MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

The board vice-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 (7:35 p.m.), Mr. Morrone, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Bohn, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Doran, and Mrs. Loue

Members Absent: Mrs. Perno

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

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

No public comments.

Awards, Honors, Acknowledgements

Students – Congratulations to all.

Women's Club Spelling Bee – 1/23/2010	
Classroom:	
Mrs. Diem	Briana Roche
	Cassidy Anderson
Mrs. Gandy	Damien Cordero
	Jakob Morell
Mrs. Borrelli	Mariah Nogueras
	Allison Volkert
Mrs. DiAngelo	Noah Crockenberg
	Sean Miles
Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee – 1/24/2010	
Winners:	
1st Place	Gerard Crockenberg
2nd Place	Paige Hvizdos
5th Place	Steven Gillis
District Geography Bee – 1/20/2010	
Homeroom Finalists:	
4th Grade	Solangel Dominguez
	Brianna Broccoli
5th Grade	Jacob McKay
	Sarah Conway
6th Grade	Meagan Salas
	Kiernan Loue

7th Grade	Devon Petties
	Aurelia Shears
8th Grade	Julian Ibarrondo
	Spencer Newell
Winners:	
1st Place	Kiernan Loue
2nd Place	Sarah Conway
3rd Place	Devon Petties

Mrs. Hartson-Stine arrived.

APPROVE McKinney's RESIGNATION

Accept Resignation of Treasurer –Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the resignation of the district's treasurer, Ms. Michele McKinney, effective January 14, 2010.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Unfinished Business

a. CSA's Contract – District's attorney added language regarding the payment of unused time and returned the document to Ms. Nicolosi for review.
b. Shared Services – Meeting date still not resolved.
c. Budget – The board members will compose and forward a letter to all residents regarding school taxes, state and federal funding, expenditures, etc. as soon as the data is received from the state.

New Business

All school board election information is available on the NJSBA website.

Committee Reports

Operations
One of the air conditioners in the computer lab was replaced this week.
A two-door Continental Refrigerator was ordered for the cafeteria to replace an un-repairable unit.
A new student registered this week who will attend a Charter School in Camden.

APPROVE SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF LISTED POLICIES

Education
Approve second reading and the adoption of the following policies- Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the second reading and the adoption of the following policies, with changes to policy #5131 to include wording regarding the harassment of parents, staff members, etc.

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

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes

Approve Minutes – Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

APPROVE 12/15/09 AND 1/12/10 MINUTES

December 15, 2009

Ayes (6)	Noes (0)	Abstain (2)	Mr. Loue and Mr. Doran	Motion carries.

January 12, 2010

Ayes (7)	Noes (0)	Abstain (1)	Mr. Loue	Motion carries.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

A revenue summary and fund summary for December 2009 were distributed.

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

P 39	State aid deduction –adjustment	-$9230.57
P 40	January 15, 2010 payroll	$158,759.58
P 41	January 2010 bill run	$319,690.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

Approve Transfers - Moved by Mr. Kabel, 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 January 2010:

11 190 100 500 Other purchases of services	400.00	11 000 213 500 Nursing purchases of services	400.00
11 190 100 610 General supplies	1000.00	11 000 262 610 General upkeep supplies	1000.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE SEMINAR REQUESTS

Approve Seminar Attendance – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the following seminar requests:

Employee	Date	Seminar	Location & Fee
Franolich, Ellen	2-10-2010	Response to Intervention- Practical Ideas to Intervene…. Literacy Skills	Cherry Hill, New Jersey $210.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE 12/09 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approve December 2009 Financials – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following:

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

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of December 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 December 2009. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of December 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

APPROVE TO PARTICI-PATE IN ACT PROGRAM

ACT (Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications) Participation Program – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to participate in the ACT Program, for the period covering July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012, for cooperative purchasing of telecommunication services, which is intended to fulfill the district obligation under 18A: 55-3.

Approved by unanimous voice vote

APPROVE TO RENEW XTEL AGRMT.

XTEL COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to renew the XTel Communications Agreement for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012, to provide the district with telephone service for regional and in-state and state-to-state calls.

Approved by unanimous voice vote

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Chief School Administrator Report

Motion tabled - Moved by Mr. Bohn that the board of education approve to accept a School Calendar that contains the annual recurring events.

The Educational Committee of the Board will meet and develop an activity calendar that incorporates all annual recurring events for publication and distribution before the next school year.

APPROVE 2010 - 2011 CALENDAR

Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the Board of Education approve the 2010 – 2011 School Calendar as presented.

Approved by unanimous voice vote

APPONT FIELDS AS YEAR-BOOK ADVISOR

Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ryan Fields as advisor for the 2009 - 2010 yearbook at the stipend of $1,390.

Ayes (7) Noes (1) Mr. Kabel Abstain (0) Motion carries.

Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and the Child Study Team to support the placement and maintain the district's responsibility for educational services offered to (T.O.

#246) as implemented at the agency placement - Rainbow of Hope. Educational costs to the district at this point in time are estimated at $33.25 per hour, up to ten hours per week for the remainder of school year 2009 - 2010.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE EDUC. SERVS. TO TO #246

Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve movement on the salary guide for Mrs. Vanessa Van Sciver to a MA + 9 on a Step 14 ($72,692.), effective February 1, 2010, to recognize the additional educational credits earned.
Ayes (7) Noes (1) Mr. Kabel Abstain (0) Motion carries.

APPROVE MOVEMENT ON SALARY GUIDE FOR VAN SCIVER

No public comments.

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

ENTER CLOSED

RETURN TO OPEN

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

APPROVE RETIRE-MENTS OF DI ANGELO AND MALLON

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve with sincere gratitude and regret the retirement requests submitted by Mrs. Nancy DiAngelo and Mrs. Mary Jane Mallon, effective June 30, 2010.
Approved by unanimous voice vote

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education to approve to adjourn this meeting. 8: 50 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

Addendum:

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