MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

August 25, 2022

I, Daniel Licata, President, call this meeting to order under the Open Public Meeting Act at 7:02 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
Mrs. Aaron	Mr. Carcanague	Mr. J. Scott Strong, CSA
Mrs. Gaskins	Mr. Iannucci	Mr. Greg Gontowski, Business Administrator
Mrs. Kroot	Mrs. Meisner	
Mr. Licata	Mrs. Perno	
Mr. Honigfeld		

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT I – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Honigfeld and seconded by Gaskins for the board of education to approve the following board minutes:

Approval Regular Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes July 28, 2022

Vote: To approve minutes
Board Voted All in Favor **Mrs. Aaron – Abstained

New Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation of PE & Health Curriculum
- Long Term Use of Facility Request

Motioned by Honigfeld seconded by Gaskins that the Merchantville Board of Education to allow Essence Studios to use the facilities from 9/12/22-11/26/22 at the rate $10,000.00

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

Motion carried 5-0-0

Unfinished Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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Board Governance

BOARD GOVERNANCE

- The Governance Core – Mindset for efficacy
- Four Ideas of Governance

Communication

COMMUNICATIONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance and Facility Committee – Aug 22 Meeting
- Personnel and Education Committee – Aug 15 Meeting
- Policy and Community Relations – Aug 15 Meeting

CSA Report

CSA REPORT

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS

- Use of Facility Report: August = None
- Re-Opening Update
- All 32 Choice student spots are filled

Motioned by Aaron seconded by Honigfeld that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 1 through 8

Policies

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

6010	Goals and Objectives
6111	School Calendar
6112	School Day
6114	Emergencies & Disaster Preparedness
6121	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
6122	Articulation
6140	Curriculum Adoption
6141	Curriculum Design/Development
6141.2	Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs
6142	Subject Fields
6142.1	Family Life Education
6142.2	English as a Second Language: Bilingual Programs
6142.4	Physical Education and Health
6142.6	Basic Skills
6142.9	Arts
6142.10	Technology

6142.12	Career Education
6142.13	HIV Prevention Education
6143	Curriculum Guides
6143.1	Lesson Plans
6144	Controversial Issues
6145	Extracurricular Activities
6145.1 / 6145.2	Intramural Competition; Interscholastic Competition
6145.3	Publications
6146	Graduation Requirements
6146.2	Promotion/Retention
6147	Standards of Proficiency
6147 Regulation	Regulation
6147.1	Evaluation of Individual Student Performance
6151	Class Size
6153	Field Trips
6154	Homework/Makeup Work
6156	Instructional Planning/Scheduling
6160	Instructional Services & Resources
6161.1	Guidelines for Evaluation & Selection of Instructional Materials
6161.2	Complaints Regarding Instructional Materials
6162.4	Community Resources
6162.5	Research
6163.1	Media Center/Library
6164.1	Intervention & Referral Services for General Education Pupils
6164.2	Guidance Services
6164.4	Child Study Team
6171	Special Instruction Programs
6171.1	Remedial Instruction
6171.2	Gifted & Talented
6171.3	At-Risk & Title I
6171.4	Special Education
6171.5	Independent Educational Evaluations
6172	Alternative Educational Programs

6173	Home Instruction
6173	Remote Learning
6178	Early Childhood Education/Preschool
6300	Evaluation of the Instructional Program

School Safety Plan 22-23

2. That the Board of Education approve the School Safety Plan for Merchantville School for the 2022-2023 school year.

Substitute Teacher & Nurse List 22-23

3. That the Board of Education approve the Substitute Teacher and Nurse list for the 2022-2023 school year.

School Choice Program 23-24

4. That the Board of Education approve to continue to be part of the School Choice program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Camden County Library Commission 22-23

5. That the Board of Education approve the updated agreement with the Camden County Library Commission for the 2022-2023 school year.

Comprehensive Guidance Plan 22-23

6. That the Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Guidance Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Substitute Pay Scale

7. That the Board of Education approve the substitute pay scale as followed:

   a. Less than or equal to 4 hours a day is $90 for the day's work
   b. Greater than 5 hours a day is $150 for the day's work

Revised Policy 6115 Ceremonies and Observances

8. That the Board of Education approve the first reading of the revised policy 6115 – Ceremonies and Observances.

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes: Items 1, 2 and 4 through 8 : Aaron, Gaskins, Honigfeld, Kroot, Meisner, Perno, and Licata

Roll Call Vote: Voting Yes Item #3 **Aaron, Gaskins, Honigfeld, Kroot, Meisner, Perno, and Licata

Motion carried 4-0-1 ** Aaron – Abstained

Motioned by Gaskins seconded by Kroot that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items 9 through 17

Andrea Gleeson Move step

9. That the Board of Education approve Andrea Gleeson to move from MA +15 Step 5 to MA +30 Step 5 starting September 2022 based on the submitted transcripts of graduate credits taken.

Sindy Bonilla – Move Step

10. That the Board of Education approve Sindy Bonilla to move from MA Step 5 to MA +15 Step 5 starting September 2022 based on the submitted transcripts of graduate credits taken.

Employee #19114 FMLA Leave 9/6/22-10/16/22

11. That the Board of Education approve an FMLA leave for employee #19114 from September 6, 2022 – October 16, 2022.

Adjusted Daly Hours for Paraprofessionals 22-23

12. That the Board of Education approve the adjusted daily hours of the following paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Denise Grasso from 5 hours a day to 5.75 hours per day
- Jasmine Bailey from 5 hours a day to 5.75 hours per day
- Elizabeth Alloway from 5 hours a day to 5.75 hours per day
- Lisa Casey from 5 hours a day to 5.75 hours per day

Daniella Maniscalco- Non-Instructional Aid 22-23

13. That the Board of Education approve Daniella Maniscalco for the position non-instructional aide starting on September 1, 2022 for 4 hours a day at the Step 1 rate of $18.05 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.

Robert Grega – Long Term Replacement 22-23

14. That the Board of Education approve Robert Grega for a long term replacement position for the 2022-2023 school year with a start date of September 1, 2022 at MA Step 8 with an MEA agreed upon salary of $76,379.

Employee #19153 FMLA – Return 11/8/22

15. That the Board of Education approve to update the FMLA leave for employee #19153 to return on November 8, 2022.

Sandra Gasparro – Long Term Substitute Teacher 9/1/22-11/30/22

16. That the Board of Education approve Sandra Gasparro as a long term substitute teacher starting September 1, 2022 until November 30, 2022 at BA Step 1 ($61,109)

J. Strong and A. Lopez Professional Development Workshops

17. 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 Behavioral Threat Assessment	Virtual	Aug 18, 2022	$0
Aleesha Lopez	Guided Phonics: Systematic, Structured Small Group Phonics Skill Instruction	Virtual	Aug 2022	$99

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

Motion carried 5-0-0

Motioned by Kroot seconded by Aaron that the Merchantville Board of Education approve Items A through F.

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Warrants

A. Warrants
The attached bill lists:
- June through August 2022 warrants **(Attachment A1)**

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.

CCESC -IDEA Nonpublic

C. CCESC – IDEA - Nonpublic
To approve a revised contract with Camden County Educational Services Commission to provide IDEA services to St. Pete's in the amount of $37,824.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

GCSSSD – Tuition #1350177504

D. Tuition Contract
Tuition contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for student #1350177504 in the amount of $4,590.00 for tuition for the 2022-2023 school year.

Kingsway Learning – Tuition/1:1 Aid #5438264891

E. Tuition Contract
Tuition contract with Kingsway Learning Center for student #5438264891 in the amount of $68,245.80 for tuition and $37,800.00 for a 1:1 aide for the 2022-2023 school year.

Haddon Heights - ESY Tuition #7180062836

F. Tuition Contract
Tuition contract with Haddon Heights Board of Education for student #7180628936 in the amount of $3,500.00 for ESY tuition 2022-2023 school year.

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

Motion carried 5-0-0

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT II

- **Mrs. Hayes – 324 Lincoln Ave , Lawnside**
  - **-Interduce her self as Lawnside BOE Member**

- **Summer Freeman - 20 Springfield Ave. Merchantville –**
  - **Asked about decompression room in the school**
  - **Asked about online learning and Covid for 22-23**
  - **Asked if a Q&A with parents will occur**
  - **6-8 Participating in Halloween events**

- **Randall Hinton - 6103 Walnut Ave. Pennsauken**
  - **Asked about choice students here vs Haddon Heights**

- **Noah Tennant - 131 Prospect St. Merchantville**
  - **Commend Board on the conversation regarding the governance study book**
  - **Commented about if the board will discuss or comment on the meeting held in town.**

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- **Nina Scarborough - 311 St. James Ave. Merchantville**
  - **Complimented Mrs. Travaglini on her presentation.**

Executive Session

None

Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Moved by Aaron seconded by Kroot that the board of education approve to adjourn this meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Gontowski