MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The Merchantville Board of Education's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 22, 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. Morrone and Mr. James
Members Absent:	Mr. Honigfeld, Mrs. Perno and Mrs. Foster
Also Present:	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA/Principal Ms. Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary

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

Mr. George Fore, community member and reporter, asked questions concerning the send/receive litigation - details about the parent who filed an appeal with the Commissioner of Education – Camden County DOE's wording on this issue.

Mrs. Ami Meacham, Leslie Avenue, PTA Playground Committee received a $40,000 donation and used the funds to purchase a "poured in place" base for the playground.

Mr. Strong introduced the new staff members:

Samantha Clements	Basic Skills Teacher – Long term substitute
Andrew Korn	Special Education Teacher
Alicia Marie Papa	Special Education Teacher
Terri Sheffer	2nd Grade Teacher
Rachel Spahr	Psychologist

District Goals and Action Plan

Discussion on Goal #1

Develop the curriculum to align with the state standards
Utilize DRA (District Reading Assessment) in grades K to 5
Utilize Scholastic Assessment in grades 3 to 8
Convey more educational information to all parents
Hire a Literacy Coach to address students' writing skills
PARCC Results will be received in January or February and data will be shared
The additional 25 minutes, that was added to the student's schedule, will be analyzed and evaluated, and the information shared
Professional Development will address staff teaching deficits
SGO – Student Growth Objectives – will contain meaningful data
District's Science Curriculum, in grades 6 to 8, will align with the HHHS Science Curriculum

Other suggestions:

Contacting all 9th grade students and asking them to evaluate their preparedness for the first year in high school and utilize these suggestions for future classes.
The writing curriculum should be evaluated by grade level.
Staff who attend Professional Development Seminars should share the data with other employees.

High School Busing Issue Update – Haddon Heights – Audubon

Camden County Educational Services Commission sent letters to all students who are bused clarifying the timing issues on the buses.
Morning start times at all high schools were reviewed and discussed
Administration was asked to obtain a quote for a late bus to accommodate students who participate in after school activities. The approximate cost is $180.00 per day.

Received a district appeal to the decision to enroll a 10th grade student in HHHS.
Update – The Commission of Education returned the appeal to the parents. The district's administration followed the board's rights to restrict who does and does not attend HHHS.

Moved by Morrone, and seconded by Vitiello, that the board of education formally approve the following high school student placement procedures for the 2015-2016 school year, as mandated in the Send/Receive Agreement, as per the commissioner's decision:

HHHS PLACEMENT PROCEDURES

All Merchantville residents in the 9th grade will attend Haddon Heights High School and
All Merchantville residents, whether existing or new, in 10th, 11th or 12th grades, will attend Pennsauken High School.

Discussion: Moral issue – financial impact on the district with additional enrollments – wording in the court decision – timing of this procedure.

Ayes (5) Noes (0) Abstain (1) Mr. Kabel Motion carried.

SCHOOL CHOICE FOR 2016 - 2017

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by James, that the board of education continue the School Choice Program for the 2016 – 2017 School year for Merchantville School.
Motion carried: 6-0.

POLICE MEMORANDUM

Moved by Kabel, and seconded by James, that the board of education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Merchantville School and the Merchantville Police Department for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion carried: 6-0.

DISTRICT GOALS

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve the District Goals for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion carried: 6-0.

ALBRIGHT TO SUB LIST

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve to add Ms. Amber Albright to the Substitute Teacher List for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion carried: 6-0.

KROUSE TO SUB LIST

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve Mr. Richard Krouse as a volunteer soccer coach for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion carried: 6-0.

KLAUS AS ANTI-BULLYING COOR.

Moved by Engelke, and seconded by Stocker, that the board of education approve Mrs. Kimberly Klaus as the Anti-Bullying Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion carried: 6-0.

SPAHR AS ANTI BULLYING SPECIALIST

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Vitiello, that the board of education approve Mrs. Rachel Spahr as the Anti-Bullying Specialist for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion carried: 6-0.

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Klaus As 504 Coor.

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Vitiello, that the board of education approve Mrs. Kimberly Klaus as the 504 Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year.
Motion carried: 6-0.

TRIPS

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Vitiello, 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
Allaire State Park – Wall Township, NJ	Naturalist Club	40	2	4	Sept	Buses paid by the Marie J. Carroll Foundation
YMCA Fairview Lake Camp – Newton, NJ	8th Grade Trip	34	4	2	Dec	8th Grade School Trip
Merchantville Community Center – Merchanville, NJ	Garden Club	40	1	0	Sept – June: Thursdays	Garden Club – No Cost

Motion carried: 6-0.

MINUTES 9-8-15

Minutes –Moved by Morrone, and seconded by James, that the board of education approve the following minutes:

September 8, 2015 - Regular and Closed Session Minutes

Motion carried: 6-0.

CCTS CONTRACT

Approve Camden County Technical Schools Tuition Contract – Moved by James, and seconded by Vitiello, that the board of education approve to enter into a contract with the Camden County Technical Schools to provide educational services for Merchantville High School Students for the 2015-2016 school year: Details as follows:

25 students	In grades 9 through 12	
Tuition Rate	$3,076. per student	
Total Tuition Contract		**$76,900.00**

Motion carried: 6-0.

PAYMENTS

Approve Payments – Moved by Vitiello, and seconded by James, that the board of education approve the following board payments, and to approve the running of another bill run next week to pay the Bond Vendors:

P004, 007, 008, 009, and 010.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Mr. George Fore, community member and reporter, questioned the district's procedure for admittance to HHHS. The Send/Receive Agreement stated that the students would transition to HHHS through a "phased in process". The intention was to minimize the financial impact on the districts involved.

Mrs. Ami Meacham, Leslie Avenue, wanted to know the procedure for the OPRA requests.

CLOSED

Enter Closed - Moved by Morrone, and seconded by James, that the board of education adjourn, by Resolution, into Closed Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss the chief school administrator/ principal's evaluation. This session is expected to last for approximately (20) 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. 8:33 p.m.
Motion carried: 6-0.

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Topic

Chief School Administrator/Principal's Evaluation

Copies of completed NJSBA on-line evaluations were given to all members present. Some topics in the evaluation require further discussion.

RETURN TO OPEN

Return to Open – Moved by Morrone, and seconded by James, that the board of education approve to return to open session. 9:19 p.m.
Motion carried: 6-0.

ADJOURN

Adjourn – Moved by Morrone, and seconded by James, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting. 9:20 p.m.
Motion carried: 6-0.

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Loretta Mansolino, Recording Secretary