MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, October 26, 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, and Mr. Morrone

Members Absent: Mr. Barnett and Mr. Doran

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

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

No open public comment.

Mr. William Gerichter, from Edvocate Inc. the consultant for the district's food service contract, reviewed the Resolution for the Food Service Contract for this school year. Discussion included: Management Fees, per serving costs, assumptions and their impact on the contract, guarantees, participation, and federal and state reimbursement.

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approves to open the Public Hearing on all acts of Violence and Vandalism that occurred during the last school year. 7:50 p.m.
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.

Mr. Swanson distributed the Revised 2009-2010 EVVRS (Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System) Incident Definitions to all members.

Last school year, there were seven (7) reportable incidents.
Incidents included: inappropriate language, harassment, racial comments, and threats.
Four (4) of these incidents were reported to the Merchantville Police Department.

CLOSE HEARING

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve to close the Public Hearing on all acts of Violence and Vandalism that occurred during the last school year. 7:55 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO SUBMIT V & V REPORT TO THE DOE

Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the board of education approve to submit the Public Hearing Report on Violence and Vandalism to the State Department of Education, Office of Program Support Services.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

In response to a board member's question concerning non-public school students participating in public school extra-curricular activities, the district's attorney advised that non public students cannot participate as this would create a liability insurance issue.

Merchantville School Moving Forward Committee
Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Dr. Roth and three of the district's teachers went to observe the Logan Township School District's combined classrooms. Mrs. Hartson-Stine shared the following:

- Multi-age classrooms are located in the early childhood center
- There are two multi age classrooms that service the K-1 population
- Multi age inclusion class has an aide
- The multi age model has been servicing both regular and special education students for approximately 10 years

Observations on classroom setting:

- Students easily moved from one learning center to another while small group instruction took place
- Students seemed familiar with routine and were able to work independently and within cooperative groups
- Technology equipment included: a smart and approximately six computers
- Students manipulated technology independently
- Average class size – 15 to 16 students

The Parental Involvement Committee needs a chairperson.

For the next school year, the board asked administration to plan an Orientation Meeting with Parents to share all new school year news, review items that have not changed, and to place a request for more parental involvement.

APPROVE TO SUBMIT INTER-DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE APPLIC.

Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Iannucci, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to submit an application on behalf of the Merchantville School District in order to become an Inter-district Public School Choice School for school year 2011 –2012.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Send/Receive Issues – No firm meeting date with Haddon Heights School District.

Mayor North, Cherry Hill Representatives and personnel from the Department of Education are scheduled to meet next week to discuss funding for demographic studies, time lines for consolidation/regionalization issues, and etc.

Educational Issues – Meeting scheduled for next week.

Personnel Committee
CSA's review is not finalized.

Buildings and Ground Committee
Grating and roofing issues are scheduled for repair/replacement this weekend.

Eighth grade Haunted House was well attended**.**

Approve October 12, 2010 Minutes – Tabled – members were not able to open attachment.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Approve Financials – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the September 2010 Financial Reports.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10(c) 3,** I certify that as of September 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 September 2010.
Approved by unanimous voice vote

Payments – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the following payment:

APPROVE PAMENTS

P 13	Deducted from State Aid	$18,322.20
P 14	Payroll – 10-15-2010	$142,030.37
P 15	October Bill Run	$125,894.86

Approved by unanimous voice vote

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

APPROVE TO HIRE GRASSO AS AN AIDE AS OF 11/1/2010

Moved by Mr. Iannucci, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and members of the Child Study Team to hire Ms. Denise Grasso as a part-time classroom aide for three hours per day, at an hourly rate of $12.90 for the remainder of 2010- 2011 school year, effective November 1, 2010.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVE PRACTICUM STUDENTS

Moved by Mr. Iannucci, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to accept / place three practicum students with district staff as assigned for field placement beginning Monday January 3, 2011 through Friday January 13, 2011.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Evaul, community member, questioned some of the School Choice information – for the next school year, the district's application will include sixteen (16) open seats – 2 in each grade from 1st to 8th. First consideration will be given to current tuition-in students.

The Bulling Assembly held last week was well received and a repeat visit for other grade levels is planned.

An Internet and Cyber Program is scheduled.

Staff reappointments with salaries, etc. will be on the next agenda.

The student's NJASK Scores are being mailed to the parents.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:25 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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