MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, February 8, 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: Mrs. Perno, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Iannucci, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Doran

Members Absent: Mrs. Hartson-Stine

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

The board vice-president let the group in the pledge to the flag.

Administration thanked all PTA Members involved with the Talent Show. Many positive observations were expressed.

School Board Elections:

- There are three (3) vacancies on the board; each for a three (3) year term.
- The current deadline to submit the nominating petition is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.
- The School Elections will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 in the Merchantville Reading Center.

Budget:

- The board of education will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 to adopt a Preliminary School Budget that is due to the county office on March 4, 2011.
- Two categories sit outside of the 2% budget cap – health benefits and building emergencies.
- The state has not released the state aid numbers for next year.
- At present, administration was advised to assume “flat funding”, or a 5% decrease from last year’s state aid.

Cultural Arts/Science Expo is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2011. More details to follow.

There is no additional information to share concerning Send/Receive Issues, Merchantville Moving Forward Committees or a parental educational challenge.

COMMITTEES

Personnel – Hold for closed session – Negotiations and CSA's review.

Buildings and Grounds – St. Peter's Football Program's Personnel met with Mr. Morrone to discuss the possible use of the district's field, as they lost their current practice field.

APPROVE 1/15/2011 MINUTES

Approve January 25, 2011 Minutes – Moved by Mr. Kabel, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the board of education approve the minutes for the January 25, 2011 closed session meeting and the regular board meeting minutes.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 29	January 14, 2011 Payroll	$143,563.51
P 30	January bill run	$175,082.33
P 31	Tuitions and debt service deducted from state aid	$28,831.50
P 32	January 31, 2011 Payroll	$144,236.58

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

Transfers – Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to transfer funds from and to the following accounts effective 01/31/2011.

FROM ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	TO ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
11 150 100 500	370.00	11 150 100 320	370.00
Purchase of services-other		Purchase of services – homebound instruction	
11 000 230 530 Communications	5000.00	11 000 230 331 Attorney fees	5000.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE MOVEMENT ON THE SALARY GUIDE

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Approve movement on the salary guide – Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Kabel, that the board of education approve movement on the salary guide for the staff members listed below to acknowledge the additional educational credits earned:

Employee	Educational Credits	Step on the Guide	Salary
Talarico, Nancy	BA +39 credits	17	$86,529.00
Turan, Gerardina	BA +30 credits	17	$84,777.00
Leise, Jeanne	MA +15 credits	9	$53,733.00 (80% FTE)

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve EIRC Service Contract - Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to enter into a service contract with the Educational Informational and Resource Center (EIRC) to provide after school tutoring for the remainder of school year 2010-2011.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE EIRC SERVICE CONTRACT

Mr. Evaul, community member, asked if administration received a reply from the Haddon Heights Board of Education concerning send/ receive, and was told there is nothing new to share, and Mr. Evaul asked about the district's "School Choice" application, and was told that the state is still reviewing the application. The EIRC Service Contract that was just approved covers language arts and math, and is in addition to the district's present supplemental programs.

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, 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. 8:00 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Hartson-Stine

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

Current MEA/ Board of Education Agreement
Several articles in the agreement were discussed.

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education, approve to return to open session. 9:08 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Doran, that the Board of Education, approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:10 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

_____Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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