MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014

The Merchantville Board of Education's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., in the Merchantville School Auditorium. Notice of the meeting was published in *The Retrospect.*

Members Present:	Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Fuentes, Ms. Engelke and Mr. Morrone
Members Absent:	Mrs. Stocker and Mr. Vitiello
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.

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 .

Mrs. Rubini, Leslie Avenue, advised that the PTA Membership Drive started for this school year.

Honoring Recently Retired Teachers
Mr. Christian Swanson, former district CSA, presented plaques to Mrs. Annette Pompeano-Swanson, Mrs. Carroll McNamara, Mrs. Ann Diem and Mrs. Kelly Cook in recognition to their service to Merchantville students and community members. Staff, community and family members were in attendance.

New Teacher Introduction
Mr. Strong introduced the new staff members:

Jamie Bertini	Speech Teacher
Chrisanthi Finn	Basic Skills Teacher
Michelle Gotti	5th Grade Teacher
Rachel Hallion	4th Grade Teacher
Sherry Iannucci	Computer Teacher
Yenita Santana-Baron	Spanish Teacher

Buildings and Ground Committee Update:

Committee met tonight with the district's architect, Mr. Lammey
The project funded by the Bond, ROD Grant, Debt Service Aid were reviewed
The Department of Education removed some of the bond projects submitted for approval from the project list
These will need to be incorporated in the annual school budget
A complete and final list of all projects with their estimated costs will be submitted to the board members

APPROVE FRANOLICH AS VOLUNTEER

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the board of education approve Ms. Grace Franolich, as a volunteer and observer in the classroom, pending completion of all required paperwork.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ACCEPT ROTH'S RESIGNATION

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Fuentes that the board of education accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Susan Roth who served as the district's LDTC and Supervisor, effective September 2, 2014.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF VARIOUS POLICIES

Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve the second reading and adoption of the following polices that have been updated or are newly mandated policies:

New – 2130 – Principal Evaluation
4119.26/4219.26 – Electronic Communication by the School Staff
5118.1 – School Choice Program

Revised – 2131 – Chief School Administrator
2224 – Nondiscrimination / Affirmative Action
4111 – Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
4111.1/4211.1 – Nondiscrimination / Affirmative Action
4116 – Evaluation
5113 – Absences and Excuses
5131.6 – Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco
5141 – Health
5145.4 – Equal Educational Opportunity
6121 – Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
6145 – Extracurricular Activities
6147.1 – Evaluation of Individual Student Performance

* Review policy 5020 – Parents / Guardians

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TRIPS

Moved by Perno, and seconded by Morgan, 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
Bass River State Park Tuckerton, NJ	Naturalist Club	40	2	2	October	Part paid by Fundraisers
Shofuso House and Garden Horticultural – Philadelphia, PA	3rd Gr	33	2	6	September	Art-A-Facts
Barnes Foundation & Magic Gardens – Philadelphia, PA	5th Gr	39	2	4	October	Art-A-Facts
Grounds for Sculptures	2nd	35	3	8	October	Art-A Facts

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE PAYMENTS

Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve for payment the bills listed on: P 07, P 09, P 10, P 12 and P 13.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE CONTRACTS

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the following the contract for the 2014-2015 school year:

State ID No.	School District	Program Dates	Transport.	No. of Days	Tuition Fees & Aides	Notes
Various	Camden County Technical Schools Pennsauken and Sicklerville Campuses	7/2014 To 6/2015	Yes	180	$3,016.00 Per student For 31 students Total $93,496.00 Regular and Special Education Students	Budgeted Item Last year 29 students $2,958.00 Per student $85.782.00 Total

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. George Fore, reporter and community member, asked for the status of the Send/Receive Litigation – at present, there are no updates.
There are four (4) community members running for the three (3) open seats on the board of education – Karen Foster, Henry Kabel, Steve Morrone and Richard James.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Perno that the board of education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss matters falling within the attorney-client privilege. This session is expected to last for approximately 2 (two) hours. The results of this session will be made public immediately after, or as soon thereafter, as a decision is reached, if permitted by law.
8:10 p.m.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Members Present: Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Fuentes, Ms. Engelke and Mr. Morrone

Members Absent: Mrs. Stocker and Mr. Vitiello

Topic:
CSA Evaluation

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by, Morgan, that the board of education approve to return to open session.
Approved by unanimous voice vote. 10:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by, Morgan, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting.
Approved by unanimous voice vote. 10:51 p. m.

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Loretta Mansolino and David Morgan

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