MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Merchantville School District was held on Tuesday, March 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 Mrs. Hartson-Stine

Members Absent: Mr. Doran

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

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

No open public comment.

The Merchantville Boys' Basketball Team won the Colonial Division Title for the second year in a row. The team advanced to the Camden County Elementary League Championship, but loss to Barrington. The team finished the season with a league record of 16-2, and an overall record of 18-5. The team is coached by Ryan Fields and his assistants, Richard Krouse and Drew Nolan. The results of the hard work extended by all were visible on the court. Congratulations….

2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET

An ad hoc committee of the board met earlier tonight and discussed the budget.

Some expenditures included in this budget are:

- Purchase of replacement computers
- Upgrade to the boys' and girls' locker room
- Next series of textbooks
- Pre School PM Class – part-time teacher and an aide
- Upgrade to the internal and external phone systems

The current student enrollment in grades Pre K to 8 is 319 students.

APPROVE TO INCREASE EXPENDITURES AND TAX LEVY FOR 2011-2012 BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve to increase the expenditures and the tax levy for the 2011-2012 school year budget by $23,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes (8) Mrs. Perno, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Iannucci, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett and Mrs. Hartson-Stine

Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Four (4) petitions were filed for the three (3) open seats on the board of education:
Stephen Morrone – Henry Kabel – Jacquelyn Fuentes – Terrence Doran

Send/Receive Issues – Attorney was contacted and advised to proceed with demographic study.

Merchantville School Moving Forward – "On Hold"

Education Issue – Not resolved.

MEA and BOE Negotiating Committees will meet on Tuesday, April 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Goldner, a representative from St. Peter's, requested to be placed on the next board agenda.

Operations Committee of the board is exploring the possibility of utilizing an automated substitute calling systems for next school year

A draft of the 2011-2012 school year calendar and the student enrollment report will be presented at the next meeting.

Pre School Spring Program should start next Monday. Applications must be finalized.

APPROVE 2/8/11 2/22/11 AND 3/1/11 MINUTES

Approve Minutes – Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

February 8, 2011

Ayes (7)	Noes (0)	Abstain (1) Mrs. Hartson-Stine	Motion carries.

February 22, 2011 (Regular and Closed Session)

Ayes (4)	Noes (0)	Abstain (3) Mrs. Perno, Mr. Iannucci, and Mr. Barnett	Motion carries.

March 1, 2011 Special Meeting

Ayes (4)	Noes (0)	Abstain (3) Mrs. Perno, Mr. Iannucci, and Mr. Barnett	Motion carries.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

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

P 35	February 15th Payroll	$155,098.30
P 36	February 28th Payroll	$147,098.27

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Transfers – Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, 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
11 240 100 610 Bilingual supplies	120.00	11 240 100 320 Bilingual contracted services	120.00
11 190 100 320 Purchase of services	400.00	11 240 100 320 Bilingual contracted services	400.00
11 000 100 565 Tuition – County School Districts	23,250.00	11 000 100 566 Tuition – Private Schools - Handicapped	23,250.00
11 190 100 610 General Supply Line	150.00	11 000 240 600 School administration – supplies	150.00
11 000 217 320	4,400.00	11 000 270 515	4,400.00
Contracted – extraordinary services		Transportation - Jointure agreements	

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

3. Approve Financials — Moved by Mrs. Perno, and seconded by Mr. Bohn, that the board of education approve the January 2011 Financial Reports.

APPROVE JANUARY 2011 FINANCIALS

Pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10(c) 3,** I certify that as of January 2011, 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 January 2011.

Approved by unanimous voice vote

APPROVE CONTRACTS AS LISTED

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Approve various contracts – Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the chief school administrator's recommendation to approve the tuition out, transportation and independent contract contracts as listed below:

Student	Contract	Terms	Amount	Note
TO #246	CPC Behavioral Healthcare High Point School – Educational Services	January 21, 2011 to July 31, 2011 (approx.)	$69,700.00 (pro-rated)	Includes extended school year
TO #246	Neptune Township	January 21, 2011	$4,324.35	Transportation –

	BOE	To June 30, 2011		Ends 6/30/11
Merchantville Residents	Archway Programs, Inc. (Just Kids' Program)	First day of school 2011 to last day of school 2012	Equipment mandates – TV, VCR, Refrigerator, copying, etc.	Before and after school program for Merchantville Residents

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO HIRE WURSTER AS PRE K PM TEACHER

Approve to appoint Wurster - Moved by Mr. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to appoint Ms. Debra Wurster to the spring afternoon pre-school teaching position for the remainder of school year 2010-2011, details as follows:

Hours	FTE	Step on the Guide	Estimated Salary	Job Assignment
11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	47.29%	BA Step 4	$8,591.00 (based on start date of program)	Pre School Teacher – PM Spring Session

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes (8) Mrs. Perno, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Kabel, Mr. Iannucci, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Barnett and Mrs. Hartson-Stine

Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

No audience participation.

No closed session held.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Bohn, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:11 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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