MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The Merchantville Board of Education's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., in the Merchantville Reading Center. Notice of the meeting was published in *The Retrospect.*

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.

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

The board president led the board in the pledge to the flag.

No open public comment.

Bond Update

Kevin Brennan, the district's current Clerk of the Works, employed by Remington and Enrick, will no longer be working with this engineering firm, and we will be assigned a new clerk to handle the remaining bond issues.

Update on District Goal #3

Positive Communications with Community Members
Discussion: Use of a district Face Book – article in *The Observer*, texts and emails to parents on a weekly basis – Explaining the grading process to parents – Highlights of district activities featured in *The Retrospect*, more dialogue between the BOE and Administration – the State of the School Report should be charged with the entire community – Some suggestions offered: Town meetings, open house – tours of the building – coffee clutches with community members – Video links on the website – board liaison with the PTA and attendance at their meetings – the BOE's Community Relations Committee should be involved with goal #3's objectives.

CSA Monthly Report

Shared with all board members

Emergency Drills

Oct 21 = Non-Fire Evacuation at 8:35; Oct 27 = Fire Drill at 2:33

GOTTI COACH

Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve Ms. Michelle Gotti at the cheerleading coach for the 2015-2016 school year, for home events only, at a stipend of $2244 (as per the MEA contract).
Motion carried: 7-0

NURSING SERVICE PLAN

Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion carried: 7-0

WORKSHOP

Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by Kabel, 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
Deb Wurster & Kara Temeles	Practical Strategies for a highly effective co-teaching model	Mullica Hill, NJ	Dec 3, 2015	$149 each

Motion Carried: 7-0

10/27/2015 MINUTES

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

October 27, 2015 Regular BOE Minutes

Motion carried: 7-0

George Fore- community member and reporter, thought that the suggestion to offer tours of the building should be followed through – suggested that perhaps there could be community session on various topics, such as, Introduction to the Haddon Heights High School Programs and Activities, etc., or the impact on housing prices in Merchantville resulting from the new send/receive HH relationship.

CLOSED SESSION

Recess Into Closed – Moved by Perno, and seconded by Engelke, that the board of education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss a student matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy and the chief school administrator's evaluation. This session is expected to last for approximately (20) twenty 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. 8:10 p.m.
Motion Carried: 7-0

Members Present: Mr. Vitiello, Mr. Kabel, Mrs. Stocker, Ms. Engelke, Mr. James, Mr. Morrone and Mrs. Perno

Members Absent: Mrs. Foster and Mr. Honigfeld

Also Present: Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA/Principal
Mr. William H. Thompson, Business Administrator
Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

Topic:
Students' behavior on the school sponsored Naturalist Club Trip
Violation of trip rules
Previous school violations
Supervision Issues
Discipline
Administration suggested – Counseling by the district's Guidance Counselor
Parent's refusal of any in-house support for this student
Paperwork trail
Follow ups, etc.

Mr. Strong, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Mansolino left the closed session meeting. 8:25 p.m.

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Members Absent: Mrs. Foster and Mr. Honigfeld

Topic:
Chief School Administrator/Principal's Yearly Evaluation
Mr. Morrone shared a summary of the evaluation data that was submitted by board members. Discussion followed.

Mr. Strong waived the "waiting and response" requirement and agreed to discuss the review with the board members.

At the next board meeting, the evaluation and the yearly goals will be presented for a vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Return to Open Session – Moved by James, and seconded by Perno, for the board of education to approve to return to open session. 8:48 p.m.
Motion carried: 7-0

ADJOURN

Adjourn – Moved by Perno, and seconded by Kabel, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 8:49 p.m.
Motion carried: 7-0

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Loretta Mansolino and Richard James, Recorders