MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 25, 2017

I, Elliot Honigfeld, President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:33 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

ROLL CALL

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike McLoone

- Asked about contract settling and about graduating class future plan statistics

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes June 2017

Moved by Stocker, and seconded by Foster for the board of education to approve the following board minutes:

- Regular Meeting and Executive Session – June 19, 2017

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Policy and Community Engagement – No Meeting
2. Education Committee – July 5 Meeting
3. Finance: Planning and Utilization – No Meeting
4. Personnel Committee – No Formal Meeting, but update on CSA contract
5. Facilities Committee – June 19th Meeting
6. Negotiations Committee – Update on Negotiations

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

- The Merchantville Board of Education Report will be given on Aug 22.
  - A hard copy of the report is being given out to review ahead of time
- 2017-2018 State Aid Increase

Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Plan for the development of Merchantville Board of Education Goals for the 2017-2018 school year
- Update on the Board of Education Self Evaluation
- Update on current board member opening

Communications

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CSA Report

CSA REPORT – None

CSA Recommendations

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Development Plan 17-18

Carroll Will Budget 17-18

Motioned by Foster, seconded by Vitiello that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 1 and 2.

1. The Merchantville Board of Education approve the Professional Development Plan for the 2017 – 2018 school year.
2. The Merchantville Board of Education approve the Carroll Will Budget of $32,846 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Items 1 and 2 Motion carried: 5-0-0

GATE 17-18

Motioned by James, seconded by Foster that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 3.

3. The Merchantville Board of Education approve the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) Rubric for the 2017-2018 school year.

Item 3 Motion carried: 5-0-0

Reading Curriculum

Writing Curriculum

Mathematics Curriculum

Haddon Heights High School 9th thru 11th and Pennsauken High 12th Grade

Motioned by Vitiello seconded by James that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 4 thru 7.

4. The Merchantville Board of Education approve the Reading Curriculum (Grades K – 8) that are now aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
5. The Merchantville Board of Education approve the Writing Curriculum (Grades K – 8) that are now aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
6. The Merchantville Board of Education approve the Mathematics Curriculum (Grades K – 8) that are now aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
7. The Merchantville Board of Education formally approve the procedure of sending all 9th, 10th and 11th grade Merchantville residents to Haddon Heights High School, and that all existing, and new 12th grade students to attend Pennsauken High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Items 4 thru 7 Motion carried: 5-0-0

Professional Development

Motioned by Stocker, seconded by Foster that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 8 and 9.

Workshop Caren Batterman & Ellen Franolich

8. 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
Caren Batterman & Ellen Franolich	The 2 Sisters – Daily 5 and Daily 3	New Brunswick, NJ	July 29, 2017	$295 each

Field Trips - The Barnes Foundation & Philadelphia Magic Garden – Philadelphia, PA

9. The Merchantville 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
The Barnes Foundation & Philadelphia Magic Garden – Philadelphia, PA	5th Grade	42	2	8	Oct 2017	Art-A-Facts Trip

Items 8 and 9 Motion carried: 5-0-0

Review of Policies #5113, #5020 and #5131

Motioned by James, seconded by Vitiello that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Item 10.

10. The Merchantville Board of Education approve the review of the following policies:

- Policy #5113 – Student Absences & Excuses
- Policy #5020 – Role of Parents / Guardians
- Policy #5131 – Conduct/Discipline

Item 10 Motion carried: 5-0-0

Motioned by Vitiello, seconded by Foster that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 11 and 12.

Richard Reustle Jr. – Summer Custodian

11. The Board of Education approve the hiring of summer custodian Richard Reustle Jr starting July 3, 2017 at a rate of $14 per hour until September 1, 2017 for up to 29.5 hours per week.

Napoleon Bennet Summer Custodian

12. The Board of Education approve the hiring of summer custodian Napoleon Bennet starting July 3 2017 at a rate of $14 per hour until September 1, 2017 for up to 29.5 hours per week.

Items 11 and 12 Motion carried: 5-0-0

Use of Facilities

Informational Use of Facilities –

Group	Event	Times	Dates	Facility

None				

Items 11 and 12 Motion carried: 5-0-0

Business Office Recommendations

Motioned by Vitiello, seconded by Foster that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items A thr E.

Warrants

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- June 2017 payroll **(Attachment D1)**
- June 2017 warrants **(Attachment D2)**

Approval of Payment of Bills

B. Approval of Payment of Bills

Approval of the Business Administrator to continue payment of all bills until the next Boarc of Education meeting. The bill lists for those payments will be submitted at the next Board of Education meeting.

ESSA Grant

C. ESSA Grant (formerly NCLB)

To approve submission and acceptance of the 2017-2018 ESSA grant in the following amounts:

Title IA - $76,803.00
Title IIA - $14,029.00
Title III - $2,627.00
Title IV - $10,000.00

Substitute Nurse

D. Substitute Nurse

TNT Consulting

To award contract to Bayada Pediatrics for substitute nursing services for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of $55.00 per hour.

E. TNT Consulting

To award a non fair and open contract to TNT Consulting in the amount of $38,500.00 for technology services and support during the 2017-2018 school year.

Items A thru E Motion carried: 5-0-0

Motioned by Stocker, seconded by Vitiello that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items F and G.

Crescent Hill Academy Tuition Contract for Student #5544298495 (ESY Only)

F. Tuition Contract

Tuition contract with Crescent Hill Academy, Inc. for student #5544298495 in the amount o $9,142.00 for the 2017-2018 school year (ESY only).

Tuition Contract YALE Student #6635691237 17-18 Including ESY

G. Tuition Contract
Tuition contract with YALE School, Inc. for student #6635691237 in the amount of $60,301.50 for the 2017-2018 school year (including ESY).

Items F and G Motion carried: 5-0-0

Motioned by Foster, seconded by James that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items H, I and Addendum A and B.

Tuition Contract YALE Student #7651503085 17-18 Including ESY

H. Tuition Contract

Tuition contract with YALE School Southeast, Inc. for student #7651503085 in the amount of $74,896.50 for the 2017-2018 school year (including ESY).

Chromebooks from Dell State Contract #89967

I. State Contract – Dell

Addendum

To approve purchase of chromebooks under State Contract #89967 through Dell Marketing LP in the amount of $13,020.40.

Addendum

Kieran McKenna – Flooring 17-18

A. Non Fair and Open

To award a non fair and open contract to Kieran McKenna Flooring in the amount of $36,800.00 for the installation of stair treads for the 2017-2018 school year.

Epic Health (Loving Care) Service Student #5544298495 17-18

B. Non Fair and Open

To award a non fair and open contract to Epic Health Services, Inc. (Loving Care) in the amount of $55.00 per hour for nursing services relating to student #5544298495 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Items H, I and Addendum A and B Motion carried: 5-0-0

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS AND STAFF

Mike McLoone

- Asked about cost of Dell

Executive Session

Motion to recess into Executive Session at 8:12 PM by Vitiello, second by Foster.
Motion carried 5-0 -0

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

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

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WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately 8:17 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 collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: MEA);

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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Action will not be taken

Exit Executive Session

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:16 P.M. and return to regular session by Vitiello, second by Foster.

Motion carried: 5-0-0

Adjourn

Adjourn Moved by Stocker, seconded by Foster, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0 -0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski

MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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Moved by Albert Vitiello and seconded by Karen Foster to adjourn, into Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: MEA);

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 8:12 PM

Members Present: Mrs. Foster, Mr. James, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Vitellio and Mr. Honigfeld,

Members Absent: Ms. Adams, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Perno

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

Topic: Discussion took place regarding contract negotiations.

Return to Open Session – Moved by Albert Vitiello, and seconded by Karen Foster, that the board of education approve to return to open session at 8:16 p.m.

Motion carried: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski

Board Secretary