MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 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: Ms. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Doran, and Mrs. Hartson-Stine

Members Absent: Mrs. Perno, Mr. Iannucci, and Mr. Barnett

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

This regular meeting was a continuation of a previously held closed session meeting.

The Merchantville Boys' Basketball Team won the Colonial Division and individual awards will be given to the players.

Thanks go out to Mr. Andrew Bordi for the sign work done in the school gym.

Mrs. Meachum, PTA President, reviewed the "Take Your Family to School Week" Activities and related that this new event was well received and will probably be repeated next year. Check the PTA website for current activities.

2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET

Discussed:

→ As of now, the district administrators do not have the revenue numbers for next school year.

→ The tentative expenditure numbers were entered into the budget software.

→ Tuition-out expenditures are down by approximately $100,000.

→ At present, 55 students are budgeted to attend Pennsauken High School and, the tuition rate is $9,434, per student. (This school year, tuition for 65 students were budgeted at $9334, per student.)

→ All excess surplus will be used to offset expenditures.

→ A special meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2011 to adopt the next school year budget.

Send/Receive Issues – Mrs. Hartson-Stine spoke with the president of the Haddon Heights Board of Education and the Haddon Heights School District is interested in accepting Merchantville's High School Students.

Merchantville School Moving Forward – No meeting scheduled.

Education Issue – Not resolved.

Negotiations Committee:

Committee met in closed session tonight with the board's negotiator, Mr. Taylor, and discussed negotiation issues. A meeting with the district's MEA will be scheduled.

Personnel Committee:

Committee must meet with Mr. Swanson regarding his annual review.

There will be no early dismissal during the taking of the NJASK tests.

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

P 33	February Bill Run	$143,872.82

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

APPROVE FIELD EXPER. FOR SUPER

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to place Ms. Samantha Super with Mrs. Hellman for a total of 15 to 20 hours; the dates and times will be mutually agreed upon.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Board of Education approve the following Field Trips:

Franklin Institute - 31 Students
(3^{rd} Grade Field Trip) - 2 Teachers
March 7, 2011 - 7 Chaperons

Ritz Theater - 38 Students
(Kindergarten Art-A-Facts Field Trip) - 2 Teachers
March 11, 2011 - 6 Chaperons

Camden County Teen Arts Festival	- 40 Students
(Art Class)	- 2 Teacher
March 16, 2011	- 6 Chaperons

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ENTER CLOSED

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, personnel, negotiations, 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. 7:55 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Aides schedules on early dismissal and late opening days.

Demographic Study

Pre-school Program
Grant requirements – starting date – times, etc.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:25 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to resolve the issues related to the early dismissal and late opening hours of the part-time aides as outlined in the Dispute Resolution Agreement generated by legal counsel.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE WURSTER SETTLEMENT

Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator to approve the settlement agreement as attached between Ms. Debra Wurster and the Merchantville Board of Education.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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ADJOURN Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:27 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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