MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

January 7, 2019

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 – Carcanague, Honigfeld and Licata

ROLL CALL

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

Election of President of the Board

Election of President and Vice-President of the Board

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

Motioned by Carcanague, Second by Perno to nominate Elliot Honigfeld

Vote: To approve Nomination of President of the Board
Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Carcanague, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Honigfeld and Mr. Licata

Motion carried -8-0-0

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

Election of Vice-President of the Board

Election of Vice-President of the Board

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

Motioned by Stocker, Second by Adams to nominate Jennifer Perno

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

Motion carried 8-0-0

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Appointment of Board Committee Members

Nomination and Election of Board Committee Members

Appoint Gina Adams as Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association for 2019.

Appoint Daniel Licata as Alternate Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association for 2019.

Appoint Marc Carcanague as Representative to Camden County School Boards Association for 2019.

Appoint Craig Nussbaum as Liaison to Haddon Heights Board of Education for 2019.

Appoint Lynn Geddes as Representative to Camden County Library Merchantville Branch for 2019.

Motioned by Perno, Second by Carcanague to nominate and Election of Board Committee Members

Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Carcanague, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Honigfeld and Mr. Licata

Motion carried 8-0 -0

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Minutes December 2018

- Regular Meeting – December 18, 2018

Approval of Minutes Motion carried: 8-0-0

New Business

NEW BUSINESS - None

Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board Vacancy

Executive Session

Motion to recess into Executive Session at 7:40 PM by Nussbaum, second by Carcanague.

Motion carried 8-0 -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 Board of Education 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 8:05 p.m. this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Merchantville Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is Interview of BOE member candidates and board discussion

BE 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.

Action will be taken

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. and return to regular session by Adams, second by Perno.

Motion carried: 8-0-0

Approve DiSimone as BOE Member until 12/31/19

Motioned by Perno, Second by Adams to approve <u>Kerry DiSimone</u> to fill board vacancy until December 31, 2019.

Communications

COMMUNICATIONS – None

Business Office Recommendations

Motioned by Carcanague, seconded by Nussabaum that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items A and B.

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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 school year.

Board Meeting Dates 2019

B. 2019 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, 2019, 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, 2019. 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 22, 2019	July 23, 2019
February 26, 2019	August 27, 2019
March 18, 2019 (Monday)	September 24, 2019
April 30, 2019	October 22, 2019
May 28, 2019	November 26, 2019
June 25, 2019	December 17, 2019

Roll Call Vote. Voting Yes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Carcanague, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. Nussabaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker, Mr. Honigfeld and Mr. Licata

Motion carried 8-0 -0

Adjourn

Adjourn Moved by Adams, seconded by Nussbaum, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Motion carried 8-0 -0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski

MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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Moved by Craig Nussbaum and seconded by Marc Carcanague to adjourn, into Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is Interview of BOE member candidates and board discussion.

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 7:40 PM

Members Present: Ms. Adams, Mr. Carcanague, Mrs. Geddes, Mr. Licata, Mr. Nussbaum, Mrs. Perno, Mrs. Stocker and Mr. Honigfeld

Members Absent:

Topic: Interview of BOE member candidates and board discussion.

Return to Open Session – Moved by Adams, and seconded by Perno that the board of education approve to return to open session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion carried: 8-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski

Board Secretary