MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015-2016 BUDGET AND THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 28, 2015

**TO ORDER**
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 of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in The Retrospect, Borough Hall, Merchantville School and the Reading Center at Merchantville School .

**ROLL CALL**

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| Mr. James | Mrs. Foster | Mrs. Perno |
| Mr. Morrone | Mr. Honigfeld | Mrs. Stocker |
| Ms. Engelke | Mr. Vitiello | Mr. Kabel |

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT CALL**
Audience members attending Board of Education Meetings are permitted to voice their opinions on school-related topics at specified times during the regular meeting. These times are included in the printed agenda for the meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the public portion of the meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

## PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015-2016 BUDGET

*Motion to approve to open the public hearing on the budget* - It is recommended that the Merchantville Board of Education approve to open the public hearing on the 2015-2016 school year budget.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET**

*Motion to close the public hearing on the budget* – It is recommended that the Merchantville Board of Education approve to close the public hearing on the 2015-2016 school year budget.

*Approve to adopt and submit tentative 2015-2016 budget - It* is recommended that the board of education approve the following budget resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED* to approve adopting the tentative 2015-2016 school district budget as presented.

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| General Fund | $ 7,257,855.00 |
| Special Revenue Fund | 439,932.00 |
| Debt Service Fund | 268,750.00 |
| **Total Budget** | **$ 7,966,537.00** |

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* to raise a **General Fund Tax Levy of $4,569,664.00**, and a **Debt Service Fund Tax Levy of $ 253,547.00.**

*BE IT RESOLVED* to approve **utilizing Banked Cap in the amount of $143,704.00.**

*Note:* Banked Cap will be used to provide additional spending power due to large decrease in available Budgeted Fund Balance. 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.

*BE IT RESOLVED* to approve a **Health Care Cost adjustment in the amount of $ 50,239.00**.

Roll Call Vote:

**NEW BUSINESS**

- GCA Custodial Staff Agreement
- New Jersey State Health Benefit Plan Board Resolution regarding eligibility for health benefits
- May 5th Board of Education Meeting – Possible Date Change

**CSA REPORT**

- Haddon Heights Transition Update

**CSA RECOMMENDATIONS**

(1) **RECOMMEND** that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to approve the 2015-2016 school day timeframes:

- School Day - 8:22 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Homeroom will start at 8:22 a.m.
- Students will be allowed in the building at 8:15 a.m.
- The day will consists of nine (9) periods
- Lunch/Recess periods will be 46 minutes long
- All other periods will be 40 minutes long

(2) **RECOMMEND** that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to extend the previously approved maternity leave for Mrs. Chrisanthi Finn, one of the district's basic skills teachers, through September 30, 2015.

(3) **RECOMMEND** that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to contract with Ms. Yuliya Tsypenyuk, one of the district's junior high teachers, to develop a Summer Reading Program for 2015, the stipend will be set at $500.

(4) **RECOMMEND** that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator for the district to offer the students the Summer Music Program for 2015, and to appoint Mrs. Sandra Taylor, the district's music teacher, as the instructor. The stipend is set at $2,000, and the timeframes are:

- June 22, 2015 through July 16, 2015
- Monday – Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(5) **RECOMMEND** that the board of education approve Mr. Jonathan Scott Strong's contract to serve as the district's Chief School Administrator and Principal. Some of the terms of this contract are:

- July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018
- The 2015-2016 salary is $132,525
- The 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 salary is $135,000

(6) **RECOMMEND** that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator for 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 |
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| Woodbine Swim Club – Pennsauken, NJ | 4th Grade | 43 | 2 + 1 aide | 0 | June | Learn To Swim: Transportation paid by PTA |
| Garden State Discovery Museum – Cherry Hill, NJ | Pre-Kindergarten | 24 | 2 + 1 aide | 6 | June | Class Trip |
| Eastern State Penitentiary – Philadelphia, PA | 8th Grade | 44 | 2 | 6 | May | Art-A-Facts |

**Business Office**

1. *Approve Payment of Bills* – It is recommended that the board of education approve for payment the bills listed on: P 058 and P 061.
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*2. Account Transfers* – It is recommended that the board of education approve the transfer of funds as listed on: A 094, A099 and A100.
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*3. Approve to Renew Trust Agreement* – It is recommended that the board of education approve to renew the Public Employer Trust Agreement with Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors, Moorestown, NJ, for the 2015-2016 school year. This agreement covers the district's employees' dental program.
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4. *Approve to Accept Auditorium Re-Bid* – It is recommended that the board of education approve to accept the lowest re-bid submitted for the scope of work encompassed in Project #14313.05 – Auditorium Roof Replacement. And, for the board to resolve to award the base bid and alternate bid #1 to Alper Enterprises, New Jersey. The award shall be conditioned upon execution of the NJSDA ROD Grant Agreement for the associated project. There were three (3) bids ranging from $125,000 to $177,500.
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**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**
It is recommended that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss matters falling within the attorney-client privilege. This session is expected to last for approximately_____minutes. The results of this session will be made public immediately after, or as soon thereafter, as a decision is reached, if permitted by law.

**RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**