MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

January 3, 2018

I, Greg Gontowski, Board Secretary, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:31 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

OATH OF OFFICE – Craig Nussbaum, Anjali Stocker and Lynn Geddes

ROLL CALL

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

Election of President of the Board

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

Motioned by Richard James, Second by Adams to nominate Elliot Honigfeld

Vote: To approve Nomination of President of the Board
Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. James, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld **Mr. Honigfeld -Abstained

Motion carried -8-0-1

Election of Vice-President of the Board

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

Election of Vice-President of the Board

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

Motioned by Albert Vitello, Second by Anjali Stocker to nominate Richard James

Vote: To approve Nomination of Vice-President of the Board
Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. James, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld

Motion carried 9-0 -0

Appointment of Board Committee Members

Nomination and Election of Board Committee Members

Appoint Gina Adams as Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association for 2018.

Appoint Craig Nussbaum as Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2018.

Appoint Lynn Geddes as Representative to Camden County Educational Services Commission for 2018.

Appoint Elliot Honigfeld as Liaison to Haddon Heights Board of Education for 2018.

Appoint Richard James as Liaison to Pennsauken Board of Education for 2018.

Appoint Albert Vitiello as Representative to Camden County Library Merchantville Branch for 2018.

Motioned by Jennifer Perno, Second by Craig Nussbaum to nominate and Election of Board Committee Members

Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. James, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld

Motion carried 9-0 -0

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes December 19, 2017

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

- Regular Meeting – December 19, 2017
- Executive Session – December 19, 2017

Approval of Minutes Motion carried: 9-0-0

New Business

NEW BUSINESS - None

Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

Communications

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CSA Report

CSA REPORT – None

CSA Recommendations

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by Vitiello seconded by Fitzgerald hat the Merchantville Board of Education approve Item 1.

1. The Merchantville Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School

Administrator for attendance at the following Professional Development Workshops:

Attendee	Event	Place of Event	Date	Cost
Jerry Bennett	Rutgers Facility Management Program	New Brunswick, NJ	Spring 2018	$1811
Gerardina Turan	Strengthening your writing instruction to significantly increase student' writing skills	Voorhees, NJ	Jan 29, 2018	$259
Alicia Lord	Raise the Rigor for your struggling readers	Voorhees, NJ	Feb 6, 2018	$249

Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. James, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld

Motion carried 9-0 -0

Business Office Recommendations

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

SEMI Waiver

A. 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 2018-2019 year, and

Whereas, the Merchantville Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 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 2018-19 school year.

Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. James, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld

Motion carried 9-0 -0

Motioned by Perno, seconded by Fitzgerald that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Item B.

Board Meeting Dates 2018

B. 2018 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, 2018, shall be in accordance with the list annexed hereto designating the dates, times and places of the meetings.

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, 2018. 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 23, 2018	July 24, 2018
February 27, 2018	August 28, 2018
March 14, 2018	September 25, 2018
April 24, 2018	October 23, 2018
May 22, 2018	November 27, 2018
June 26, 2018	December 18, 2018

Roll Call Vote. All in favor: Ms. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. James, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld

Motion carried 9-0 -0

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT II - None

Executive Session **Motion to recess into Executive Session at 7:44 PM by James, second by Perno.**

Motion carried 9-0 -0

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Merchantville School District has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately 8:00 p.m. this evening.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Merchantville School District will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-1

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution

Action will not be taken

Exit Executive Session

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:03 P.M. and return to regular session by Perno, second by Nussbaum.

Motion carried: 9-0-0

Adjourn

Adjourn Moved by Vitiello, seconded by Perno, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Motion carried 9-0 -0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski

MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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Moved by Richard James and seconded by Jennifer Perno to adjourn, into Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

The results of this session will be made public immediately after or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached, if permitted, by law.

Unanimously Approved 7:44 PM

Members Present: Ms. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. James, Mr. Nussbaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitiello and Mr. Honigfeld

Members Absent:

Also Present: Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA
Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator

Topic: Discussion took place pertaining to the HIB report regarding a student (Student not named).

Return to Open Session – Moved by Jennifer Perno, and seconded by Craig Nussbaum that the board of education approve to return to open session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion carried: 9-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski

Board Secretary