MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
March 18, 2014

The Merchantville Board of Education's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 18, 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. Morrone, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Vitiello, Mr. Kabel and Mrs. Stocker and Ms. Engelke
Members Absent:	Mrs. Perno, Ms. Fuentes and 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.

Student Council Members – several members shared their feelings about the trip to "Fun Plex" and the reason that they felt that this trip should move forward as planned. Dialogue included: benefits of small group setting, safer environment, traditional trip, bonding, planned since the beginning of the year.

Mrs. Pamela Lapp, one of the parent's of a council member, was unhappy that the cancellation was shared with such short notice. Feels this is a leadership group and they should be recognized for their attributes.

Mr. Morrone, BOE President, advised that is trip is not listed on the agenda, and will be discussed at a later date and a decision made.

At the March 25th meeting, there will be a presentation on a Bond Referendum and a Lease/Purchase to fund the many outstanding building projects.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Committee met on Friday with the architect and a contractor

The maintenance issues that are targeted to be completed by approximately July 15th include:

- Addressing the issues with the lights in the auditorium
- Purchase of a new food line for the cafeteria
- Repairs to the inside and outside of the cafeteria wall
- Repairs to the wall and the heating unit in the girls' locker room
- Replacement of the security devices in the auditorium

When the Board of Education makes a financing decision (Bond Referendum or Lease Purchase), the other outstanding building issues will be prioritized and addressed.

Finance Committee Report

Met and Mr. Honigfeld, the chair, reviewed some topics discussed.

- The tentative budget includes a tax increase of approximately 5.6 cents for the average home owner
- In Merchantville, the average home is valued at $185,700.
- With no changes to the final budget, this would represent an increase of $104.05 in school taxes for the average home owner.
- The temporary budget includes: all of the CSA's recommendations – about $280,000, $96,000 for repairs to the boys' locker room, and the hiring of a maintenance man with and Benefits estimated to cost about $75,000.

2014-2015 BUDGET RESOLUTION
Moved by Mr. Honigfeld, and seconded by Mr. Morrone, that the board of education approve the following resolution for the 2014-2015 school budget:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve adopting the tentative 2014-2015 school district budget as presented.

APPROVE 2014 - 2015 BUDGET RESOLUTION

General Fund	$ 7,088,225.00
Special Revenue Fund	483,787.00
Debt Service Fund	277,500.00
Total Budget	**$ 7, 849,512.00**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to raise a **General Fund Tax Levy of $4,259,281.00** and a **Debt Service Fund Tax Levy of $ 261,802.00.**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve **utilizing Banked Cap in the amount of $ 63,884.00**.

Note: Banked Cap will be used to provide additional spending power due to large increase in expenditures from the below-listed areas. The below listed needs must be completed by the end of the budget year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

1) Salaries for New Positions
2) Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a **Health Care Cost adjustment in the amount of $ 17,642.00.**
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes (6) Mrs. Stocker, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Vitiello, Mr. Kabel and Mr. Morrone
Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

APPROVE CLASS TRIPS

Mr. Strong reviewed the items listed on the CSA's Monthly Report and presented an HIB update and the state report.

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the following field trips. All funds for these trips are paid through the Marie J. Carroll Foundation, unless otherwise noted, and there are no costs incurred by the parents or the school district:

Place	Grade / Students	# Students	# Teachers	# Outside Chaperones	Month	Other Info
The Ritz Theater	K	43	3	6	May	Art-A-Facts
Barnes Foundation & Magic Gardens	5	45	3	4	June	Art-A-Facts
Shofuso House and Garden Horticultural and Landsdowne Drive	3	35	2	6	June	Art-A-Facts
Philadelphia Zoo	2	38	2	10	May	

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE HOME-BOUND INSTRUCT .

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve Student ID # 9126 for homebound instruction at Hampton Counseling Center. Educational Services will be 10 hours a week, at the contracted rate of $30 an hour. Dates - March 3, 2014 until May 2, 2014.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Stocker, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the policies listed below in the 5000 and 6000 series. The following policies have updates based on the NJSBA recommendations:

APPROVE 1ST READING OF 5000 AND 6000 SERIES POLICIES

5113:	Absences and Excuses
5127:	Commencement Activities
5131.1:	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
5131.6:	Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
5141:	Health
5141.4:	Child Abuse and Neglect
5145.4:	Equal Educational Opportunity
6114:	Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness
6142.4:	Physical Education and Health
6142.9:	Arts
6142.10:	Technology
6145.1 / 6145.2:	Intramural Competition / Interscholastic Competition

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE 1ST READING OF NEW POLICY #5141.8

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve the first reading of the following new policy based on NJSBA suggestions:

5141.8: Sports Related Concussion / Head Injury

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE WORKSHOPS

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

Attendee	Event	Place of Event	Date	Cost
Jeanne Leise	NJ Association of School Social Workers – Spring Institute	Springfield, NJ	April 7, 2014	$95
Janice Monahan-Brill	Meet the Rigorous Common Core Standards for Writing: Help Students Increase Their Academic Vocabulary (Gr 6 – 12)	Voorhees, NJ	April 7, 2014	$229 + Substitute
Margaret Hood	What's New in Young Adult Literature and How to Use it In Your Program	Voorhees, NJ	March 28, 2014	$235 + Substitute
Yuliya Tsypenyuk	What's New in Young Adult Literature and How to Use it In Your Program	Voorhees, NJ	March 28, 2014	$235 + Substitute
Marlo Chavez	Practical Activities to Strengthen Your Students' Proficiency in Spanish	Voorhees, NJ	April 2, 2014	$229 + Substitute

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE 2/18/2014 MINUTES

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Engelke, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

February 18, 2014 Meeting

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

DISPOSE OF WOODEN ORGAN

Approve to Dispose of Baldwin Organ – Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Engelke, that the board of education approve for the following asset to be removed from the district's reports and for administration to dispose of this equipment. The organ repair vendor has deemed that this organ is beyond repair and has not value.

One (1) Baldwin Brown Wooden Organ

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE ENERGY AUDIT

Approve Local Government Energy Audit – Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve the Resolution for the district to participate in the Local Government Energy Audit Program.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE "JUST KIDS" CONTRACT

Approve to renew Archway Programs "Just Kids" Contract - Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve to renew the Archway Programs "Just Kids" Contract for the 2014-2015 school year. There were no changes to the terms and the conditions on the contract.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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RENEW RESOLUT. FOR BCIPJIF

Approve Resolution to Renew Membership in the Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund
Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve to renew the Merchantville's BOE's membership in the Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund for the 2014-2015 school years.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE PAYMENTS

Approve Payments – Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve the payments listed on page #_____for approval.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

Approve Transfers – Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve the transfers listed on page#_____for approval.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Chapman, reporter for *The Observer*, requested more details on the Student Council Trip, In response to her questions, she was informed that the temporary budget includes a full time maintenance position and renovations to the boys' locker room, estimated to cost $96,000, and that the HIB Program started in the 11-12 school year, runs for a five year period, and does not mandate that the district reach the maximum score levels.

ADJOURN

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Engelke, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting.
Approved by unanimous voice vote. 8:22 p.m.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary