MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 28, 2022

I, Elliot Honigfeld, President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:00 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
Mrs. Gaskins	Mr. Iannucci	Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator
Mrs. Kroot		
Mr. Licata		
Mrs. Meisner		
Mrs. Perno		
Mr. Honigfeld		

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Approval Regular Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes & Executive Session Minutes for June 23, 2022

Vote: To approve minutes
Board Voted All in Favor

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

Approval of Special Minutes

- Special Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2022

Vote: To approve minutes
Board Voted All in Favor ** Mr. Carcanague and Mrs. Gaskins Abstained

New Business

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- Carol Will Budget Update - $101,454 in scholarships to 24 students & $53,673 is school projects
- Presentation of PE & Health Curriculum will take place in August
- Board Responsibilities – Governance Core

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Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Perno and seconded by Gaskins for the board of education to approve Board of Education Goals.

- 2022-2023 Board of Education Goals

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: **Carcanague, Gaskins, Honigfeld, Kroot, Meisner, Perno, and Licata

Motion carried 7-0-1 ** Carcanague – Abstained

Communication

COMMUNICATIONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance and Facility Committee – July 20 Meeting
- Personnel and Education Committee – July 18 Meeting
- Policy and Community Relations – July 18 Meeting
- Haddon Heights Liaison Update

CSA Report

CSA REPORT

- Emergency Drills: June 20 at 12:45 Fire Drill and June 21 at 12:45 Evacuation Drill
- Use of Facility Report: July – August = None
- June 2022 CSA Monthly Report – 2 HIB cases reported (1 confirmed HIB and 1 not confirmed)
- School Safety Data Report - (January 2022- June 2022)
- School Safety Plan Update – August Approval

Review of Policies

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

Motioned by Gaskins seconded by Honigfeld that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 1 through 9

Preview of Policies

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

5020	Role of Parents/Guardians
5111	Admission
5113	Student Absences & Excuses
5114	Suspension and Expulsion
5118	Non-Residents
5118.1	School Choice Program

5118.2	Foster Care and Educational Stability
5119	Transfers
5120	Assessment of Individual Needs
5124	Reporting To Parents/Guardians
5125	Pupil Records
5126	Awards For Achievement
5127	Commencement Activities
5131	Conduct/Discipline
5131.1	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
5131.5	Vandalism/Violence
5131.6	Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco
5131.7	Weapons & Dangerous Instruments
5134	Married/Pregnant Pupils
5136	Fund-Raising Activities
5141	Health
5141.1	Accidents
5141.10	Face Covering
5141.11	Vaccination and Testing
5141.2	Illness
5141.21	Administering Medication
5141.22	Medical Marijuana
5141.3	Health Examinations and Immunizations
5141.4	Missing, Abused and Neglected Children
5141.8	Sports Related Concussion and Head Injury

5142	Pupil Safety
5142.1	Safety Patrols
5145.4	Equal Educational Opportunity
5145.5	Photographs of Pupils
5145.6	Pupil Grievance Procedure
5145.7	Gender Identity and Expression
5145.11	Questioning and Apprehension
5145.12	Search and Seizure
5200	Nonpublic School Pupils
5231	Dress Code

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Carcanague, **Gaskins, Honigfeld, Kroot, Meisner, Perno, and Licata

Motion carried 6-0-1 Gaskins– Abstained to Policy 5114 and 5145.6**

S. Strong & H. Wilson – Professional Development Workshops

2. 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
J Scott Strong	School Safety Symposium	Carneys Point, NJ	July 14, 2022	$0
Heather Wilson	Rethinking Guided Reading with the Science of Reading in mind	Virtual	Aug 2022	$97

Adopt the Danielson Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument

3. That the Board of Education approve to adopt the Danielson Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument, 2013 edition as the Merchantville School District evaluation tool for the 2022-2023 school year.

Professional Development Plan 22-23

4. That the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Plan for Merchantville School for the 2022-2023 school year.

District Mentoring Plan 22-33

5. That the Board of Education approve the District Mentoring Plan for Merchantville School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Gifted and Talented Education Rubric for Qualification for 22-23

6. That the Board of Education approve the Gifted and Talented Education Rubric for Qualification for the 2022-2023 school year.

Carroll Will Budget 22-23

7. That the Board of Education approve the Carroll Will Budget for School Projects for $53, 673 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Teacher Handbook 22-23

8. That the Board of Education approve the Merchantville Teacher Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year.

Alternate Toilet Room Facility 22-23

9. That the Board of Education approve the Alternate Toilet Room Facility for the 2022-2023 School Year. (Room 108 will be a Kindergarten classroom that does not have a toilet in the classroom.)

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Carcanague, Gaskins, Honigfeld, Kroot, Meisner, Perno, and Licata

Motion carried 7-0-0

Motioned by Kroot seconded by Perno that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 10 through 14.

Rescind the offer to Kevin Tocco

10. That the Board of Education rescind the offer to Kevin Tocco for the Supervisor of Facility Management. (Approved June 23, 2022)

Gerald Bennet – Facility Management 22-23

11. That the Board of Education approve Gerald Bennet as the Supervisor of Facility Management starting August 1, 2022 at $69,000 (prorated for 22-23 school year).

FMLA Leave Employee #18030 6/24/22-9/24/22

12. That the Board of Education adjust the previously approved FMLA Leave for employee number #18030 to start June 24 without using sick days with a return date of September 24, 2022.

FMLA Employee #19053 10/24/22-9/23

13. That the Board of Education approve FMLA for employee number #19053 starting Oct 24, 2022 exhausting sick days and then using FMLA time. The anticipated return date is September 2023.

Krista Travaglini – ESEA Stipend 22-23

14. That the Board of Education approve the ESEA stipend of $5,410 to Krista Travaglini for the 2022-2023 school year. (These funds will come directly from the ESEA grant.)

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Carcanague, Gaskins, Honigfeld, Kroot, Meisner, Perno, and Licata
Motion carried 7-0-0

Motioned by Meisner seconded by Honigfeld that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items A through D.

Warrants

A. Warrants

The attached bill lists:

- June through July 2022 warrants **(Attachment A1)**

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

B. 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.

Savvas Learning Company Non Fair and Open

C. Non Fair and Open
To award a non fair and open contract to Savvas Learning Company LLC for myWorld and Professional Development in an amount to exceed $17,500.00 (approximately $24,000.00) for the 2022-2023 school year.

Meal Prices 22-23

D. Meal Prices – To approve the following food service meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year (please note these are the same prices as 2019-2020 prior to everyone receiving free meals and also note that reduced lunches are now no cost).

Paid Lunch	$3.00
Paid Breakfast	$1.25
Adult Lunch	$4.00
Adult Breakfast	$1.75

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Carcanague, Gaskins, Honigfeld, Kroot, Meisner, Perno, and Licata

Motion carried 7-0-0

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT II –

- Noah Tennant - 131 Prospect Street Merchantville
  - Asked for clarification regarding alternate kindergarten bathroom.
  - Asked if August presentation will touch on critical theory.
  - Asked about communication to parents regarding non binary access to bathroom.

- Bridget Molley – 74 w. Chestnut St. Merchantville
  - Asked about communication to students regarding availability of non binary bathrooms

Executive Session

None

Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Moved by Perno seconded by Carcanague that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski