MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

January 4, 2017

I, Greg Gontowski, Board Secretary, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:30 p.m. Sunshine List: The Merchantville Board of Education meeting is called to order. The board of education is in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," Board of Education located at 130 S. Centre Street, Merchantville, New Jersey, and advertised in The Retrospect, Borough Hall, Merchantville School and the Reading Center at Merchantville School.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

OATH OF OFFICE

ROLL CALL

Members Present	Members absent	Also Present
Ms. Adams	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA
Mrs. Foster		Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator
Mr. James		
Mrs. Perno		
Mr. Plenn		
Mrs. Stocker		
Mr. Vitiello		
Mr. Honigfeld		

Election of President of the Board

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Mr. Greg Gontowski called for Nomination of President of the Board

Motioned by Albert Vitiello, Seconded by Anjali Stocker to nominate Elliot Honigfeld

Vote: To approve Nomination of President of the Board
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Foster, Mr. James, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Plenn, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld **Ms. Adams-Abstained (7-0-1)

Motion Approved

Mr. Greg Gontowski turned the meeting over to President Elliot Honigfeld

Election of Vice-President of the Board

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Mr. Elliot Honigfeld called for Nomination of Vice-President of the Board

Motioned by Karen Foster, Seconded by Albert Vitiello to nominate Richard James

Vote: To approve Nomination of Vice-President of the Board
Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Mrs. Foster, Mr. James, Mrs. Perno, Mr. Plenn, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld **Ms. Adams-Abstained (7-0-1)

Motion Approved

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Appointment of Board Committee Members

Nomination and Election of Board Committee Members

Appoint Karen Foster as Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association for 2017.

Appoint Anjali Stocker as Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2017.

Appoint Gina Adams as Representative to Camden County Educational Services Commission for 2017.

Appoint Elliot Honigfeld as Liaison to Haddon Heights Board of Education for 2017.

Appoint Richard James as Liaison to Pennsauken Board of Education for 2017.

Appoint Albert Vitiello as Representative to Camden County Library Merchantville Branch for 2017.

Motioned by Plenn, seconded by Foster that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Annual Appointments.

Roll call vote: Motion carried: 8-0-0

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Vitiello and seconded by Perno for the board of education to approve the following board minutes:

- Regular Meeting – December 20, 2016
- Executive Session – December 20, 2016

Roll call vote: Motion carried: 7-0-1 **Gina Adams Abstained

NEW BUSINESS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CSA REPORT – None

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS – None

Business Office Recommendations

Motioned by Plenn, seconded by Perno that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Item A.

Warrants

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- December 2016 payroll **(Attachment A1)**
- January 2017 warrants **(Attachment A2)**

Item A Motion carried: 8-0-0

Motioned by Foster, seconded by Plenn that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items B thru D.

District Appointment

B. District Appointment

To appoint the following for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Public Agency Compliance Officer – Business Administrator

SEMI Waiver

C. SEMI Waiver

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2017-2018 year, and

Whereas, the Merchantville Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 30 Medicaid eligible classified students.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Merchantville Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Camden an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2017-18 school year.

Transportation Agreement

D. Transportation Agreement

To approve Joint Transportation Agreement with Mercer County Special Services School District in the amount of $2,330.96 for the 2016-2017 school year (Note: Due to out of district placement).

Item A Motion carried: 8-0-0

Motioned by James, seconded by Foster that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Item E.

Board Meeting Dates 2017

E. 2017 Board Meeting Dates

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETINGS AND MEETING DATES

WHEREAS, the "Open Public Meetings Act" requires that advance written notice of all meetings of the Board of Education be posted in one public place designated by the Board, and mailed, telephoned, telegrammed or hand-delivered to two newspapers designated by resolution and mailed to all persons requesting a copy of same upon payment of an established fee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Merchantville Board of Education as follows:

(1) All advance written notices of Board meetings shall be posted on the bulletin board located in the Merchantville School.

(2) All advance written notices of Board meetings shall be given to the Courier Post and the Retrospect newspapers.

(3) All advance written notices of Board Meetings throughout the year shall be mailed to all persons requesting a copy of the same after payment by such persons of a fee of $.05 per page. News media shall be exempt from such fee.

(4) The schedule of regular official Board Meetings for the period from and after this re-organization meeting until December 31, 2017, shall be in accordance with the list annexed hereto designating the dates, times and places of the meetings.

(5) Notice of Scheduled Meetings

RESOLVED that notice is hereby given by the Merchantville Board of Education that the following is a list of the regular meetings of the Board of Education until December 31, 2017. Meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m., and will be conducted at the Merchantville School.

The Board of Education reserves the right to change the meeting schedule, with required notification, as needed or required. The purpose of the meetings shall be the normal conduct of business of the Board of Education and any other items brought to the Board's attention by the Board Members, Board Attorney, Superintendent, and Board Secretary/Business Administrator. There will be two public sessions, one to discuss agenda items. The public may speak for 5 minutes.

January 24, 2017	July 25, 2017
February 28, 2017	August 22, 2017
March 13, 2017	September 26, 2017
April 25, 2017	October 24, 2017
May 23, 2017	November 28, 2017
June 19, 2017	December 19, 2017

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS AND STAFF - None

Adjourn

Adjourn Moved by Perno, seconded by Foster, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Motion carried 8-0 -0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski

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