MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 18, 2014

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

Mr. Morrone presented a plaque to Mr. Edward H. Bohn III, former board president and board member, and acknowledged and thanked Mr. Bohn for his dedication to the community.

Personnel Committee Report
Some suggestions for budgeting:
- Increase in Child Study Team's Staffing
- Increase to Administrator's salary line
- Increase part-time special education teacher to full time
- Add a part-time special education teacher
- Add an Athletic Coordinator

Education Committee Report
Some suggestions for budgeting:
- Purchase additional: Smart Boards, IPAD's, and Computers
- Add a Gifted and Talented Program to the Curriculum
- Renew all current computer software
- Renew computer consultant's contract

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report
Some suggestions for budgeting:
- Many pending issues
- Outstanding jobs must be prioritized and a dollar value assessed

Finance Committee meets next week.

CSA REPORT
- Monthly Report Review - data explained
- New Jersey School Performance Report Presentation – information reviewed and the report will be placed on the district's website with more detail.

Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Kabel, 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
Brandywine River Museum – Brandywine, PA	4th Grade	42	2	7	April 2014	Art-A-Facts
Rutgers University-Camden, NJ	Art 4 Teens	40	1	10	March 2014	Art Enrichment

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRIPS

Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Kabel, that the Board of Education approve Stephanie Marshall as a homebound instructor for student #37. Services are for one hour a week, for 30 weeks, starting Feb 10, 2014, payable at $30 per hour. (This is per the Consent Order Settlement.)
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE MARSHALL AS HOMEBOUND INSTR.

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Fuentes, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the policies listed below in the 4100 series. The following policies have updates:

APPROVE 4100 SERIES POLICIES

4111:	Recruitment, Selection, Hiring
4112.2:	Certification
4112.8:	Nepotism
4116:	Evaluation

*****All other 4100 policies have been appropriately reviewed.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Fuentes, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the policies listed below in the 4200 series. The following policies have updates:

APPROVE 1ST READING OF 4200 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 COCHRANE TO THE SUB LIST

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the Board of Education approve the addition of the following person to the 2013-2014 substitute aide list: Robert Cochrane
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE 1/28/2014 MINUTES

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

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Ayes (6) Noes (0) Abstain (2) Mr. Kabel and Ms. Fuentes Motion carried.

APPPROVE PAYMENTS

Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Kabel, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the following payments as listed on page #_____.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRANSFERS

Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Kabel, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the transfer of account funds, as listed on page #_____.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE FINANCIALS

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Kabel, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the following financial reports:

Board Secretary Financial, Revenue and Treasurer's Reports

A. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of December 2013. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 © 3, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

B. Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of December 2013. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of December 2013.

C. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16-10 © 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amount or revenue sources.

D. Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A. C. 6A:23A-16.10 © 4 – We certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section), and upon consultations with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts for funds have 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.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TO APPLY FOR SEMI WAIVER

Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Fuentes, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve for administration to submit a request for a waiver for a SEMI (Special Education Medicaid Initiative). This request is based on the 2014-2015 Revenue Projection. Estimated Medicaid Eligible Special Education count is twenty-one (21) students.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. George Fore, community member, asked for a copy of the student data information, and the budgeting for ROD Grant Projects.

ADJOURN

No closed session held.

Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting.
Approved by unanimous voice vote. 8:10 p.m.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary