MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Reading Center of the Merchantville School.

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: Mrs. Perno, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Iannucci, Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Doran

Members Absent: Mr. Morrone

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
Mr. William Thompson, BA/Board Secretary
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The board president led the group in the pledge to the flag.

No open public comment.

At the next meeting, the auditor will present a review of the 2009-2010 school year audit.

Administration called PNC Bank and placed a request for a representative to present an overview of the Carroll Will at a board meeting.

School Choice Application – packet was forwarded to the Department of Education on 10/29/2010.

Send/Receive Issues
Dr. Campbell, Cherry Hill's Superintendent of School, contacted Mr. Swanson regarding a meeting date to discuss shared services.

Mayor North, Ms. Engelke, Mayor Platt (Cherry Hill) and Mr. Platt's assistant attended an information session about send/receive with Ms. Hendricks, the Acting Commissioner of Education, and Senator Beach. Merchantville Board should move forward with a feasibility study. The State Department of Education offers no funding for these studies.

Mr. Adams, Superintendent of Haddon Heights School District, advised that their district could accept about 25 students in each of their high school grades. Haddon Heights suggested that Merchantville's Board of Education move forward with a feasibility study.

Mr. Swanson will contact Mr. Vito Gagliardi, Porzio, Bromberg and Newmann, P.C, Morristown, New Jersey, to discuss the data needed for a feasibility study.

Merchantville School Moving Forward
Mrs. Hartson-Stine and Dr. Roth have a subcommittee meeting scheduled for next week.
The finance subcommittee wants to meet with Brooklawn School District's Administration to discuss School Choice.

Educational Issues – Held for closed session.

COMMITTEES
Buildings and Grounds – Sirk Mechanical Services Inc. completed the work on the grates on Roof #1 and #2, and secured the loose windows as identified on the quote.

Personnel – Held for closed.

Finance - Mr. Swanson, Mr. Thompson and Ms. Mansolino met with the county superintendent, Ms. Nicolosi, and the county business administrator, Dr. Hanna, for a review of the efficiency of the district's finances. This resulted in a favorable review with two requests for the 2011-2012 school year budget: attempt to reduce the cafeteria losses and request a freeze in fees from all vendors who provide services for the district.

MINUTES

APPROVE 10/12/10 AND 10/26/10 MINUTES

Approve October 12, 2010 and October 26, 2010 Minutes – Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

October 12, 2010

Ayes (7)	Noes (0)	Abstain (1)	Ms. Engelke	Motion carries.

October 26, 2010

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

BUSINESS OFFICE

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 16	Payroll – 10-29-10	$143,449.78
P 27	Tuitions deducted from state aid	$18,322.20

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

APPROVE RENEWALS OF STAFF AIDES AND SCHOOL SECRETARY

Approve the renewal of all certified staff members, aides and school secretary - Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation and approve the renewal of all certified staff members, aides and the school secretary for school year 2010-2011 as listed follows:

Employee	**2010-2011**	**Educ.**	**Step**	**Teaching**	**Full-Time**
	Salary	**Credits**	**on the**	**Assignment**	**Equiv.**
			Guide	*Codes:*	
				*BSIP -Basic Skills Improvement Program	
				*ICS - In-class Support	
				*ESL - English as a Second Language	
				*LRC - Learning Resource Center	
Batterman	90,013.00	MA	17	Kindergarten	100.0%
Borrelli	86,529.00	BA 39	17	5th Grade	100.0%
Brill	66,057.00	MA	10	Jr. High - Read 180 - BSIP	100.0%
Cogan	84,777.00	BA 30	17	2nd Grade	100.0%
Cook	83,026.00	BA 21	17	Computers- Jr. High Math -BSIP	100.0%
Diem	94,911.00	MA 30	17	4th Grade	100.0%
Fields	70,596.00	BA	17	1st Grade	100.0%
Franolich	73,106.00	BA 9	17	Kindergarten	100.0%
Gandy	61,240.00	BA	12	4th Grade	100.0%
Hanna	76,617.00	BA 15	17	3rd Grade	100.0%
Hellman	76,617.00	BA 15	17	LRC – ICS	100.0%
Holt	94,911.00	MA	17	Spanish - Jr. High - BSIP	100.0%
LaJeunesse	64,233.98	BA 45	17	Art	72.76%
Lane	84,777.00	BA 30	17	Jr. High – BSIP	100.0%
McCourt	60,475.00	MA	5	LRC - Read 180	100.0%
McNamara	76,617.00	BA 15	17	5th Grade	100.0%
Montufar	88,282.00	BA 45	17	LRS – ICS	100.0%
Nettleton	61,300.00	MA	6	5th Grade	100.0%
Ransom-Harper	91,307.00	MA 9	17	1st Grade	100.0%
Robertson	93,101.00	MA 21	17	3rd Grade	100.0%
Swanson-Pompeano	94,911.00	MA 30	17	Speech – ESL	100.0%
Talarico	84,777.00	BA 30	17	Jr. High – BSIP	100.0%
Taylor	23,917.68	BA	2	Music	47.5%
Temeles	27,130.81	MA	1	Pre-School Disabled	47.3%
Turan	76,617.00	BA 15	17	Jr. High – BSIP	100.0%
Van Sciver	77,589.00	MA 15	15	Jr. High Science - BSIP	100.0%
Waldron	58,287.00	BA	10	Jr. High – BSIP	100.0%
Walton	70,596.00	BA	17	Health & Physical Education	100.0%

Wilson-Harvey	83,026.00	BA 21	17	2nd Grade	100.0%
Rettinger	57,176.00	BA	9	Nurse	100.0%
Leise	48,709.50	MA	9	Social Worker	75.0%
Roth	61,766.40	MA 30	14	LDTC-Learning Disabled Teacher Consultant	80.0%

EMPLOYEE	GUIDE	STEP	HOURLY	CONTRACTED	ASSIGNMENT	HOURS	ESTIMATED
			RATE	WAGES		PER	YEARLY
					*LRC - Learning Resource Center	DAY	WAGES
Casey	Non-Instructional	4	14.61		Pre-School Disabled	3.25	8,547.00
Grasso	Non-Instructional	1	12.90		*LRC -11/1/2010 hire date	3	5,534.10
Nolte	Non-Instructional	5	15.26		Cafeteria-Recess-Copy Room	3	8,241.00
Richards	Instructional	5	24.21		Kindergarten	3.25	14,163.00
Segrest	Non-Instructional	4	14.61		Kindergarten -lunch-recess	3	7,890.00
Turner	Non-Instructional	4	14.61		*LRC - recess - lunch	3	7,890.00
Wurster	Instructional	5	24.21		Lunch and 2nd Grade	3.25	14,163.00
Papa	Secretary	5		45,390.00	School Secretary		

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes (8) Mrs. Perno, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Iannucci, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Doran and Mrs. Hartson-Stine
Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

APPROVE CONTRACT-ED SERVICES.

Approve Contracted *Services* – Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation and approve the following contracted services for school year 2010-2011.

VENDOR'S NAME	SERVICE PROVIDED	CONTRACTED AMOUNT	NOTES
The Cooper Health System-Camden, NJ	Remedial Reading and Language Services - St. Peter's School	$35,000.00	Non Public Student Services funded thru NCLB and IDEA Grant Funds

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPOINT FIELDS AS CHEER-LEADING ADVISOR

Approve to Hire Cheerleading Coach – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Ms. Amanda Fields, as Advisor for Cheerleading, at the stipend of $4,239.
Approved by unanimous voice vote**.**

APPROVE PTA SPONSORED BOOK CLUB

Approve PTA Sponsored Book Club - Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the PTA's request to sponsor a Book Club for any interested junior high student to meet at the Merchantville Diner (signed parental permission slip required), for approximately one (1) hour, one (1) day per week, through the end of the school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote**.**

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Approve Financials – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the October 2010 Financial Reports.

Pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10(c) 3,** I certify that as of October 2010, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Merchantville Board of Education pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 18A: 22-8.1** and **N.J.S.A. 18A: 22-8.2** and no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of **N.J.A.C. 6:23A-16.10(a) 1.**

In accordance with **N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (c) 2**, it is certified that anticipated revenue has not changed for the months ending October 2010.
Approved by unanimous voice vote**.**

Bullying Presentation for the junior high students is scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2010.
Mrs. Metchum, PTA President, all newsletter articles are due next week.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, 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. 8:15 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote**.**

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

Topics:

Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Department will be renewed this year.

Aide who challenged the district to be approved for teaching credits for basic skills service was credited with 2.7 years of teaching experience.

Call back list for people affected by the district's RIF (Reduction in Force), would be rehired based on certifications on file at time of the RIF. Certifications earned after the RIF, are not considered in this call back.

Special education challenge – Agreement in Principal reached. Paperwork in process.

Mr. Swanson left at 8:25 p.m.

CSA's Evaluation was compiled by NJSBA Representatives using the data submitted by the board members. A summary of this evaluation will be given to Mr. Swanson.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:27 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote**.**

ADJOURN

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:28 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote**.**

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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