MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

February 24, 2022

I, Daniel Licata, 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. Carcranague	Mrs. Perno	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA
Mrs. Kroot	Mrs. Gaskin -Arrived 7:18	
Mr. Licata		
Mrs. Meisner		
Mr. Honigfeld		
Mrs. Aaron		
Mr. Iannucci		

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I –

- Tom Woljen 25 E. Walnut Merchantville It's time to return to normalcy regarding masks, people can be precautious and be vaccinated if they want.

- Amanda Tennent 131 Prospect ave. Merchantville – Wait for weather to turn before making mask optional.

Approval Regular Minutes

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

- Regular Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2022

Vote: To approve minutes
Board Voted All in Favor

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Masking Mandate Discussion
- Update on the HIB Policy

Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- School Safety Precautions

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Communication

COMMUNICATIONS – None

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance and Facility Committee – Meeting Feb 7
- Personnel and Education Committee – Meeting Feb 9
- Policy and Community Relations -

CSA Report

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- Emergency Drills – January 2022: Fire Drill = Jan 19 at 2:32 & Lockdown Jan 26 at 8:40
- Use of Facility Report – Feb - March 2022 = 1 outside request
- January 2022 CSA Monthly Report – 1 confirmed HIB cases

Mrs. Gaskins Arrived

Mrs. Gaskins Arrived @ 7:18

Motioned by Carcanague seconded by Honigfeld that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Mask.

Board Discussion -- ask

- Board Discussion about mask – Final decision to revisit at future BOE meeting and keep the mandate.

Vote: To approve Mask
Board Voted All in Favor

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by Gaskins seconded by Kroot that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 1 through 12.

Family Literacy Night – Gudowski and Tyler

1. That the Board of Education approve Samantha Gudowski and MacKenzie Tyler to coordinate Family Literacy Night (PK – 2) and Math Night (Gr 3 – 5) for 6 hour each at $40 per hour.

Alyssa Jackson – Move Step

2. That the Board of Education approve Alyssa Jackson to move to MA + 15 Step 4 starting February 1, 2022. ($73,186)

Employee #19006 3.5 Unpaid days

3. That the Board of Education approve 3.5 unpaid days for employee #19006 for March 16 (half day), 17, 18 and 21, 2022.

Employee #195053 – Jnpaid days

4. That the Board of Education approve 5 unpaid days for employee #19053 for April 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2022.

Miriam Leigh Baskies – Substitute 21-22

5. That the Board of Education approve Miriam Leigh Baskies be added to the 2021-2022 Substitute List.

Jessica Smith Substitute 21-22

6. That the Board of Education approve Jessica Smith be added to the 2021-2022 Substitute List.

Alisha Lerman – Substitute 21-22

7. That the Board of Education approve Alisha Lerman be added to the 2021-2022 Substitute List.

Rescind Employment Offer Tykema Williams

8. That the Board of Education rescind the offer of employment to Tykema Williams as approved at the January 27, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

Maternity Leave – Employee #19087 4/8/22-10/17/22

9. That the Board of Education approve the maternity leave for employee #19087 starting Friday, April 8, 2022 with a return date of October 17, 2022.

Extending Maternity Leave – Employee #19171 to 5/2/22

10. That the Board of Education approve extending the maternity leave for employee #19171 to a new return date of May 2, 2022. (Original return date was March 28, 2022)

Jessie Bonilla – Volunteer Track Coach 2022

11. That the Board of Education approve Jessie Bonilla as a volunteer track coach for the 2022 season.

L. Casey, E Richards and B. Alloway – Substitute Teacher

12. That the Board of Education approve Lisa Casey, Elizabeth Richards and Beth Alloway as substitute teachers at a rate of $21.43 per hour outside of the already approved 25 hours per week.

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

Motion carried 7-0-1 **Ianncuci Abstained

Motioned by Aaron, seconded by Honigfeld that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Item 13.

School Calendar 2022-2023

13. That the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Motion carried 7-0-1 **Ianncuci Abstained

Motioned by Meisner seconded by Iannucci that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items A through C.

Warrants

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- February 2022 warrants **(Attachment A1)**

Voided Check

B Void Checks

To approve the following voided checks:

KDH	#5583	9/28/21	$600.00
Medco Supply	#5711	11/23/21	$100.74
KDH	#5729	11/23/21	$1,387.50
Staples	#5765	11/23/21	$479.76
KDH	#5801	12/21/21	$300.00
BCSSSD	#5926	01/27/22	$3,362.00

YALE –Tuition Contract #8340675310

C. Tuition Contract – YALE

Tuition contract with YALE School, Inc. for student #8340675310 in the amount of $70,051.80 for tuition for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Motion carried 8-0-0

Executive Session

Motion to recess into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. by Aaron second by Iannucci

Vote: To approve recess into Executive Session
Board Voted All in Favor

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 **10:15** 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 the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: Superintendent contract);

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 10:21 P.M. and return to regular session by Carcanague second by Licata.

Vote: To approve exit Executive Session
Board Voted All in Favor Mr. Iannucci Left after HIB Discussion

Motioned by Kroot seconded by Meisner that the Merchantville Board of Education approve to affirm HIB Case #8.

HIB Case #8

- HIB Case #8

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

Motion carried 6-0-1 **Licata Abstained

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT II

- Tom Woljen –25 E. Walnut Merchantville- Let peope decide; look at the numbers during October whn the Haunted House took place.
- Kevin Brenman 32 Franklin Ave. Merchantville– Wants a date where the masks will become optional.
- Sherry Iannucci – 62 W. Walnut Merchantville – Teachers have to repeat themselves over and over; consider teacher needs
- Denise Wackes – 214 St. James Merchantville -Ensure that when masks are optional that no one should be ostracized

Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Moved by Aaron seconded by Meisner that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 10:24 p.m.

Vote: To approve Adjourn
Board Voted All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski

MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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Moved by Mrs. Aaron and seconded by Mr. Iannucci 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 matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: Superintendent contract_);

The results of this session will not be made public immediately after or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached, if permitted, by law.

Unanimously Approved 7:51 PM

Members Present: Mrs. Aaron, Mrs. Gaskins, Mr. Honigfeld, Mrs. Kroot, Mr. Carcanague, Mrs. Meisner, Mr. Iannucci and Mr. Licata

Members Absent – Mr. Perno

Also Present: Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA

Topic: Discussion took place regarding HIB Case #8

Mr. Iannucci Left Meeting

Discussion took place regarding CS Contract Negotiations

Return to Open Session – Moved by Mr. Carcranague and seconded by Mr.Licata that the board of education approve to return to open session at 10:21 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gontowski

Board Secretary