MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

August 24 2021

I, Elliot Honigfeld, President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:01 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. Aaron	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA
Mr. Honigfeld	Mrs. Gaskins	Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator
Mrs. Kroot	Mrs. Perno	
Mr. Licata	Mr. Iannucci – Arrives 7:06 pm	
Mrs. Meisner		

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Meisner and seconded by Licata for the board of education to approve the following board minutes:

Approval Regular & Executive Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes July 27, 2021 & Executive Session Minutes July 27, 2021

Vote: To approve minutes
Board Voted All in Favor **Mr. Carcanague – Abstained

***Mr. Iannucci – Arrived at 7:06 pm**

New Business

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- 2020 – 2021 Board of Education Report on the School Year Presentation
- 2021 – 2022 Re-Opening Plan Presentation
- School Choice Update – All 32 spots are filled

Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board Meetings Return In-Person in September
- School Boards Convention will be held virtually on October 26-28, 2021

Communication

COMMUNICATIONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policy and Community Relations (Aaron)
- Personnel (Perno)

- Education (Licata)
- Finance (Carcanague)
- Facility (Iannucci) – Meeting August 18
- Haddon Heights Update (Perno)

CSA Report

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- Use of Facility – Aud was rented out the week of Aug 9 – 13

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by Licata seconded by Kroot that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 1 through 7.

Conflict of Interest Policy

1. That the Board of Education approve second reading and adoption of the following policy: 4119.21/4219.1 – Conflict of Interest

Substitute Teacher and Substitute Nurse List 21-22

2. That the Board of Education approve the Substitute Teacher and Substitute Nurse list for the 2021- 2022 school year.

School Choice Program 2022-2023

3. That the Board of Education approve to continue to be a part of the School Choice program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Updated Agreement with the Camden County Library Commission 20-21

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

Comprehensive Guidance Plan 21-22

5. That the Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Guidance Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Substitute Pay Scale

6. That the Board of Education approve the Substitute Pay Scale as followed:
   a. Less than 4 hours a day is $60 for the day's work
   b. Over 4 hours a day is $100 for the day's work.

Curriculum Updates

7. That the Board of Education approve the following curriculum updates that align with the NJSLS in accordance with the NJDOE curriculum implementation for grades K - 8:
   - Music
   - Physical Education
   - Spanish
   - Technology
   - Visual and Performing Arts

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Carcanague, Kroot, Licata, Meisner, Iannucci and Honigfeld.

Motion carried 6 0-0

Motioned by Carcanague seconded by Licata that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 8 through 11.

D. Cucunato – Professional Development Workshops

8. That the 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
Daniella Cucunato	AIM Institute: Pathways to Proficient Reading	Virtual	Sept 2021 – March 2022	$650
Daniella Cucunato	Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Continuum	Virtually	Sept 16, 2021	$160

Increase Denise Grasso – Full Days

9. That the Board of Education approve to increase Denise Grasso from 5 hours a day to 5.25 hours a day for full days. (Remaining at Non-Instructional Aide Step 5 at $19.61 per hour)

Destiny Scarborough – Part Time Custodian

10. That the Board of Education approve Destiny Scarborough as a part time custodian starting no earlier than Sept 8, 2021 at $15 per hour for up to 29.5 hours per week.

Equity Team Members that will Participate in After School Workshops 2021-2022

11. That the Board of Education approve the Equity Team members that will participate in after school workshops throughout the 21-22 school year for up to 20 hours. Teachers will be paid at the MEA rate of $40 per hour and other staff will be paid their hourly wage: Abbie Wence, Daniella Cucunato, Jen Smith, Kathleen Stone, Misbah Mahmood, Sindy Bonilla, Aleesha Lopez, Shawn Waldron and Karen Baker

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Carcanague, Kroot, Licata, Meisner, Iannucci and Honigfeld.**

Motion carried 5-0-1 ** Iannucci Abstained

Motioned by Kroot seconded by Licata that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Addendum Items 12 and 13.

IT Support Technician Job Description

12. That the Board of Education approve the job description of IT Support Technician.

Adlbussamad Gregory – IT Support Technician

13. That the Board of Education approve Adbussamad Gregory as the IT Support Technician for up to 28 hours a week at a rate of $20 per hour starting no earlier than September 8. 2021 pending the completion of paperwork.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Carcanague, Kroot, Licata, Meisner, Iannucci and Honigfeld.**

Motion carried 5-0-1 ** Iannucci Abstained

Motioned by Iannucci seconded by Kroot that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items D and E

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Warrants

D. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- June 2021 payroll **(Attachment D1)**
- July and August 2021warrants **(Attachment D2)**

LARC Tuition #1198159863

E. Tuition Contract

Tuition contract with LARC School for student #1198159863 in the amount of $58,917.60 for tuition for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Carcanague, Kroot, Licata, Meisner, Iannucci and Honigfeld.

Motion carried 6-0-0

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT II – None

Executive Session

None

Adjourn Moved by Licata seconded by Iannucci that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski