MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 23, 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, Mrs. Perno and Mr. Loue

Members Absent:

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

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

No public comments.

Awards, Honors, Acknowledgements
Students

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.

Second Quarter – Honor Roll

GRADE	HIGH HONORS	1ST HONORS	ACHIEVEMENT
5th	MaryRose Carfagno Sarah Conway	Cameron Bordi Elizabeth Brouse Noah Crockenberg Jacob McKay Caitlin Murphy Mariah Nogueras Coe Nolan	Cameron Bordi Elizabeth Brouse
6th	Savannah Fleig Adam Gilliss Julia Honigfeld Veronica Summers	John Alloway Morgan Bobo Justine Bozarth Linda Chester Angelina Chiazza Alexander Cifone John Crusemire Bryanna Jackson Rosemary Klawitter Nina Lopez	Jamier Ingram Bryanna Jackson Rosemary Klawitter Kiernon Loue Katelyn Torres Ariana Stefanopoulos

		Kiernan Loue Nina Parsons Tara Phan Meagan Salas Gabriel Schmidt Hannah Sodano Zyaira Sonnebeyatta Ariana Stefanopoulos Lea Wehnau	
7th	Samuel Bohn Emre Canturk Austin Gilliss Grace Griffiths Gregory Kousoulis Kira Kuhar RJ White	Benjamin Edwards Charles Griffiths Thomas Le John Murphy William Perez Timothy Ricci Dakota Rodgers Jose Semidey Aurelia Shears Andrew Summers	Austin Gilliss RJ White
8th	Laura Donohue Steven Gilliss Matthew Goldner	Dayshaun Dennis Joshua Edwards Logan Fleig Morgan Gay Page Hvizdos Alexander Kasimos Spencer Newell Kevin Schaible James Stine	Dayshaun Dennis Logan Fleig Angela Johnson Walter Jones Siamante Santana

Good Character Club – Second Marking Period – 2010

5th Grade	Elizabeth Brouse MaryRose Carfagno Christopher Corbett Jacob McKay Coe Nolan
6th Grade	John Alloway Morgan Bobo Linda Chester Angelina Chiazza Destiny Doolin Savannah Fleig Reina Lugo Tara Phan Meagan Salas Gabriel Schmidt

	Hannah Sodano
7th Grade	Emre Canturk Aurelia Shears
8th Grade	Duke Davis Laura Donohue Steven Gilliss Paige Hvizdos Spencer Newell James Stine

Communications
Thank you to the PTA for a very entertaining Talent Show.

BUDGET AND ELECTION INFORMATION

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve to set the following tentative times, dates, rates, etc., *pending the delivery of additional budget and election information from the State of New Jersey.*
Discussion. – No action.

To set, **Monday, March 1, 2010,** at 4:00 *p.m.*, in the Merchantville Business Office, as the deadline for filing a petition to run for a seat on the board of education.

To set, Wednesday, **March 10, 2010*, at 1:00 p.m.***, in the Merchantville Business Office as the date, time and place for the drawing of names for positions on the ballot.

Approve Election Data

To confirm that, **Tuesday, April 20, 2010**, is the election date, with voting hours *of 2 to 9 p.m.*, in the Reading Center at Merchantville School and Public Library.

To establish hourly rates of: $10.00 per hour for poll workers, and $12.50 per hour for the two election judges

To approve to hold a Public Hearing on the Budget on _____ at *7:00 p.m.*

To set, **_____,** as the date for The Reorganization of the Board of Education.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Amended to: Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the above listed election items exclusive of the Public Hearing and Reorganization dates.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Unfinished Business

a. CSA's Contract – Approved by the county superintendent – paperwork being finalized.

Committee Reports

a. Operations
Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 18, 2010 and again prior to this meeting.

Discussion:

- The General Fund portion of the school budget can increase by 4%, or approximately $163,000.
- $460,000.00 in state aid payments will be withhold through June 2010.
- The state refers to these funds as excess surplus, and as with other districts, Merchantville Board, were mandated, to use these funds for tax relief for the next school year's budget.
- The district received $264,073.00 in ARRA Equalization Aid this year, and as of now, these funds were cut for the next school year.
- The state is requesting an additional 15% decrease in state aid for this school year - approximately $271,765.80.
- Every aspect of the budget will be reviewed to look for ways to save money.

APPROVE INCLUSION OF ADD'L DATES ON THE CALENDAR

b. Education

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve that the following events be scheduled for the subsequent school year, no later than the last day students are in class in the current school year. Parents should be informed of the scheduled dates at the end of the current school year, or no later than the beginning of the subsequent school year.

1. Back –to-School Night
2. Winter Concert
3. Spring Concert
4. NJHS Induction
5. Awards Ceremonies – at the end of each marking period
6. Parent classroom visitation

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

A Revenue and Fund Summary were distributed.

APPROVE JANUARY 2010 FINANCIALS

Approve January 2010 Financials – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the following:

Board Secretary's Report – Treasurer's Report - Certification
For January 2010

Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of January 2010. 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 January 2010. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of January 2010 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.

William Thompson, Business Administrator Date
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Renew Med-Flex, Inc. Contract – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education renew the service contract with Med-Flex, Inc, Hainesport, NJ, to collect and transport all the district's regulated medical waste. The contract expires on January 22, 2013; fees include waste box, containers, and disposal fees.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE MED-FLEX CONTRACT

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Chief School Administrator Report

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and the Child Study Team regarding the placement of (T.O. # 275) at Burlington County Special Services School District – Lumberton Campus, in a program for youngsters with emotional / behavioral difficulties. This placement shall be provided for the remainder of school year 2009 – 2010 at the rate of $166.67 per diem with transportation arrangements pursued through the County Educational Services Commission.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO #275 TO BCSSSD

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Board of Education approve the submission of the appropriate basic and pre-school applications (IDEIA –2008-2009), and to accept the funds following approval, as outlined:

APPROVE IDEIA SUBMISSION

	Public	Non Public	Total
Basic	112,691	68,293	180,984
Pre-school	6,293		6,293
TOTAL:	118,984	68,293	187,277

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

No open public comment.

No closed session.

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

ADJOURN

Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary