The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 27, 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, Mrs. Hartson–Stine, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn and Mr. Doran

Members Absent: Mr. Loue and Mrs. Perno

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. William Thompson, RSBA

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

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve to open the Public Hearing on all acts of Violence and Vandalism that occurred during the last school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM

PUBLIC HEARING

VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM

Report by the Chief School Administrator on all acts of Violence and Vandalism, which occurred during the past school year.
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Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve to accept and submit the Public Hearing Report on Violence and vandalism to the State Department of Education, Office of Program Support Services.
Ayes (7) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

APPROVE TO ACCEPT AND SUBMIT REPORT

Mrs. Rettinger, the school nurse, spoke about the H1N1 virus.

Committees

Education

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

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve for distribution *The Merchantville School Student Handbook,* with a 10/7/09 revision date, and the documents, policies, and procedures outlined within.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE STUDENT HAND BOOK

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

APPROVE PAYMENT

P 20	ASG – manual check – monitoring fee	$489.40

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

APPROVE SEMINARS

Employee	Date	Location	Topic	Cost
Fox, Maria	11/3/09	Lindenwold, NJ	Introduction to Music Technology	$90.00
Taylor, Sandra	11/3/09	Lindenwold, NJ	Introduction to Music Technology	$90.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE SETTLE-MENT

Settlement – Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's and the district's attorney recommendations and accept the settlement agreement between KD, a minor child by her parent SD, v Pennsauken BOE and Merchantville BOE. The Merchantville BOE will pay no fees or costs.
Approved by unanimous voice vote

APPROVE ADVISORS

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Board of Education approve the appointment / re-appointment of the following advisors for the 2009-2010 school year.

Advisor, National Junior Honor Society (2009-10 / $1,390) — Nancy Talarico, Deborah Phelps

Co-Advisor, Yearbook (2009-10 / $1,390) — _____

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE STUDENT TEACHER AND PRACTICUM STUDENT

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to accept / place student teacher, Ms. Samantha Clements, and practicum student, Ms. Chelsea Palazzo, with district staff as assigned for field placements, to take place this school year (2009 - 2010)
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO#241 TO REAL CENTER

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and the Child Study Team to readmit T.O. #241 to the REAL Center in Laurel Springs, at a tuition charge of $175 per diem, to begin on / or about the third week in October for the remainder 2009 - 2010.

FURTHERMORE it was agreed that the parent and / or designee shall provide transportation to and from the program.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE ASHE AS PRACT-ICUM STUDENT

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to place a practicum student, Ms. Melissa Ashe, with Mrs. Cogan to complete five (5) hours of classroom observation to take place this school year – 2009-2010.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ENTER CLOSED

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, 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. 8:45 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Members Absent: Mr. Loue and Mrs. Perno

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
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Topic:
Discussion of students' transfers

Mr. Swanson left the meeting.

Topic:
Discussion of Superintendent's Goals

RETURN TO OPEN

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education to approve to return to open session. 9:30 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:31 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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William Thompson, RSBA