MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014-2015 BUDGET AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Merchantville Board of Education's Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 School Budget and Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in The Reading Center located in Merchantville School. Notice of the meeting was published in *The Retrospect.*

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| Members Present: | Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Vitiello, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Perno and Mr. Morgan |
| Members Absent: | Ms. Fuentes, Ms. Engelke and Mr. Morrone |
| Also Present: | Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA/Principal<br>Mr. William H. Thompson, Business Administrator<br>Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary |

The board vice president led the group in the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

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 .

No open public comment.

# PUBLIC HEARING – 2014-2015 BUDGET

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 - 2015 BUDGET

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve to open the public hearing on the budget. 7:02 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Strong, using a Power Point Presentation, presented the budget.

Highlights included:

- What the Merchantville School Students deserve to receive – a quality education
- Overview on: Curriculum, Technology, Support Services, Stipends, and Facility Updates
- The total budget is - $7,849,512
- Tax Levy for the average home in Merchantville (appraised at $185,700) is $104.05.
- The borough's ratable property values increased this year
- Student enroll is estimated to be 345 students, including 44 choice students
- A breakdown of the budgeted expenditures - salaries, benefits, tuition out student fees, purchase of services, etc.
- All revenue sources – local, state aid, debt service funds, use of banked cap, and us of fund balance in developing this budget

Questions and/or comments on the budget:

- The ROD Grant Funds are not part of the budget
- Forty-five (45) was the maximum number of choice students that the district could accept
- The line item transfers are listed in the board agendas
- The new federal health care benefits did not impact this budget
- The boroughs ratable are available at their office
- $63,000+ of banked cap was used to support this budget
- Mr. Kabel thought there was going to be more discussion on the expenditures before the board member's vote.

The user friendly budget and the budget presentation will be placed on the district's website

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CLOSED HEARING

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve to close the public hearing on the budget. 7:26 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Vitiello, that the board of education approve the final budget resolution listed below, this is the same resolution that was presented for the temporary budget 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

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| 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 (5) Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Vitiello, Mrs. Perno, and Mr. Morgan
Noes (1) Mr. Kabel
Abstain (0) Motion carries.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Update
Committee Meeting on May 14th. Committee met with the district's architect to review the special projects that will be included in the Bond Referendum. The specifications for the renovations to the cafeteria were discussed. The new timelines for budget approvals sometime hinder summer projects.

CSA's Monthly Report was reviewed. Information concerning the NJ ASK Test was presented.

APPROVE TRIPS

Moved by Vitiello, 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 |
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| Please Touch Museum – Philadelphia, PA | Pre-K | 27 | 2 | 7 | June | Grade Level Trip |
| Eastern State Penitentiary & Fairmount Park – | 8 | 35 | 2 | 7 | May | Art-A-Facts |

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| Philadelphia, PA | | | | | | |
| FunPlex & Maple Hill Diner – Mt Laurel, NJ & Maple Shade, NJ | Student Council / National Junior Honors Society | 31 | 4 | 0 | June | Club Trip after school hours |

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education amend the timeframe for the 2014 Summer Music Program. The details for this program are:

APPROVE SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

June 23, 2014 through July 17, 2014
(Monday – Thursday) - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
(Original dates June 30 – July 24)

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE SPEECH SERVICES

Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Perno, that the board of education approve the required speech service during the summer months for students with Individual Education Plan (IEP's). These services will be provided by Annette Swanson, and include up to 40 hours of service at $ 30 per hour.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Kabel, that board of education approve the following education services for student #9123:

a. Hampton Behavior Health Center
April 8, 2014 – April 23, 2014
10 hours per week at $30 per hour

b. Princeton House
April 30, 2014 – May 30, 2014
10 hours per week at $30 per hour.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

RENEW ACES AGRMT.

Approve Gas Supply Service Agreement – Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve to renew the agreement with Alliance for Competitive Energy Serves – referred to as "ACES" as the vendor the district's natural gas supplies. The effective date of the agreement is June 1, 2014.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE PLACEMENT AT Y A L E SCHOOL

Approve Y.A.L.E. School, Inc. Tuition Contract – Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve an educational contract with Y.A.L.E. School, Inc., Cherry Hill Campus, for student, SID #4836299131. The commencement date is March 31, 2014 thru June 30, 2014. The per diem tuition rate is $256.23, and a total estimated contract cost of $15,374.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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RENEW HEARTLAND REHAB FOR OCCUP. THERAPY

Approve to renew Heartland Rehabilitation Services Contract – Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve to renew the Occupational Therapy Agreement with Heartland Rehabilitation Services, Inc, for the 2014-2015 school year. The rate is $90.17 per hour for therapy, consultations, meetings, reports, presentations, etc. The total hours of service will be determined following the students' Individual Education Plan's (IEP's) meetings.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE TRANFERS

Approve Fund Transfers to Various Accounts – Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the fund transfers to various expenditure accounts as listed on: A 105, 108, 110, 112 and 113 (copies attached)
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE PAYMENTS

Approve Payments –Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the payments as, listed on: P 052, 053, 056, and 0 57 (copies attached).
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE TO REAPPOINT ALL NJEA MEMBERS

Reappoint all NJEA Professional and Support Staff – Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to reappoint all NJEA professional and support staff listed on the attached spreadsheet, for the 2014-2015 school year. All salaries, hourly rates, and steps on the salary guide will be determined when the NJEA/MEA Agreement is ratified. All full time equivalents (FTEs) will be set before the start of the new school year.
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Roll call vote:
Ayes (6) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

**NJEA Employees to be Renewed for 2014 - 2015 School Year**

**To be determined upon ratification of the NJEA/MOE Agreement*

| | | *Salary | *Step on the Guide | *FTE Full Time Equivalent | Notes |
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| **Teachers** | | | | | |
| Batterman | Caren | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Brill (Monahan) | Janice | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Cogan | Jean | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Cook | Kelly | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Dailey | Michael | TBD | TBD | TBD | Non tenured |
| Diem | Ann | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Fields | Patricia | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Franolich | Majellen | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Gandy | Barbara | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Harper-Ransom | Melody | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Harvey-Wilson | Kathleen | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Hellman | Joanna | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Hood | Margaret | TBD | TBD | TBD | Non tenured |
| Huber | Deborah | TBD | TBD | TBD | Tenure - 11/14 |
| LaJeunesse | Patrice | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Letts | Alyssa | TBD | TBD | TBD | Non tenured |
| Lord | Alicia | TBD | TBD | TBD | Non tenured |
| McCourt | Kathleen | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| McNamara | Carroll | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Montufar | James | TBD | TBD | TBD | |

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| Nettleton | Melissa | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Pompeano-Swanson | Annette | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Sneddon | Ann | TBD | TBD | TBD | Tenure - 10/14 |
| Talarico | Nancy | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Taylor | Sandra | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Temeles | Kara | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Turan | Gerardina | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Tsypenyuk | Yuliya | TBD | TBD | TBD | Non tenured |
| Van Sciver | Vanessa | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Waldron | Shawn | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Wurster | Debra | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| **Secretary** | | | | | |
| DiMatteo | Rose | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| **Nurse** | | | | | |
| Rettinger | Cheryl | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| **Aides** | | | | | |
| Alloway | Elizabeth | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Casey | Lisa | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Grasso | Denise | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Irvin-Turner | Terry | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Nolte | Virginia | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Richards | Elizabeth | TBD | TBD | TBD | |
| Segrest | Lucia | TBD | TBD | TBD | |

APPROVE DENTAL PROGRAM

Approve an addendum to the Horizon Healthcare Dental Plan – Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Perno, that the board of education approve an addendum to the Horizon Healthcare Dental Program administered by Brown and Brown Advisors, Moorestown, NJ, for a two year period - July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016. Premium rates are listed on the addendum.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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In response to Mr. George Fore's question, he was advised that some of the attorney fees are included in this budget. The district has a 24 month payment plan with the attorney and the current balance due is $350,000. There is no additional information to share concerning this case.

Mrs. Meachum, Leslie Avenue, advised that the Eight Grade Parent Group is part of the PTA.

No closed session held.

ADJOURN

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting.
Approved by unanimous voice vote. 7:55 p.m.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary