MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 11, 2014

The Merchantville Board of Education's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 11, 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. Vitiello, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Honigfeld, and Mr. Morgan
Members Absent:	Ms. Fuentes, Mr. Morrone and Ms. Engelke
Also Present:	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA/Principal Mr. William Thompson, Business Administrator 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 comments or communication items.

School and Community Relations ad hoc committee – Mr. Vitiello, the chair of this committee, researched and gathered information from the NJSBA Policies that encompass communications with school and parents, and has accessed other educational websites for data. The information was forwarded to the board president for further direction.

Official Election Results:

Board Members:	
Write in and other nominees	6 votes
Richard James	349 votes
Henry Kabel	432 votes
Karen Foster	498 votes
Stephen Morrone	533 votes

Bond Referendum:	
No	277 votes
Yes	614 votes

Personnel Committee Update:

Committee met tonight. The Agreement between the local MEA (Merchantville Education Association) and the Board of Education was ratified. This effective dates on this document are July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017. Fully executed paperwork is still pending. The salaries increases are as follows:

1st year – 2%, 2nd year – 2.75%, and 3rd year 2.75%.

A 2% salary increase was recommended for the non NJEA members who work for the district.

Bond Referendum Update:

Thank you to all who helped with the passage of this bond referendum and especially to Mr. Vitiello for his video production. Administration met with the district's architect, Bill Lammey, and discussed moving forward with repairs that will be paid by the ROD Grant funds.. Details on the Educational Adequacy Projects that are scheduled to be funded thru the bond, will be sent to the New Jersey Department for review and approval. On average, the DOE response takes six (6) month. Mr. Lammey will consult the district's engineer with details and timelines for this repair work.

HIB Incident:

Incident reported and will be discussed in closed session and at the next board of education meeting.

School Choice Students for the 2015-2016 school year:

Mr. Strong distributed the NJDOE information on the School Choice Program.
Including: allocation, priority selection, unfunded options and the district's maximum class size
Merchantville can accept eight (8) students for 2015-2016.

APPROVE CLASS TRIPS

Moved by Vitiello, and second by Perno, that the board of education approve the following field trips. All funds for this trip 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
Adventure Aquarium – Camden, NJ	1st Grade	43	2	6	February	Class Trip

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE WORK-SHOP

Moved by Morgan, and second by Perno, that the 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
Alicia Lord	Strengthening Your Special Needs Students' Executive Functioning Skills: Strategies for Organizing Tasks, Time, Materials and Behavior	Voorhees, NJ	Dec 16, 2014	$219

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES

Moved by Perno, and second by Kabel, that the board of education approve the second reading and adopting of the following updated and/or new policies.

3542.1: Local Wellness / Nutrition Policy
5120: Assessment of Individual Needs
6142.4: Physical Education and Health
6146: Graduation Requirements

6176.5: Independent Educational Evaluations (New)

There was discussion on the Nutrition Policy regarding the treats/foods that are served at certain school events.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE RE-ADOPTION OF #5020

Moved by Stocker, and second by Morgan, that the board of education approve the re-adoption of the following policy. No changes were made to this policy.

5020: Role of the Parent/Guardian
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve Minutes – Moved by Stocker, and second by Morgan, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

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October 28, 2014 Regular BOE Minutes and Closed Session Minutes
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Contracts – Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the following contracts for the 2014-2015 school year:

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Vendor	Services	Dates	Fees	Notes
Decker's Cherry Hill, NJ	Lawn Maintenance Snow Plowing And Salt Application For all school properties	11/15/2014 To 6/30/2015	All Fees and scope of The work Are Listed On Contract	New vendor – Replaces Maple Leaf Lawn Service
Liberty Technology Solutions, Moorestown, NJ	Telephone Systems- Warranty Emergency Response Equipment Support	11/7/2014 To 11/6/2015	$2,250.00	Renewal

State ID No.	School District	Program Dates	Transport.	No. of Days	Tuition Fees & Aides	Notes
8281820046	Cherry Hill School District Bret Hart Elementary School	6/30/2014 To 10/2/2014	Yes	Summer and thru 10/2/14 (Student placed in another setting)	$2,777.25	New student Placement Extended school year Not Budgeted
5855855841	Pine Hill School District	9/3/2014 To 9/30/2014	Yes	19 days Student Moved	$2,332.40 Monthly tuition $832.50 Aide Charges $55.00 Per Day – Transportation Charges $200.00 Per month Before/after School program	Continuing program
2843511023	Hampton Academy Mount Holly, NJ	10/3/2014 To 6/30/2015	Yes	160 Days	$49,846.40	New Placement Not Budgeted

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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APPROVE COOPER HEALTH CONTRACT AMEND-MENT

Approve Amendment to Cooper Health Systems Contract – Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Perno, that the board of education approve an amendment to the Cooper Health Systems Contract which provides services to the students at St. Peter's School. The total sum of the contract was originally submitted at$30,600., and is revised to $30,000.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE ANNUAL MAINTEN-ANCE BUDGET

Approve The Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet – Moved by Perno, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the submission of the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet for the 2015-2016 school year.
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Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Chapman, reporter and community member, shared with the board members that she is a teacher by profession, and that her district has adopted a "no food for parties" policy. Each child brings in their own treats. Also, questioned the district's policy on "Class Size". Administration shared that 20 students per class was the accepted norm in Merchantville.

ENTER CLOSED

Enter Closed Session - Moved by Perno, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss an HIB Incident. This session is expected to last for approximately ten (10) minutes. The results of this session will be made public immediately after, or as soon thereafter, as a decision is reached, if permitted by law.
Approved by unanimous voice vote. 8:02 p.m.

Members Present:	Mr. Vitiello, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Stocker, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Honigfeld, and Mr. Morgan
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Topic:

HIB Incident

Details shared – administration, teacher, parents and students' input

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Return to Open Session - Moved by Perno, and second by Morgan, that the board of education to return to open session. 8:08 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Adjourn - Moved by Perno, and second by Morgan, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:09 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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