MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 24, 2014

The Merchantville Board of Education's Work Session Meeting was held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in The Reading Center located in Merchantville School. Notice of the meeting was published in *The Retrospect.*

Members Present:	Mr. Morrone, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Vitiello (7:15 p.m.), Ms. Fuentes Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Perno (7:20 p.m.) Mrs. Stocker and Ms. Engelke
Members Absent:	Mr. Morgan
Also Present:	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA/Principal Mr. William H. Thompson, Business Administrator Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

The board president led the group in the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

No open public comment.

2014-2015 SCHOOL BUDGET

Discussion included:

Rationale for the amounts for the stipends listed in the budget – Amount of contact time involved with each of these activities? Number of students in each program?
Number of I Pads in the school building, and who has access to use these units - administration - students
Apple Account for wireless hot spots for use of the I Pads
Clarification on budgeted technology purchases that are included in this budget and what will be paid thru Marie J. Carroll Foundation
Amount of the payroll breakage as a result of the teachers who retired in June 2013 – what was the savings?
Reading Curriculum resources – Amount budgeted vs. actual amount spent?
Number of Choice Students, and the amount of state aid received for these students - $500,000+
Use of Fund Balance in developing this budget
Use of Banked Cap in developing this budget

Ms. Fuentes shared the wording in the New Jersey State Statue governing merit based pay, and questioned whether a provision for merit pay for a Chief School Administrator could be included in the budget, as the criteria for merit pay was not set or approved by the county superintendent, as listed in the statue.
Board members requested a legal opinion on this budgeted item.

District's special education department – Parents' concerns – other plans for handling these issues next year.

In response to Ms. Chapman' question about the increase in ratable, she was directed to the Borough Clerk for clarification.

Moved by Ms. Engelke, and seconded by Mrs. Perno, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:30 p.m. AJDOURN
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary