MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

August 25, 2020

I, Elliot Honigfeld, President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:32 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	Mrs. Geddes – Arrived @ 7:34	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA
Mr. Honigfeld		Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator
Mr. Nussbaum		
Mrs. Perno		
Mrs. Stocker		
Mr. Licata		
Mr. Iannucci		
Mrs. Aaron		

Executive Session

Motion to recess into Executive Session at 7:34 PM by Perno, second by Nussbaum.

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 **7:55** 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: Legal requirements of reopening)

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

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 be taken

Exit Executive Session and return to regular session

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:04 P.M. and return to regular session by Perno, second by Licata.

Motion carried: 9-0-0

Mrs. Geddes Arrived

Mrs. Geddes Arrived @ 7:37 in executive session

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I

Janice Brill 7715 Patterson Lane Pennsauken – A Statement from the MEA to the BOE.

Denise Grasso 141 S. Centre Street Merchantville - Made a statement about concerns regarding opening of the building.

Gerardina Turan 213 N. Centre St. Merchantville – Made a statement about concerns regarding opening of the building.

Chantel Bechtel 23 West Apt B Chestnut St. Merchantville - Made a statement about concerns regarding opening of the building.

Maggie Hood 1 Crofton Drive West Deptford - Made a statement about concerns regarding opening of the building.

Jessica Melchiorre 135 E. Park Ave. Merchanville – Stated that she is comfortable in sending her children to the Merchantville School and supports the district's plan to reopen.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Approval- July Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2020

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Vote: To approve minutes
Board Voted All in Favor

Mrs. Geddes – Left meeting at 8:33

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

- School Board Goal Update – Policy and Community Engagement Committee
  Approval of the Board of Education Goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

  Motioned by Licata Seconded by Stocker

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

Motion carried: 8-0-0

Mrs. Geddes Returned 8:45

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- Re-opening Update

- School Choice Update
  - 32 spots for the 20-21 school year – same for 21-22 school year
  - 6 choice students in 8th grade for 20-21 school year

Communication

COMMUNICATIONS - None

Committee Updates

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Policy and Community Engagement – Board Goals Under New Business
- Education Committee
- Finance: Planning and Utilization
- Personnel Committee
- Facility Committee
- Haddon Heights
- Negotiations Meeting

CSA Report

CSA REPORT

- No Emergency Drill
- Use of Facility Report August 2020 – September 2020

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by Carcanague, seconded by Licata that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 1 thru 4.

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Yulyia Tsypenyuk – Remote Instruction for Algebra 1

1. That the Board of Education approve Yulyia Tsypenyuk for an overload of 1 hour per day to provide remote instruction for Algebra 1 students that opted into the fully remote option on Mondays – Thursdays at the MEA rate of $40 per hour. This will start on September 8, 2020 and last throughout the implementation of our hybrid schedule.

Napoleon Bennett – Custodian

2. That the Board of Education approve Napoleon Bennett for the postion of Custodian. This is a part time position not to exceed 29.5 hours per week at a rate of $14. This will start on September 1, 2020 and last throughout the implementation of our hybrid schedule.

Clubs 20-21

3. That the Board of Education approve the following clubs to take place for the 2020-2021 school year. These clubs will start off virtually and are expected to continue throughout the 2020-2021 school year regardless of the schedule followed (hybrid, fully in-person or fully remote)

Advisor, National Junior Honors Society	Andrea Gleeson & Rachel Spahr	($1594 19-20 stipend)
Advisor, Yearbook	Alyssa Cardona	($1594 19-20 stipend)
Advisor, Band	Vanessa Van Sciver	($1594 19-20 stipend)
Advisor, Choir	Vanessa Van Sciver	($1594 19-20 stipend)
Advisor, Art Club	Karen Baker	($1594 19-20 stipend)
Advisor, Model UN	Shawn Waldron	($159419-20 stipend)
Advisor, Newsletter	Sherry Iannucci & Margaret Hood	($300 each 19-20 stipend)

Minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 for the school year

Coordinator, Arrival/Dismissal	Shawn Waldron	($2760 19-20 stipend)
Coordinator Renaissance	Jeanne Leise & Michael Dailey	(1594 19-20 stipend)

Substitute Teacher and Substitute Nurse List 20-21

4. That the Board of Education approve the Substitute Teacher and Substitute Nurse list for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Motion carried Items 1,2 and 4 – 9-0-0

Motion carried Item 3 - 8-0-1 ** Iannucci Abstained

Motioned by Iannucci, seconded by Nussbaum that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 5 thru 9.

Comprehensive Guidance Plan 20-21

5. That the Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Guidance Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Second Reading and Adoption following updated Policies #1250, #3510, #3541.33, 514.2 and 5141.3

6. That the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following updated policies:

- Policy #1250 – Visits to School
- Policy #3510 – Operation and Maintenance of Plant

- Policy #3541.33 – Transportation Safety
- Policy #5141.2 – Illness
- Policy #5141.3 – Health Examinations and Immunizations

New Policy (COVID 19)

7. That the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption the new policy:
   - Policy – Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act

School Choice Program 20-21

8. That the Board of Education approve to continue to be a part of the School Choice program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Updated Agreement with the Camden County Library Commission 20-21

9. That the Board of Education approve the updated Agreement with the Camden County Library Commission for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Motion carried: 9-0-0

Business Office Recommendations

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

Financial and Transfers Reports

A. Monthly Reports

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

B. Transfer of Funds

The attached transfer list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the month of June 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 June 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 June 2020. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's report are in agreement for the month of June 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:

- July 2020 payroll **(Attachment D1)**
- July and August 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.

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

Motion carried: 9-0-0

Motioned by Perno seconded by Iannucci that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items F thru H.

Non Fair and Open – Philip Rosenau

F. Non Fair and Open
To award a non fair and open contract to Philip Rosenau for custodial supplies in an amount to exceed $17,500.00.

GCSSSD – Tuition/ESY Student #2810241029

G. Tuition Contract - GCSSSD
Tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #2810241029 in the amount of $4,410.00 for ESY tuition for the 2020-2021 school year.

Haddon Heights – Tuition Contract Regular and Special Education

H. Tuition Contract – Haddon Heights
Tuition contract with Haddon Heights Board of Education for regular education tuition, special education tuition, and 2018-2019 tuition adjustment in the amount of $2,172,740.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Motion carried: 9-0-0

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT II – None

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Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Moved by Perno seconded by Aaron that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 9:13 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 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: Legal requirements of reopening)

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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 7:34 PM

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

Members Absent:

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

Topic: Mr. Dan Lang, Solicitor discussed the legal requirements of reopening with the Board of Education.

Return to Open Session – Moved by Jennifer Perno and seconded by Daniel Licata that the board of education approve to return to open session at 8:04 p.m.

Motion carried: 9-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski

Board Secretary