MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 25, 2014

The Merchantville Board of Education's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., in The Reading Center located in Merchantville School. Notice of the meeting was published in *The Retrospect.*

Members Present:	Mr. Morgan, Mr. Morrone, Mr. Honigfeld, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Vitiello, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Kabel and Ms. Fuentes
Members Absent:	Mrs. Stocker
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.

RE: Pennsauken/Merchantville – post hearing rebuttals were forwarded to the judge.

Mrs. Nancy Talarico, junior high teacher presented the National Junior Honors Society Inductees: Kevin Fagan, Jonathan Melton, Jailene Semidey, Nicole Clark, Evan Cline,
Isabelle Fowles, Sophia Honigfeld, Sara Brynn McAuley, Jaelyn McKay, Alex McMillan, Kailyn Shepard
Some of the Society's officers reviewed their activities.

Finance Committee Report

Committee met today. Some items discussed were:
Developing of the budget expenditures
Waiting for the state aid allocations to be released
Requirement to submit a temporary budget to the DOE
Repairs to the interior and exterior of the building
ROD Grant Funds
Bond referendum or Lease Purchase options

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the following amendments to the 2013-2014 school calendar.

APPROVE AMENDED 2013 - 2014 CALENDAR

Add April 23rd, 24th, & 25th (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) as full days of school for all students and staff members

In the event of further emergency closings, add Tuesday, April 22nd as a full day for all students and staff members

Any additional school closings would be added to June school calendar

Motion not voted on, and amended to:

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Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator for attendance at the following Professional Development Workshop:

Attendee	Event	Place of Event	Date	Cost
Ann Sneddon	NJ TESOL / NJBE Spring Conference (ELL Students)	New Brunswick, NJ	May 28 & 29	$219 (no subs needed)

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE WORK-SHOPS

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the policies listed below in the 4200 series.

APPROVE 2ND READING AND ADOPTION OF 4000 SERIES POLICIES

4211:	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
4215:	Supervision
4216:	Evaluation
4219.23:	Employee Substance Abuse
4222:	Non-Instructional Aides
4231 / 4231.1:	Staff Development / In-Service Education / Visitations / Conferences

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE PRE-SCHOOL PLAN AND BUDGET

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve to submit the Preschool Program Plan and Budget to the Department of Education for approval. This was developed using an estimated grant amount of $85,288. (2012-2013 allocation). These funds are used to offset salary expenditures for this program.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE CONTRACTS

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the following tuition out contracts for the 2013-2014 school year. (Contracts were just received)

District	Number of Students	Time Frame	Tuition Costs
Burlington County Special Services School District Mount Holly NJ	One (1) SID #7649505223	10/16/2013 To 6/30/2014	$36,613.00 Plus out of district fees
Pennsauken School District Pennsauken, NJ	Fifty-one (51) High School Students	9/1/2013 To 6/30/2014	$13,880. Per student Total contract $707,880.00

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE GCA CUSTODIAL CONTRACT

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the Service Agreement – Custodial Services with the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education covering an Interlocal Agreement for GCA Services Group to provide custodial services to the district. The effective dates of this agreement are December 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and the cost is $96,615.97. This represents approximately at 1.99% increase.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the February payments listed on pages #_____.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. George Fore, community reporter, was advised that the student testing process take three weeks.

No closed session held.

ADJOURN

Moved by Engelke, seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting.
Approved by unanimous voice vote. 8:00 p.m.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary