MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
JANUARY 6, 2021

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

I, Greg Gontowski, Board Secretary, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:30 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. OATH OF OFFICE

IV. ROLL CALL

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

V. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

a. President—Board Secretary calls for nominations and acceptance of nomination for Board President. Nominations are closed and voted upon.

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

b. President assumes chair—calls for nominations and acceptance of nomination for Vice President. Nominations are closed and voted upon.

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

VI. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Appoint _____ as Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association for 2021.

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

Appoint _____ as Alternate Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association for 2021.

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

Appoint _____ as Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2021.

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

Appoint _____ as Representative to Camden County Educational Services Commission for 2021.

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

Appoint _____as Liaison to Haddon Heights Board of Education for 2021.

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

Appoint _____ as Representative to Camden County Library Merchantville Branch for 2021.

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

VII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the staff member or members involved therein, and the Chief School Administrator prior to petitioning the board of education. Complaints should only be brought to the board after the appropriate school staff has had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the problem at the employee level. Statements should be limited in length to 5 minutes. The Board of Education reserves the right to limit the total length of the Open Public Comment section to 60 minutes. The public is reminded that they should attempt to resolve problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the staff member.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

-Reopening Plan for January 19th

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. COMMUNICATIONS

XI. CSA RECOMMENDATIONS - NONE

XII. BUSINESS OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by_____, seconded by_____ **ROLL CALL**

RECOMMEND that the Merchantville Board of Education approve item A:

A. 2021 Board Meeting Dates

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETINGS AND MEETING DATES

WHEREAS, the "Open Public Meetings Act" requires that advance written notice of all meetings of the Board of Education be posted in one public place designated by the Board, and mailed, telephoned, telegrammed or hand-delivered to two newspapers designated by resolution and mailed to all persons requesting a copy of same upon payment of an established fee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Merchantville Board of Education as follows:

(1) All advance written notices of Board meetings shall be posted on the bulletin board located in the Merchantville School.

(2) All advance written notices of Board meetings shall be given to the Courier Post and the Retrospect newspapers.

(3) All advance written notices of Board Meetings throughout the year shall be mailed to all persons requesting a copy of the same after payment by such persons of a fee of $.05 per page. News

media shall be exempt from such fee.

(4) The schedule of regular official Board Meetings for the period from and after this re-organization meeting until December 31, 2021, shall be in accordance with the list annexed hereto designating the dates, times and places of the meetings.

(5) Notice of Scheduled Meetings

RESOLVED that notice is hereby given by the Merchantville Board of Education that the following is a list of the regular meetings of the Board of Education until December 31, 2021. Meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m., and will be conducted at the Merchantville School.

The Board of Education reserves the right to change the meeting schedule, with required notification, as needed or required. The purpose of the meetings shall be the normal conduct of business of the Board of Education and any other items brought to the Board's attention by the Board Members, Board Attorney, Superintendent, and Board Secretary/Business Administrator. There will be two public sessions, one to discuss agenda items. The public may speak for 5 minutes.

January 26, 2021	July 27, 2021
February 23, 2021	August 24, 2021
March 18, 2021 (Thursday)	September 28, 2021
April 27, 2021	October 26, 2021
May 25, 2021	November 23, 2021
June 22, 2021	December 21, 2021 (Third Tuesday)

Motioned by_____, seconded by_____ **ROLL CALL**

RECOMMEND that the Merchantville Board of Education approve item B:

B. CARES Amendment
To approve acceptance of an additional $24,562.00 in CARES Grant and to approve the amendment allocating these additional funds.

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XIV. 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;

_____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 _____

_____)

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 _____.

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Board Secretary

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

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

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

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT **TIME:**_____

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