MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2011
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011-2012 BUDGET

The Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 budget was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 7:00 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, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Doran (7:20 p.m.), and Mrs. Hartson-Stine

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.

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Motion to approve to open the public hearing on the budget – Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve to open the Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 school year budget. 7:08 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011-2012 BUDGET

Mrs. Hartson-Stine, Board President, distributed paperwork containing details on the proposed budget to all in attendance.

Budget Presentation Highlights:

- Anticipated Enrollment 334 students
- Per Pupil Expenditure $12,634
- Student/Facility Ratio 11.1:1
- Median Facility Salary $73,535
- Per Pupil Classroom Expenditure $ 8,046

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As presented, this budget includes the following:

All present program, will continue next year school

Some renovations to the locker rooms

Updates to the computer and technology equipment

Funds designated for a high school feasibility study

New textbooks in one subject area for two or three grade levels

A decrease in expenditures

As mandated, excess surplus from the 2009-2010 budget and Anticipated surplus from the 2010-2011 budget support this current budget.

- Total Anticipated Revenue $6,507,471.

- Total Expenditures $6,507,471.

  Breakdown includes:
  Salaries and benefits
  Tuition out contracts
  Transportation contracts
  Purchase of Services for: custodial services, cafeteria services, accounting, legal fees, insurance, and lawn services
  Supplies and textbooks
  Copier Leases
  All other expenses

- Tax Impact **$69.50 decrease** per year On a home assessed at $100,000.

- **VOTE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH.**

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to close the Public Hearing on the budget –Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve to close the Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 school year budget. 7:30 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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BUDGET RESOLUTION
Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve by roll call vote the following budget submission resolution for the 2011-2012 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED to approve adopting the 2011-2012 school district budget as presented.

General Fund	$5,951,027.00
Special Revenue Fund	272,562.00
Debt Service Fund	306,882.00
Total Budget	**$6,530,471.00**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to raise a General Fund Tax Levy of $ **$3,838,282.00,** and a Debt Service Fund Tax Levy of **$289,522.00.**

APPROVE TO ADOPT BUDGET AND APPROVE TAX LEVY AND DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Ayes (8) Ms. Engelke, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Kabel, Ms. Perno, Mr. Iannucci, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Morrone, and Ms. Hartson-Stine
Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

Mr. Paul Goldner and other members of the St. Peter's Football and Cheerleading Group spoke to the board members regarding use of the district's athletic fields. The timeframes and all other details will be listed in the "use of facility' form that the group will submit. Some type of temporary lighting would need to be installed.

The Merchantville Boys' Basketball Team won the John Kennedy Memorial Tournament. The game played against the Brooklawn School District team, and was held at Gloucester High School. The team is coached by Ryan Fields and his assistants, Richard Krouse and Drew Nolan. Thanks for an exciting year and congratulations to the coaches and all team members.

Send/Receive Issues – held for closed session

Education Issue – Not resolved.

2011-2012 School Year Calendar – not ready for distribution.

No new information on the district's "*School Choice*" Application.

Negotiating Committee and the MEA Negotiating Committee are meeting on April 19th.

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The new auditorium windows, donated by an anonymous donor, will be installed in April.

APPROVE 3/8/11 MINUTES

Approve Minutes – Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the board of education approve the following board meeting minutes: March 8, 2011.
Ayes (7) Noes (0) Abstain (1) Mr. Barnett Motion carries.

BUSINESS OFFICE

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 37	March 15, 2011 12/2010 Unemployment Bill Annual Pension Bill Total:	$149,779.13 $27,475.70 $33,535.00 $210,789.83
P 38	March Bill Run	$219,465.09
P 39	Deductions from state aid – tuitions –back tuitions and debt service	$28,831.50

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE TRANSFERS

Transfers - Moved by Mr. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator and approve the following transfer of funds for the month of February 2011.

From Account	Amount	To Account	Amount
11 000 262 420 Contracted service – maintenance	100.00	11 000 262 590 Misc. Purchase Service	100.00
11 000 240 300 School Adm. - Purchase of professional services	4,000.00	11 000 230 331 Legal fees	4,000.00
11 000 230 530 Communication fees	2,471.00	11 000 230 339 Purchase of services – negotiator	2,471.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO HIRE GALLAGHER AS A SUB

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Approve to Hire RoseMarie Gallagher as a substitute - Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the addition of RoseMarie Gallagher to the Substitute List for the 2010 - 2011 school year pending full completion of all necessary documentation.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Approve to Modify School Calendar - Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the addition That the Merchantville Board of Education approve the Chief School Administrator's recommendation to modify the 2010 – 2011 school calendar providing for the last student day on Monday, June 20, 2011 with a 12:45 PM dismissal.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

CALENDAR MODIFIED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS NOW 6/20/11

Approve Field Trips - Moved by Mr. Morrone, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the following Field Trips:

APPROVE FIELD TRIPS

Annenberg Center	- 38 Students
Philadelphia Magic Gardens	
(7th Grade Art-A-Facts Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April 7, 2011	- 4 Chaperons
Annenberg Center	- 30 Students
Philadelphia Magic Gardens	
(6th Grade Art-A-Facts Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April 8, 2011	- 4 Chaperons
Brandywine River Museum	- 36 Students
(4th Grade Art-A-Facts Field Trip)	- 2 Teachers
April 12, 2011	- 4 Chaperons
Adventure Aquarium	- 44 Students
(1st Grade Field Trip)	- 2 Teacher
April 15, 2011	- 6 Chaperons
Philadelphia Zoo	- 34 Students
(2nd Grade Field Trip)	- 3 Teacher
April 20, 2011	- 10 Chaperons

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Evaul, St. James Avenue, was advised that the present budget represents a .0695 tax decrease, the borough's ratables decreased, and that the state mandates using excess surplus to support the present budget.

Mrs. Freedman, Springfield Avenue, was informed about the building security equipment and the safety measures that are in place. Mr. Morrone briefly reviewed the staff and crossing guard safety training.

Mrs. Metchum, PTA President, invited the community to the PTA's "Meet the School Board Candidates Night" and announced all the upcoming PTA events.

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Mrs. Jean Collins, Poplar Avenue, was advised that the recently approved EIRC Tutoring Contract would service approximately 25 students, 2 x a week for 16 weeks, and this program includes pre and post assessment.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Enter closed session – Moved by Mr. Iannucci, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss, personnel, litigation, negotiations, or 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. 8:12 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Members Present: Mrs. Perno, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Iannucci, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Doran (7:20 p.m.), and Mrs. Hartson-Stine

Members Absent:

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

Topics Discussed:

Student Enrollment
Decreased student enrollment negates the hiring of additional Staff members.

Send/Receive
Administration has a meeting scheduled with the demographer To collect information needed for a feasibility study.

2011-2012 Salary Issue
Mr. Swanson will present recommendation to the board for approval.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Return to Open Session – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:25 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Approve to Adjourn – Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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