MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
JANUARY 26, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER **TIME:_____**

I, Elliot Honigfeld, Board President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:00 p.m. Sunshine List: The Merchantville Board of Education meeting is called to order. The board of education is in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," Board of Education located at 130 S. Centre Street, Merchantville, New Jersey, and advertised in The Retrospect, Borough Hall, Merchantville School and the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

II. 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.

III. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Aaron	Mr. Honigfeld	Mr. Licata
Mr. Carcanague	Mr. Iannucci	Mrs. Meisner
Mrs. Gaskins	Mrs. Kroot	Mrs. Perno

IV. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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V. APPROVAL OF THE MINIUTES – Motioned by_____, seconded by_____

- Regular Meeting Dec 15, 2020 and Re-Organization Meeting Jan 6, 2021

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Establishing Committees and Committee Members for 2021
- Board of Education Goal #2 Update – Community Engagement
- School Boards Log in and Financial Disclosure Update
- JIF Award:
  - Loss Ratio < 50% - $1,000.00
  - Reporting within 24 hours - $1,000.00
  - Elite II Safety - $3,000.00

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

IX. CSA REPORT

- School Safety Data Report (July 2020 – Dec 2020)
- December 2020 Monthly Report
- Emergency Drills – Fire Drill (Dec 8 at 1:35) and Shelter in Place (Dec 22 at 10:00)
- Use of Facility Report Jan 2021 – Feb 2021 (None)

X. CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by_____, seconded by_____

RECOMMEND that the Merchantville Board of Education approve items 1 - 7: **Roll Call**

(1) That the Board of Education approve to extend the leave of absences for employee #19503 until June 30, 2021. (Extended from March 15, 2021)

(2) That the Board of Education approve Abigail Wence from March 16, 2021 to June 30, 2021 at MA Step 1. (19-20 MEA contract information - $65,987 for the full year: Currently in the position now until March 15, 2021)

(3) That the Board of Education approve to extend the leave of absence for employee #19114 until March 15, 2021. (Extended from January 19, 2021)

(4) That the Board of Education approve Christina Folk from January 19, 2021 to March 15, 2021 at BA Step 3 (19-20 MEA contract information - $60,217 for the full year: Currently approved until January 19, 2021)

(5) That the Board of Education approve to extend the leave of absence for employee #19178 until June 30, 2021 (Extended from Jan 4, 2021)

(6) That the Board of Education approve the resignation of Gerald Bennett as of January 31, 2021.

(7) That the Board of Education approve Monina Martin to be added to the sub list for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motioned by_____, seconded by_____
RECOMMEND that the Merchantville Board of Education approve item 8:

(8) That the Board of Education approve the annual one-year updated Pre-School Program for 2021-2022.

XI. BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by_____, seconded by_____ **ROLL CALL**
RECOMMEND that the Merchantville Board of Education approve items A through F:

A. Monthly Reports
The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of November 2020 **(Attachment A1 and A2).**

B. Transfer of Funds
The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of November 2020 **(Attachment B1)**.

C. Financial Reports

1. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of November 2020. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. **(Attachment C1)**
2. Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of November 2020. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of November 2020. **(Attachment C2)**
3. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.
4. Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 4 We certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial

report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

D. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- November 2020 payroll **(Attachment D1)**
- December 2020 through January 2021 warrants **(Attachment D2)**

E. Warrants

Approval of the Business Administrator to continue payment of all bills through until the next Board of Education meeting. The bill lists for those payments will be submitted at the next Board of Education meeting.

F. Void Checks

To approve voiding of the following warrant account check:

#4663 09/03/20 $15.08 Fisher Scientific

Motioned by_____, seconded by_____ **ROLL CALL**

RECOMMEND that the Merchantville Board of Education approve items G through I:

G. SEMI Waiver

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021-2022 year, and

Whereas, the Merchantville Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Merchantville Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Camden an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2021-22 school year.

H. Grant Submission

To approve submission of the Addressing Student Learning Loss Grant application.

I. Tuition Contract – BCSSSD

Tuition contract with Burlington County Special Services School District for student #8383710512 in the amount of $5,304.00 for ESY 1:1 Aide and $40,290.00 for 1:1 aide for the 2020-2021 school year.

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION **TIME:**_____

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Merchantville Board of Education has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately _____ p.m. this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Merchantville Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

_____Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: _____);

_____Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

_____Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

_____Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: _____);

_____Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

_____Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

_____Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

____**X**_Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: _____

_____)

(If contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is _**MEA**_____

_____)

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the District's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

_____Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s)

and nature of discussion is _____

_____) ;

_____Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

I, _____, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Merchantville Board of Education at their meeting held on _____.

_____
Board Secretary

Indicate whether action will or will not be taken after executive session.

*Motion by:*_____ *Seconded by:*_____ *Approved:*_____

XIV. RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION **TIME:**_____

*Motion by:*_____ *Seconded by:*_____ *Approved:*_____

XV. **Roll Call**

MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Merchantville Board of Education ("Board") and the Merchantville Education Association ("MEA") are parties to a collective negotiation agreement that expired on June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the committees of Board and the MEA engaged in collective negotiations seeking to agree to terms to a successor collective negotiation agreement;

WHEREAS, as a result of the negotiations between the Board's negotiation committee and the MEA's negotiation committee entered into a Memorandum of Agreement dated December 21, 2020 and thereafter agreed to salary guides, which are collectively attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement along with the salary guides sets forth the terms of a successor collective negotiation agreement being recommended by the Board's negotiation committed and the MEA's negotiation committee;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board adopts and approves the attached Memorandum of Agreement for a successor collective negotiation agreement with the MEA.

*Motion by:*_____ *Seconded by:*_____

XVI. ADJOURNMENT **TIME:**_____

*Motion by:*_____ *Seconded by:*_____ *Approved:*_____