MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, September 28, 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.

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

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Perno

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

Back to School Night was well attended. There was a request to consider extending the contact time with the junior high school teachers next year**.**

Send/Receive Issues – Mrs. Hartson-Stine and Mr. Swanson met with representatives from Haddon Heights School District. Their administration is checking the impact on their district's student enrollment should a send/receive relationship be established. Administration and the board continue to explore the establishment of educational relationships with other districts. Waiting for the state to forward more data on the School Choice Program.

The district's share of the Education Job Funds is about $60,000, and is to be used in the 2011-2012 budget. It is expected that the state will reduce the district's state aid by the funds received from this new program.

Merchantville School Moving Forward – Meeting scheduled for Thursday with all committee members.

Unresolved Educational Issues – Litigation postponed until late October or early November.

The Violence and Vandalism Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th.

Mrs. Ami Metchum, PTA President, the PTA Newsletter will have a section for Board of Education News. Mrs. Metchum shared information about the PTA sponsored Art and Science Fair and the PTA's attempts to expand the competition to other programs offered in the county and the state.

Mr. Kabel, attended the Borough Council Meeting this week and advised that a committee composed of former mayors, a community member and a board member,

will meet with representatives from Cherry Hill to discuss merger/consolidation possibilities. Council members are inquiring about grants funds for demographic studies.

Proposals for some outstanding building repair projects are in process.

Education Committee met with Mr. Waldron and Mr. Swanson regarding the eliminated advanced math program in the junior high classes. At present, eighteen (18) students are in the Algebra class.
Gifted and Talented Committee is meeting next week. Presently, reviewing prior year's program and the enrichment offered through the arts and sciences.

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

APPROVE PAYMENTS

P 8	August Bill Run	$53,304.89

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE CCTS CONTRACT

Contracted Services – Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation and approve the following contracted services contracts for school year 2010-2011.

VENDOR'S NAME OR SCHOOL SETTING	SERVICE PROVIDED	CONTRACTED AMOUNT	NOTES
Camden County Technical School (both campuses)	Vocational High School Education	$2,850.00 per student, per year – Total Contract $68,400.00	24 students Regular and Special Education Students

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE EXTENSION TO WURSTER'S MEDICAL LEAVE

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Extension of unpaid medical leave - Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to approve an extension to Ms. Debra Wurster's unpaid sick leave request to 11/1/10. (Originally, 10/1/10.)
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE VAN SCIVER'S MOVEMENT ON THE SALARY GUIDE

Approve movement on the salary guide - Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to approve movement on the salary guide for the following district employee:

Employee Name	Educational Credits	Step on the Salary Guide	Contracted Wages	Effective Date
Van Sciver, Vanessa	MA + 15 credits	Step 15	$77,589.00	9/1/10

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve the following account transfers –Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to transfer funds from/to the following account as of 8/31/2010:

FROM ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
11 000 251 100 Salaries –business office	215.00	11 000 230 340 Staff attendance program provided through EMC	215.00
		11 000 251 340 Accounting program provided through EMC	589.00
11 000 262 520 Insurance – Property and Liability	3,508.00	11 000 230 590 Insurance – Umbrella and student accident	3,508.00
11 000 100 566 Tuitions – Private Schools	12,500.64	11 000 100 562 Tuitions – Special education - LEA	12,500.64

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE FUND TRANSFERS

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Child Study Team and the Chief School Administrator regarding the placement of T.O. #268 at East Mountain Youth Lodge Residential Treatment Program at Carrier Clinic for school year 2010 – 2011 at an estimated cost of $299.01 per diem. The residential costs for this program will be the responsibility of other agencies involved with this student.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO #268 TO EAST MOUNTAIN YOUTH LODGE

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve the following Field Trips:

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

Naturalist Club (Environmental Trip) October 9th and 10th	25 students 2 teachers 4 chaperons
Fairview Lake – YMCA Camp (8th Grade) December 8th, 9th, and 10th	33 students 4 teachers 3 chaperons

Approved by unanimous voice vote

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ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Engelke, that the board of education approve to adjourn, 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. 8:25 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Perno

Also Present: Mr. Christian Swanson, Chief School Administrator
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Topic:

Time concession to teachers who do not have five (5) preps periods per week.

Suggestions - Eliminate some of the scheduled in-service programs

Adjust work and/or attendance requirements during days that the NJEA Convention is held.

Waiting for a response from the MEA members.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Iannucci, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:35 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote

Use of Facilities requests received from – 8th Grade Haunted House Committee and St. Peter's Football Team.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:36 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary