MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 24, 2018

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Approval - June Minutes

- Regular Meeting – June 26, 2018
- Executive Session Minutes – June 26, 2018

Approval of Minutes Motion carried: 7-0-0

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Installation of New Board Member – Marc Carcanague – Oath of Office
- Moved by Perno, and seconded by Vitiello to Accept the resignation of Board member Richard James effective August 15, 2018

Approval of the Resignation of Richard James carried: 8-0-0

- Goal Setting for the 2018-2019 School Year
- Update on 2018-2019 State Aid for Merchantville School

Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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Committee Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policy and Community Engagement Committee
- Education Committee – Meeting June 26
- Finance: Planning and Utilization – Meeting July 24
- Personnel Committee
- Facilities Committee – Meeting July 10
- Promoting Positive Partnerships

Communication

COMMUNICATIONS - None

CSA Report

CSA REPORT

- Update on Summer Programs

CSA Recommendations

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

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

New Polices

1. That the Board of Education approve the review of the following polices:

   - Policy #5020 – Role of Parent/Guardian
   - Policy #5113 – Absences and Excuses
   - Policy #5131 – Conduct / Discipline
   - Policy #4116 – Evaluation

Revisions to Polices

2. That the Board of Education approve the first reading of the revisions to the following policies:

   - Policy #4111 – Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
   - Policy #4211 – Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
   - Policy #5131.5 – Vandalism / Violence
   - Policy #5131.6 – Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco (Substance Abuse)
   - Policy #5145.4 – Equal Educational Opportunity
   - Policy #6171.4 – Special Education

Approval of Items 1 and 2 Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

Motioned by Stocker, seconded by Perno that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 3 and 4.

Gifted and Talented Ed. Rubric 18-19

3. That the Board of Education approve the Gifted and Talented Education Rubric for the 2018-2019 school year.

Marie J. Carroll foundation School budget 18-19

4. That the Board of Education approve the Marie J. Carroll Foundation School Budget for the 2018-2019 school year. Total funds equaling $34,026.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Geddes, James, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker, Vitiello, and Honigfeld.

Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

Motioned by Perno, seconded by Vitiello that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 5 and 6.

Professional Development Plan 18-19

5. That the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Plan for Merchantville School for the 2018-2019 school year.

District Mentoring Plan 18-9

6. That the Board of Education approve the District Mentoring Plan for Merchantville School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approval of Items 5 and 6 Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

Motioned by Nussbaum, seconded by James that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 7 and 8.

School Safety and Security Plan 18-19

7. That the Board of Education approve the School Safety and Security Plan for Merchantville School for the 2018-2019 school year.

School Teacher Handbook 18-19

8. That the Board of Education approve the Merchantville School Teacher Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Geddes, James, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker, Vitiello, and Honigfeld.

Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

Motioned by Caranague, seconded by Perno that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Item 9.

Field Trips

9. 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
Voorhees State Park – Glen Gardner, NJ	Naturalist Club Trip	45	3	5	October 2018	Club Trip
California State University – Los Angeles, CA	MYSPACE Science Trip	4	1	0	July 2018	

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Geddes, James, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker, Vitiello, and Honigfeld.

Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

Motioned by Geddes, seconded by Nussbaum that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 10 thru 14.

Reduction in force of Nicole Marks

10. That the Board of Education approve the reduction in force of Nicole Marks (English as Second Language teacher) effective September 22, 2018.

L. Loux as a Homebound Instructor Student Local ID #10880 ESY

11. That the Board of Education approve the Leigh Anne Loux as a Homebound Instructor for a student (Local ID #10880) for 10 hours per week at $40 per hour starting July 2, 2018 – August 16, 2018. (Summer program as per IEP)

Alvaro Jessie Bonilla – Volunteer Soccer Coach Fall 2018

12. That the Board of Education approve Alvaro Jessie Bonilla as a volunteer soccer coach for the Fall 2018 soccer season.

Caren Batteman – Kindergarten Assessment for New Students

13. That the Board of Education approve Caren Batterman for up to 4 hours of Kindergarten assessment for new students to the district at $40 per hour.

Rebecca Meizinger (Goff) Move Step

14. That the Board of Education approve Rebecca Meizinger (Goff) move from BA +15 Step 2 to MA Step 2 starting September 1, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Geddes, James, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker, Vitiello, and Honigfeld.

Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

Business Office Recommendations

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

Warrants

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- June 2018 payroll **(Attachment A1)**
- June and July 2018 warrants **(Attachment A2)**

Warrants

B. Warrants

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

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Geddes, James, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker, Vitiello, and Honigfeld.

Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

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

Professional Services

C. Professional Services
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Resolution authorizing the appointment of Board Architect.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11.1 et seq. and 18A:18A-5) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Merchantville in the County of Camden, New Jersey, is hereby appointing the following persons to serve in the designated positions for the 2018-2019 school year:

Garrison Architects	Architect of Record	$150.00/hour

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Geddes, James, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker, Vitiello, and Honigfeld.

Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

Motioned by Perno, seconded by James that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items D thru G.

YALE Tuition/ESY Student #8340675310

D. Tuition Contract
Tuition contract with YALE School, Inc. for student #8340675310 in the amount of $60,301.50 for the 2017-2018 school year (including ESY).

YALE Tuition/ESY Student #8340675310

E. Tuition Contract
Tuition contract with YALE School, Inc. for student #8340675310 in the amount of $59,514.00 for the 2018-2019 school year (including ESY).

YALE Tuition/ESY Student #6638264891

F. Tuition Contract
Tuition contract with YALE School, Inc. for student #6635691237 in the amount of $59,514.00 for the 2018-2019 school year (including ESY).

Kingsway Learning Tuition/ESY Student #5438264891

G. Tuition Contract
Tuition contract with Kingsway Learning Center for student #5438264891 in the amount of $67,067.70 for the 2018-2019 school year (including ESY).

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Geddes, James, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker, Vitiello, and Honigfeld.

Motion carried: 7-0-1 *Carcanague Abstained

Motioned by James, seconded by Perno that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items H and I.

Tax Levy Reduction

H. Tax Levy Reduction

To approve the reduction of the general fund tax levy for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of $350,000.00 due to an increase in state aid received.

Mid Year Budget Revision

I. Mid Year Budget Revision

To approve an increase in the following budget appropriation lines for the 2018-2019 school year due to an increase in state aid received:

11-000-100-565	$100,000.00
11-000-100-566	$123,248.00

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Geddes, James, Perno, Stocker, Vitiello, and Honigfeld.

Motion carried: 6-1-1 *Nussbaum – No
***Carcanague- Abstained**

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT II

- Mike McGloone
  - Asked about Board Vacency

- Scott Strong
  - Thanked Mr. James for his time and dedication as a board member.

Executive Session - None

Adjourn

Adjourn Moved by James seconded by Nussbaum, that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski