MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

October 27, 2020

I, Elliot Honigfeld, President, 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

ROLL CALL

Members Present	Members Absent	Also Present
Mr. Carcanague		Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA
Mr. Honigfeld		Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator
Mr. Nussbaum		
Mrs. Perno		
Mr. Licata		
Mr. Iannucci		
Mrs. Aaron		
Mrs. Geddes		
Mrs. Stocker		

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I

- Maggie Hood 1 Crofton Drive West Deptford – Commented about the start of the school year and that the teachers want to make this year a success.
- Alicia Lord 773 Cornwalls Drive Mt. Laurel - Expressed that she is disheartened that the union contract has not been settled.
- Jamie Bertini 78 Lincoln Dr. Laurel Springs - Expressed that morale is low amongst the staff.
- Deborah Huber 110 Nantucket Drive Cherry Hill – Indicated that the results of a survey was presented to the board members today and asked that the board meet to settle the contract.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Approval- August Minutes

- Regular Session Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2020

Vote: To approve minutes
Board Voted All in Favor

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New Business

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- **Goal #1 Update** – Encourage communication between the Board of Education members by providing minutes of subcommittee meetings and prepared reports.
- Nov 2, 3 & 4 will be virtual half days for students due to conferences.
- Nov 25 & Dec 23 will be virtual half days for students and staff
- Civil Rights ADA Compliance Update

Communication

COMMUNICATIONS - None

Committee Updates

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Policy and Community Engagement – Oct 15 Meeting
- Education Committee – Oct 27 Meeting
- Finance: Planning and Utilization
- Personnel Committee
- Facility Committee – Sept 29 Meeting
- Haddon Heights
- Negotiations Update – Sept 24 Meeting (Update in Executive Session)

CSA Report

CSA REPORT

- September Drills
  - Communication Test of Internal System – Sept 18
  - Fire Drills – Sept 21 at 8:45 & Sept 22 at 8:45 (Different cohorts)
- Use of Facility Report October 2020 – November 2020
- Violence and Vandalism Report – 2019-2020 School Year
- Week of Respect Activity Update

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Madison Bickel – Early Childhood Teacher 11/1/20

1. That the Board of Education approve Madison Bickel as an Early Childhood teacher starting November 1, 2020 at BA Step 1 (prorated – MEA 19-20 salary = $58,217).

Vanessa Van Sciver – Move on the Salary Guide

2. That the Board of Education approve Vanessa Van Sciver to move on the salary guide to MA +30 retro-active starting Sept 1, 2020. (MEA 19-20 salary = $105,344)

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Aaron, Carcanague, **Iannucci, Geddes, Licata, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker and Honigfeld.

Motion carried Item 1 - 8-0-1 **Iannucci – Abstained

Motion carried Item 2 - 9-0-0

Motioned by Aaron, seconded by Perno that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 3 thru 5.

Updated Policy #6171.2 Gifted and Talented

3. That the Board of Education approve the first reading of the updated policy #6171.2 – Gifted and Talented.

Health Curriculum 7th and 8th Grade

4. That the Board of Education approve the Health Curriculum for 7th and 8th grade students.

Chief School Administrator – Professional Development Workshops

5. That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator for attendance at the following Professional Development Workshops:

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Aaron, Carcanague, **Iannucci, Geddes, Licata, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker and Honigfeld.

Motion carried Items 3 thru 5 8-0-1 **Iannucci Abstained

Business Office Recommendations

Motioned by Nussbaum, seconded by Perno that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items A thru F.

Financial and Transfers Reports

A. Monthly Reports

The Budget Summary and Revenue Summary for the month of August 2020 **(Attachment A1 and A2).**

B. Transfer of Funds

The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of August 2020 **(Attachment B1)**.

C. Financial Reports

1. Board Secretary's Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of August 2020. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. **(Attachment C1).**

2. Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of August 2020. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of August 2020. **(Attachment C2).**

3. Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.

4. Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 4 We certify that after review of the secretary's monthly financial report

(appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Warrants

D. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- September 2020 payroll **(Attachment D1)**
- September through October 2020 warrants **(Attachment D2)**

Warrants – BA to Continue Payment of All Bills thru Next BOE Meeting

E. Warrants

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

SNJPC – Nonpublic 20-21

F. SNJPC - Nonpublic
To approve The Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative agreement for the 2020-2021 school year in an amount not to exceed $21,912.66.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Aaron, Carcanague, **Iannucci, Geddes, Licata, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker and Honigfeld.

Motion carried Items 8-0-1 ** Iannucci Abstained

Motioned by Perno seconded by Licata that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items G thru N.

CCESC IDEA

G. CCESC – IDEA - Nonpublic
To approve Camden County Educational Services Commission to provide IDEA services to St. Pete's in the amount of $31,824.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.

State Contract – Copier

H. State Contract - Copier
To approve State Contract #40465 with Heritage Business Systems, Inc. (Kyocera Document Solutions) for the lease of 4 digital copiers at a cost of $911.68 per month for 48 months.

GCSSS – Tuition/Out of County Surcharge Student #1922435313

I. Tuition Contract – GCSSSD
Tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #1922435313 in the amount of $40,320.00 for tuition and $3,000.00 for the out of county surcharge for the 2020-2021 school year.

BCSSSD – Tuition/Out of County Surcharge Student #5078866897

J. Tuition Contract – BCSSSD
Tuition contract with Burlington County Special Services School District for student #5078866897 in the amount of $44,550.00 for tuition and $3,264.00 for the out of county surcharge for the 2020-2021 school year.

BCSSSD Tuition/Out of County Student #8383710512

K. Tuition Contract – BCSSSD
Tuition contract with Burlington County Special Services School District for student #8383710512 in the amount of $40,885.00 for tuition and $3,264.00 for the out of county surcharge for the 2020-2021 school year.

BCSSD – Tuition/Out of County Student #4998755685

L. Tuition Contract – BCSSSD
Tuition contract with Burlington County Special Services School District for student #4998755685 in the amount of $50,737.00 for tuition and $3,264.00 for the out of county surcharge for the 2020-2021 school year.

Comprehensive Maintenance Plan 2021-2022

M. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan
To approve the 2021-2022 comprehensive maintenance plan for submission to the county **(Attachment M1)**.

Form M-1 2021-2022

N. Form M-1
To approve the 2021-2022 Form M-1 for submission to the county **(Attachment N1)**.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Aaron, Carcanague, **Iannucci, Geddes, Licata, Nussbaum, Perno, Stocker and Honigfeld.

Motion carried Items 8-0-1 **Iannucci Abstained

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT II

- Maggie Hood 1 Crofton Drive West Deptford – Made comments regarding the negotiations status.

Executive Session

Motion to recess into Executive Session at 8:25 PM by Perno, second by Nussbaum.

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

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 **8:55** 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 pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: _____)

(If contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is MEA union contract)

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the District's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

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 not be taken

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:59 P.M. and return to regular session by Aaron, second by Perno.

Motion carried: 7-0-0 *Marc Carcanague and Mark Iannucci were not present

Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Moved by Nussbaum seconded by Carcanague that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Motion carried 9-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski

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Moved by Jennifer Perno and seconded by Craig Nussbaum 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 pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: _____)

(If contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is MEA union contract)

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the District's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

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 8:25 PM

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

Members Absent: Mr. Carcanague and Mark Iannucci

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

Topic: Union Contract

Return to Open Session – Moved by Amanda Aaron and seconded by Jennifer Perno that the board of education approve to return to open session at 8:59 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski

Board Secretary