MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2015

The Merchantville Board of Education's Reorganization and Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., in The Reading Center located in Merchantville School. Notice of the meeting was published in *The Retrospect.*

Mr. Thompson 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.

SWEARING IN OF RE-ELECTED AND NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

SWEARING IN OF BOE MEMBERS - FOSTER AND MORRONE

Mrs. Karen Foster Mr. Steven Morrone

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

No open public comment.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Board Secretary opened the floor to nominations for the Office of the President of Merchantville Borough Board of Education.

OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve to open the nominations for the position of President.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

NOMINATE MORRONE

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Fuentes, to nominate Mr. Morrone to serve as President of Merchantville Borough Board of Education.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

No other nominations.

CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Fuentes, to close the nominations for President. .
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

MORRONE ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Board Secretary calls for a roll call vote on the election of Mr. Morrone to serve as President of the Board of Education for a term of one year, commencing January 6, 2015, and until his/her successor is elected and shall qualify.

Roll call vote: Ayes (6) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

The Board Secretary then declares Mr. Morrone elected to the Office of President and yields the chair to the President.

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NOMINATION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR V-PRES.

The President opens the floor to nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Honigfeld, to open nominations for the position of Vice President. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

NOMINATE HONIGFELD FOR V-PRES.

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Fuentes, to nominate Mr. Honigfeld to serve as Vice President. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

No other nominations.

CLOSE NOMINATIONS

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Fuentes, to close the nominations for Vice President. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

HONIGFELD ELECTED V-PRES.

The Board Secretary calls for a roll call vote on the election of Mr. Honigfeld as Vice President of the Board of Education for a term of one year, commencing January 6, 2015, and until his/her successor is elected and shall qualify.

Roll call vote: Ayes (6) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

The President then declares Mr. Honigfeld elected to the office of Vice President.

APPROVE MEETING DATES FOR 2015

REORGANIZATION APPROVALS

Approve Merchantville Board of Education Meeting Dates – Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Perno, that the board of education approve the meeting dates for 2015. Most meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, unless as noted below:

January – 1st and 4th Tuesday	6th and 27th
February	10th and 24th
March	10th and 24th
April	14th and 28th
May – 1st & 4th Tuesday	5TH and 26th
June	9th and 23rd
July – 4th Tuesday only	28th
August – 4th Tuesday only	25th
September	8th and 22nd
October	13th and 27th
November	10th and 24th
December – 1st Tuesday only	8th

The schedule for regular meetings shall be in effect until the next Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education or in the case of a regular meeting date falling on a holiday, unless altered by the Board of Education, in which case due public notice will be provided.

Meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m., and will be conducted at the Reading Center at Merchantville School and Public Library.

These meetings will be held for whatever business that my come before the Board of Education and formal action may be taken at any or all of these specific meetings.

Notice of the special meeting of the Board of Education, other than those designated above, shall be forwarded to The Courier Post and/or The Retrospect, both being designed by the Board of Education to receive notice under the provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law at least 48 hours prior to such a meeting being held. Public Notice of any special meeting shall be posted at least 48 hours before its occurrence.

By order of:
Merchantville Board of Education
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Not Moved - The motion to appoint a representation for the following:

Camden County Educational Services Commission

Pennsauken Board of Education

Merchantville County Library

And, to establish the Board Committees

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Education Committee Update – (12/15 meeting)

Staff continues to work with the students on preparing for the PARCC Testing
The Writing Curriculum will be reviewed at the next staff meeting
The Renaissance Program will begin with the 3rd marking period
A meeting is scheduled for January 26th to discuss the 25 minute increase in the student's Day scheduled for September 2015. Mrs. Stocker is the chair of this committee, and other members include parents, teachers and administrators
It will be necessary to increase staff to cover this timeframe
The purchases and budget items for technology for 15-16 were discussed

Public Relations Committee Update

First meeting is scheduled for tomorrow
The agenda will be to develop the background and rational for this committee
Updates will be presented at the next board meeting

HIRE ROSENZ-WEIG AS A LONG TERM SUB.

Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the Board of Education approve to hire Ms. Arlene Rosenzweig, as a long term substitute, starting on Feb 1, 2015 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year. This position will be at a BA Step 1, on the current salary guide, with no medical benefits, and pro-rated sick and personal days.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

HIRE SUTTON AS A SUB.

Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Honigfeld that the Board of Education approve the addition of Elisa Batterman-Sutton to the substitute list for the 2014-2015.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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INCREASE FINN TO 60% OF FTE

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Perno, that the Board of Education approve an increase to the FTE working schedule for Mrs. Chrisanthi Finn, a basic skills teacher, from 40% to 60%, starting February 1, 2015. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE WORKSHOP

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Perno, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator for attendance at the following Professional Development Workshop:

Attendee	Event	Place of Event	Date	Cost
J. Scott Strong	Techspo Sponsored by NJASA	Atlantic City, NJ	January 29 & 30, 2015	$395

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes – Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

11-25-14 AND 12-09-14

November 25, 2014 and December 9, 2014 – Regular and Closed Session Minutes
Ayes (5) Noes (0) Abstain (1) Mrs. Foster Motion carries.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

Approve Payment of Bills – Moved by Perno, and seconded by Foster, that the board of education approve for payment the bills listed on: P036, P037, P038 and P039.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER FINANCIALS

Approve Financial Reports – Moved by Perno, and seconded by Foster, that the board of education approve the following October and November 2014 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 months of October and November 2014. 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 months of October and November 2014. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of October and November 2014.

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 reports (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.
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VOID AND REISSUE CHECKS #2856 AND #2328

Approve to void and reissue the following checks – Moved by Foster, and seconded by Perno, that the board of education approve to void and reissue the following check which were never received by the payees:

#2856	$152.00	Sarah Frazier
#2328	$2,112.50	SJPEA – LLC

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. George Fore, reporter and community member, asked if future Public Relations Committee meeting could be open to the public.

Ms. Chapman, reporter and community member, was advised that the committee that will develop a plan for the additional 25 minutes of teaching time for the next school year consisted of the parents of 2 students, 4 teachers, the chief school administrator, and 1 board member. Updates will be presented to the other board members and to the community.

No closed session held.

ADJOURN

Adjourn – Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Perno, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:05 p.m.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary