help in resolving the outstanding issues.

c. *Chief School Administrator's Goals and Objectives* – Held for closed.

d. *Test scores* – Prior to the board meeting, Dr. Roth and Mrs. Phelps met with the Educational Committee. Dr. Roth and Mrs. Leise are preparing a grid by grade for distribution.

e. *QSAC Maintenance Tour Issue* – Work on custodial and maintenance building issues started this weekend.

New Business

a. *Bird problem* – The installation of additional spikes to address the bird-nesting problem will cost approximately $1,800.

b. *8th Grade Haunted House* - Scheduled for the weekend of October 23rd.

Committee Reports

a. Operations – Committee met tonight and reviewed the Finance Section of the QSAC requirements.
Committee will be reviewing the GCA Custodial Contract for possible changes to address the handling of maintenance type issues.

b. Education

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

APPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF LISTED POLICIES

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

First Reading – Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Ms. Engelke, that the board of education approve the first reading of the following policies:

APPROVE FIRST READING OF LISTED POLICIES

5131	Conduct/Discipline
6151	Class Size
6153	Field Trips
6154	Homework/Makeup Work
6156	Instructional Planning/Scheduling
6160	Instructional Services and Resources
6161.1	Guidelines For Evaluation and Selection of Instructional Materials
6161.2	Complaints Regarding Instructional Materials
6162.4	Community Resources
6162.5	Research
6163.1	Media Center/Library
6164.1	Intervention and Referral Services For General Education Pupils
6164.2	Guidance Services
6164.4	Child Study Team
6171	Special Instructional Programs
6171.1	Remedial Instruction
6171.2	Gifted and Talented
6171.3	At-Risk and Title I
6171.4	Special Education
6172	Alternative Educational Programs

6173	Home Instruction
6178	Early Childhood Education/Preschool
6200	Adult/Community Education
6300	Evaluation of the Instructional Program

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE FIRST READING OF LISTED POLICIES

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

1100	Communication with the Public
1120	Board of Education Meetings
1140	Distribution of Materials by Pupils & Staff
1250	Visits to the School
1330	Use of School Facilities
1410	Local Units
2224	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
2240	Research, Evaluation and Planning
2255	Action Plan for T & E Certification
3000	Concepts & Roles in Business & Non-Structural Operations, Goals & Objectives
3220/3230	State Funds / Federal Funds
3326	Payment for Goods and Services
3327	Relations with Vendors
3451	Petty Cash Fund
3510	Operation and Maintenance of Plant
3515	Smoking Prohibition
3516	Safety
3570	District Records and Reports
3600	Evaluation of Business & Non-instructional Operations
9020	Public Statements
9250	Expenses/Remuneration & Reimbursement
9326	Minutes
9270	Conflict of Interest

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

c. Personnel

Job Descriptions – Committee is scheduling a meeting this month.

Use of Facilities – some requests were submitted and are being reviewed.

APPROVE 9/22/09 MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the minutes from the September 22, 2009 board meeting.

Ayes (4) Noes (0) Abstain (3) Mr. Barnett, Mr. Loue, and Mrs. Perno Motion carries.

APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Approve transfers – Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approves the chief school administrator recommendation for the transfer of funds From/ to the following accounts:

(The transfers listed to tuition accounts – 11 000 100 562 to 565 series, and to the aide salary line – 11 230 100 106 - resulted from the changes to educational setting, and requirements following the spring 2009 IEP meetings.)

11 000 100 564 Tuitions Vocation Schools – Special Education Students	10,000.00	11 000 100 565 Tuitions – County Special Services Schools	10,000.00
11 000 100 562 Tuitions – Other LEA's – Special Education Students	20,000.00	11 000 100 565 Tuitions – County Special Services Schools	20,000.00
11 000 100 566 Tuitions – Private Schools for the Handicapped	12,0000.00	11 000 100 565 Tuitions – County Special Services Schools	12,000.00
11 190 100 610 Supplies – general account	3,300.00	11 000 230 530 Communication Upgrade to the phone system etc.	3,300.00
11 190 100 500 Purchases of Services – main account	1200.00	11 000 230 530 Communication Upgrade to the Phone system, etc.	1,200.00
11 000 262 420 Clean repairs & maintenance services	800.00	11 000 262 490 Rental of lift for bird removal issue	800.00
10 000 100 56X Tuitions to Charter Schools (one student returned to MBOE)	3,500.00	11 230 100 106 Salaries – aide Basic skills (needed following IEP)	3,500.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 12	9-15-09 Payroll	153,003.29
P 13	Pearson –Power School, etc.	4,455.71
P 14	Pearson	590.63
P 15	9-30-09 Payroll	159,040.57
P 16	State Payroll Labor Bill	109.50
P 17	Treasurer St. and Docu Vault	11,064.95
P 19	October Bill Run	145,326.80

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE AUGUST 2009 REPORTS

Approve August 2009 Financials – Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the Board of Education approve the following:

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

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of August 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.

APPROVE AUGUST 2009 REPORTS

Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of August 2009. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of August 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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Fund Summary Reports for August and September 2009 were distributed.

Seminars - Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation and approve attendance at the following seminars:

APPROVE SEMINAR REQUESTS

Employee	Date	Location	Topic	Cost
Cook, Kelly	12/11/2009	Voorhees, NJ	Outstanding Technology Projects to Enhance …Learning	$210.00 Seminar
Van Sciver, Vanessa	10/28/2009 and 11/18/2009	Tuckerton, NJ	Coastal Upwelling and El Nino and La Nina	$175.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Renew Bradley-Sciocchetti Inc. Preventative Maintenance Contract - Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the renewal of the Bradley-Sciocchetti Preventative Maintenance Agreement for the 2009-2010 school year for the following equipment:

APPROVE CONTRACT RENEWAL BRADLEY-SCIOCCH-ETTI

Two (2) H.B. Smith Boilers – Model #450L-W-15
Two (2) Power flam Burners – Model #C4-GO-30
One (1) BSI Boiler/Burner Control Panel

Preventive Maintenance Agreement	$3,499.00
Standard Rate	$118.25
Overtime Rate	$166.65
Holiday Rate	$215.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
(Contract on file in the business office.)

APPROVE SUMMER PAYROLLS

Approve Summer Payrolls – Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the summer payroll totaling $37, 711.24, breakdown as listed.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE TO VOID AND REISSUE CHECKS

Void and Reissue Checks – Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve to void and reissue the following checks:

Check #	Amount	Vendor
46081	$190.00	Star Tec
46138	$7,500.00	Burlington County Special Services
46184	$597.00	Staff Development

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPPROVE SUBSTITUTE LIST

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the substitute teachers, aides, and nurses as presented for the 2009-2010 school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the Board of Education approve the following Field Trips:

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

Conte's Farm	- 44 Students
(Kindergarten Field Trip)	- 4 Teachers
October 19, 2009	- 6 Chaperons
Washington's Crossing State Park	- 30 Students
(6th Grade)	- 4 Teachers
October 29, 2009	- 0 Chaperon
Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge	- 35 Students
(5th Grade Environmental Trip)	- 4 Teachers
November 3, 2009	- 0 Chaperon
Naturalist Club	- 50 Students
(Environmental Trip)	- 2 Teachers
November 7 & 8, 2009	- ? Chaperons

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE AIDE FOR TO #176

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the chief school administrator's and the child study team's recommendation for the assignment of a one-on-one aide to TO # 176, following and IEP review meeting held in September. The cost of the aide is $33,660.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

No open public comment.

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the Board of Education adjourns, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, 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

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Members Absent: Mr. Bohn and Mr. Doran

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Topics:
Merchantville Board Members and Mr. Swanson will meet with the Haddon Heights Administration and board members to discuss shared services.

Mrs. Stine spoke with Ms. Nicolosi regarding shared services and the possible red lining of budget items to push districts into further expansion of shared services. Ms. Nicolosi advised that the State Department of Education has a "hold" on the funds, parameters and vendors for all feasibility studies.

Cherry Hill BOE and the Haddon Township BOE advised the county that they are not interested in sharing any services with other districts.

The litigation filed by the parent of a district student against the Pennsauken Board of Education and the Merchantville Board of education is still pending.

Possible placement of two (2) of the district's students in a different classroom was discussed at length. A decision is pending further review.

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education to approve to return to open session. 9:33 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Loue, that the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:33 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary