MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 28, 2014

The Merchantville Board of Education's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 28, 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, Mrs. Stocker, Ms. Engelke, Mr. Honigfeld, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Morrone and Ms. Fuentes (7:35 p.m.)
Members Absent:	Mrs. Perno, Mr. Kabel
Also Present:	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA/Principal Mr. William 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. Juliano, Browning Road, PTA Representative, gave details about the playground fund raiser. Tickets for a vacation credit are being sold, and the program ends on 12/17/2014.

Mr. Fore, reporter, was told that the judge handling the Pennsauken/Merchantville send-receive litigation case, has granted himself another 45 day extension to make a decision. This extension ends on Dec. 4th.

Mr. Sherman – Maple Avenue – stated that all of this Bond Referendum questions were being addressed and asked about the status of the Merchantville/Cherry Hill merger. He was informed that the merger talks were not initialed by the board, this discussion originated from a community group, and the Cherry Hill School District was not interested in any type of merger agreement.

Status of the Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Vitiello was appointed as the chairman of this committee. Focus will be on school/community relations, and will include staff, board and community members.

CSA's Review – held for closed session.

Mr. Thompson left the meeting.

CSA REPORT

- Bond Referendum Update of Informational Events – Election, November 4th
- Violence and Vandalism Update
  - Covers the 13-14 school year and includes through 6/30/2014
  - Report listed: 2 weapons issues, 3 incidents and 3 student suspensions.
- Week of Respect Update
  - Announcements, Health Class Lessons, in Classroom Lessons
- Achieve NJ Update
  - Evaluations and Student Growth Objectives – staff evaluations continue – teachers have submitted their SGO Goals for approval

On Thursday afternoon, October 23, 2014, a written threat was found on one of the bathroom walls– the building was evacuated, and all students and staff were relocated to St. Peter's School's cafeteria. Authorities are still investigating this incident.

APPROVE QSAC STMT. OF ASSURANCE

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the QSAC Statement of Assurance for the 2014-2015 school year, as attached.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE POLICIES

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the first reading 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)

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE SLATTERY AS COACH

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to appoint Kathleen Slattery as the Cheerleading Coach, pending completion of all required paperwork. There are no "Out-of-District Events" planned for this school year. (The stipend in the previous contract is $2,200.)
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE FIELDS AS COACH

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Honigfeld, that the board of education approve the recommendation of the chief school administrator to appoint Ryan Fields as the Girl's Basketball Coach, for the 2014-2015 school year. (The stipend in the previous contract is $4,408)
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE NOLAN AND KROUSE AS VOLUNTEERS

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the following people to serve as volunteers for the basketball program, for the 2014-2015 school year: Drew Nolan and Richard Krouse.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE DAMIANI AS A SUB

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve to add Jamilah Damiani to the list for substitute teaching, for the 2014-2015 school year. .
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

October 14, 2014	Regular BOE Minutes and Closed Session Minutes

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE BILLS

Approve Payment of Bills – Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve for payment the bills listed on: P 023, P 024 and P 028.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE CONTRACTS

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

State ID No.	School District	Program Dates	Transport.	No. of Days	Tuition Fees & Aides	Notes
7649505223	BCSSSD Lumberton Campus	9/2014 To 6/2015	Yes	180	$37,345.00 plus out of district fees	Continuing Program

499875568	BCSSSD Westhampton Campus	7/2014 To 6/2015	Yes	210	$45,035.00 plus extended school year and out of district fees	Continuing Program

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approve Financial Reports – Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the following September 2014 reports:

APPROVE SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

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 September 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 month of September 2014. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of September 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 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.
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Enter Closed - Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Engelke that the board of education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss matters of personnel and negotiations. This session is expected to last for approximately 30 – (thirty) 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. 8:00 p.m.

ENTER CLOSED

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Perno, Mr. Kabel

Also Present: Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA/Principal
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Topic:
Discussion on the Merchantville Board of Education/Merchantville Education Association (MEA) Agreement covering July 2014 to June 2017.

Return to Open Session - Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve to return to open session.
Approved by unanimous voice vote. 8:15 p.m.

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APPROVE BOE AND MEA AGREE-MENT

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement – Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED – that the Merchantville Board of education approve the Memorandum of Agreement reached by the Board of Education and the Merchantville Education Association (MEA), covering the period of July 1, 2014 to June 20, 2017, including the agreed upon salary guides and hourly rates guides.

Roll call vote:

Ayes (7) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion Carries.

APPROVE CMA FOR 2015 - 2016 SY

Approve Comprehensive Maintenance Plan – Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the required Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, as developed by the building maintenance supervisor, for the 2015-2016 school year budget. This is a list of many of the outstanding building issues that should be addressed. Some are annually scheduled maintenance and some are for specific work. (These are not included in the Bond Referendum.)

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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APPROVE SCHOOL FACILITIES CHECKLIST

Approve Annual Facilities Checklist – Moved by, and seconded by,

Health and Safety Evaluation of the School Building – It is recommended that the board of education approve the required Health and Safety Evaluation Checklist for the School Building, as completed by the building maintenance supervisor, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Mr. Fore, reporter, requested a copy of the Violence and Vandalism document.

ENTER CLOSED

Enter Closed - Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss a personnel and contract matter. This session is expected to last for approximately 30 – (thirty) 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. 8:20 p.m.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Topic:

CSA's Evaluation and Contract

RETURN TO OPEN

Return to Open Session - Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Engelke, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 8:36 p.m.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

Adjourn – Moved by Honigfeld, and seconded by Vitiello, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:37 p.m.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino and David Morgan