MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 26, 2014

The Merchantville Board of Education's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 26, 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, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Fuentes, and Mr. Morrone
Members Absent:	Mrs. Perno, Ms. Engelke, and Mr. Honigfeld
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 .

No open public comment.

Mr. Ronald Ianoale, McNanimon, Scotland and Baumann, the district's bond counsel, presented and reviewed the last draft and resolution for the submission of a bond proposal at the annual school election to be held on November 4th.

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Morgan, that the Merchantville Board of Education approve:

Approve Submission Of Bond Proposal Draft #4

The Resolution providing for the submission of a bond proposal at the annual School election on November 4, 2014 (Draft #4 - #556316.4)

Roll call vote:
Ayes (5) Mr. Vitiello, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Fuentes, and Mr. Morrone
Nays (0) Abstain (1) Mr. Kabel Motion carries.

Special Education Ad Hoc Committee Update

Committee held a preliminary meeting. Discussion included:
Setting goals
Configuration of the Child Study Team
Collection of data from district's with a comparative special education population
Autism training for staff members
Liaisons with community members

Committee Structure Ad-Hoc Update

Mr. Honigfeld is developing a template and will share with all board members.

Personnel Committee Update

Negotiations continue – the next meeting is scheduled for September 11th.

Board Report on the 2013-2014 School Year

Using a Power Point Presentation, Mr. Strong presented the test scores and other student data for the 2013-2014 school year. When the DOE forwards the final test scores, with the fourteen (14) Students who were not included, most of the results presented will be revised. The final data will be presented to the board members and available to the public.

APPROVE WALLIN AS A VOLUNTEER

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the following volunteer soccer coach for the 2014-2015 school year: Lindsay Wallin.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE TEACHER HANDBOOK

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve the Teacher Handbook for the 2014-2015 school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE CURRICULA

Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the following curricula, as completed by the assigned teachers, during the summer of 2014:

Writing Curriculum – Grade levels K to 8
Physical Education Curriculum – Grade levels Pre K to 8
Health Curriculum – Grade levels Pre K to 8

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

INCREASE LAJEUNESSE TO 86.5% OF FTE

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve an increase in the FTE work schedule for Mrs. Patrice LaJeunesse, the district's art teacher, to 86.5%. This is to accommodate the increased teacher contact time needed resulting from the cancelation of 7th and 8th grade recess.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE ALL SUBSTITUTES

Moved by Fuentes, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve the Substitute Teacher, Nurses, Aides and Secretary, as listed, for the 2014-2015 school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE SUB RATES

Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education pay the following rates for substitute pay:

$50 for a work schedule equal to or less than 4.50 hours per day
$85 for a work schedule that is more than 4.50 hours

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE HOOD AS GATE INSTRUCTOR

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve Mrs. Margaret Hood as the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Instructor for students in grades 6 – 8, the lower grades are served during the day. This program will take place after the student school day ends, once a week for one (1) hour, at the stipend rate of $1440, for the 2014-2015 school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE DAILEY AS ATHLETIC COOR.

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve Mr. Michael Dailey as the Athletic Coordinator, at a stipend of $2500 for the 2014-2015 school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE CASEY AS ASS'T MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Morgan, that the board of education approve Mrs. Lisa Casey as the Assistant Musical Director, at a stipend of $720 for the 2014-2015 school year. (This figure represents 50% of the full $1440 stipend.)
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE MENTORING PROGRAM

Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Fuentes, that the Board of Education approve participation in the Big Brothers & Big Sisters Mentoring program for the 2014-2015 school year.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE POLICIES

Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Fuentes, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policies. These are updated version of existing policies 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 7-22-2014 MINUTES

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

July 22, 2014 Regular BOE Minutes and Closed Session Minutes

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE 7/22/2014 MINUTES

Approve Payment of Bills – Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Vitiello, that the board of education approve for payment the bills listed on: P 01, P 02, P 03, P 04 and P 05.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE CONTRACTS

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

Vendor	Service	Dates	Fees	Notes
Pittsgrove BOE Pittsgrove, NJ	GCA Custodial Contract	7/2014 To 11/2014	$69,011.41	Custodial Services Charged For 4.2 people includes paper supplies
Remington & Vernick Haddonfield, NJ	Engineering Services	7/2014 To 6/2015	Hourly Rates Depending On service provided	Needed for Anticipated Construction work on building
Cooper Health System Camden, NJ	Student Services to Children at St. Peter's School	7/2014 To 6/2105	$30,600.00 Plus Hourly fees For additional services	Funded through Grant Funds Grant funds come to district and are paid to vendor
Bayada Pediatrics Cherry Hill, NJ	Substitute Nursing Services	7/2014 To 6/2015	$55.00 Per Hour	On an "as needed" basis only

Huddy, Carol J.	Psychology Services	7/2014 To 6/2015	$350.00 Per day	Estimated at 2 days per week – 12 months
Safety Bus Company, Pennsauken, NJ	Transportat-ion Service	7/2014 To 6/2015	$21,315.24 For one bus rout	To transport students to and from Pennsauken High School

Approved by unanimous voice vote.
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APPROVE SEMINAR ATTEND-ANCE

Approve Seminar Attendance – Moved by Morgan, and seconded by Vitiello, that the board of education approve for the following employees to attend the seminars listed:

Employee	Program	Dates	Costs	Location
Bennett, Gerald	Southern Regional Facilities Evaluation Training	8/26/2014	No Charge	Millville Senior High School
Mansolino, Loretta	Camden County Assoc. of School Business Officials	Once a month Sept. Through July	Included in dues paid	Camden County Educational Services Commission Clementon, NJ

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

APPROVE FINANCIALS

A. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of July 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 July 2014. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of July 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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APPROVE TO HIRE MORAN

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve the employment of Mrs. Suzanne Moran, to a part-time position as a Clerk – Board of Education Office, starting on or about September 2, 2014, at a rate of $19.00 per hour, for 2 to 3 days per week.
Roll call vote:
Ayes (6) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

APPROVE TO HIRE MEACHUM

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve to hire Mrs. Ami Meachum to serve as the district's Field Hockey Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. At a "to be determined" stipend, the stipend for the 2013-2014 school year was $1,893.00
Roll call vote:
Ayes (6) Noes (0) Abstain (0) Motion carries.

No closed session held.

ADJOURN

Adjourn – Moved by Morrone, and seconded by Fuentes, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:55 p.m.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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