

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
of the
MERCER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday December 8, 2020
4:30 pm

The monthly business meeting for the month of December 2020 was held this day virtually due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Board of Education took the following actions:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Board of Education President Camille Rainiero called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: Ms. Rainiero read the following statement:

Notice of the date, time and means of access to this remote public meeting, the means of making public comment and obtaining the agenda for this meeting have been advertised in the Trenton Times, sent as well to the Trentonian, posted on the District website and on the main access door of the Administration building, and filed with the Mercer County Clerk, all at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting and in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and State regulations pertaining to remote public meetings. Public comment is permitted online or by telephone during this meeting using the electronic code or telephone number published in the meeting notice. Comment shall be received at the time reserved for public comment on the meeting agenda or as otherwise directed by the presiding officer; and individual comments may not exceed three (3) minutes. Public comment by email or written letter has also been invited in advance of this meeting and comment timely received will be read aloud during the public comment portion of the meeting, subject to the same three-minute time limit. Each comment will be read until the time limit is reached. The Board may pass over one or more written comments if in the discretion of the presiding officer the comment is duplicative of an earlier comment, but each duplicative comment will be noted for the record with the content summarized. The video and audio technologies used for this meeting allow the Board to mute the audio of all members of the public and allow the members of the public to mute themselves. The technologies also allow the Board to regulate participation by individual members of the public. Participation by the public is subject to standards of public comment consistent with Board policies and practices followed if a member of the public disrupts an in-person meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Camille Rainiero, Lisa Vena, Jan Lewis, Gerald Stockman and Stacy Morgan Santo.

Also Present: Dr. Kimberly Schneider, Superintendent, Deborah Donnelly, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Walter Bliss, Board Attorney.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Suspended
3. **PUBLIC SESSION:** Held at the end

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Karen Ball, Teacher at MHS.

4. Approval of the November 2, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo		X	X			
Stockman			X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

5. Bills to be Approved \$2,147,911.52 + \$2,160,510.94 for a total of \$ 4,340,695.40 and authorization of transfers within program areas as approved by the Superintendent.

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman			X			
Lewis		X	X			
Vena	X		X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

6. Board Secretary/Treasurer’s Report for October 2020

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

7. Correspondence & Communications: None

The Board recognized Rick Hillman as the Star Award Recipient from the BCJIF.

8. Committee Reports: None

9. Superintendent’s Report: None

New/Special Projects: None

PERSONNEL:

Recommend Board approve the following:

- Appointments, Resignations, Leaves, Retirements, etc. (Attachment 9-A)

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

MISCELLANEOUS:

Recommend Board approve the following:

- Approval to submit application for extra funding in the amount of \$39,160.00 from NJ Department of Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention for Special Child Health Service Case Management for the period 12/01/2020 - 03/31/2021

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

- Revised and/or New Policies, Regulations, or By-Laws - First Reading (Attachment 9-B)

First Reading -- Revised and/or New Policies, Regulations, or By-Laws

BYLAWS

0164.6 Remote Public Board Meeting During A Declared Emergency (M)

POLICIES

- P2431 Athletic Competition (M)
- P2464 Gifted and Talented Students (M)
- P5330.05 Seizure Action Plan (M)
- P8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)
- P8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)

REGULATIONS

R2431.1 Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity (M)
 R5330.05 Seizure Action Plan (M)

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

Second Reading -- Revised and/or New Policies, Regulations, or By-Laws

BYLAWS

NONE

POLICIES

P1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M)
 P6440 Cooperative Purchasing (M)
 P7450 Property Inventory (M)

REGULATIONS

NONE

ABOLISHED -- Policies, Regulations, or By-Laws

NONE

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

REPORTS:

Recommend Board approve the following:

- Fire and Security Drill(s) for the month of November 2020 (Attachment 9-C)

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

- Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying as of November 2020:

Month	Investigations	HIB	Non-HIB
July	0	0	0
August	0	0	0
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	0
November	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

- Enrollment Data as of November 2020

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
2019-2020	497	498	548	546	546	551	544	559	563	561	561	560
2020-2021	428	428	496	501	503							

	10/31/2020	11/30/2020
Mercer High School	240	241
Mercer Elementary School	192	195
Regional Day	7	6
Joseph F. Cappello School	62	61
TOTAL:	<u>501</u>	<u>503</u>

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

Recommend Board approve the following:

- b. Approval of Transportation Contract(s), Bids, Renewals and Addendum (11-b).

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

- c. Miscellaneous Equipment Disposal List (Attachment 11-c).

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

- d. Approve to accept the additional funding in the amount of \$39,160 from NJ Department of Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention for Special Child Health Service Case Management for the period 12/01/2020 - 03/31/2021.

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

- e. Approve addendum to the 2019-2020 bus route contracts re-negotiated pursuant to the Implementation of P.L. 2020, Chapter 27 (attachment 11-e).

Bd. of Ed.	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Morgan Santo			X			
Stockman		X	X			
Lewis	X		X			
Vena			X			
Hernandez-Manno						X
Rainiero			X			

12. PUBLIC SESSION:

Maureen Welsh, Teacher at MHS, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Healthy and Happy New Year!

Dr. Schneider noted that the district has extended the all-remote learning to January 19, 2021 which provides everyone with at least 2 weeks after the last holiday celebrations to stay distanced.

A Winter Holiday Celebration Guidance has been posted on our website which advises on safe celebrations and advises on restricted travel. Travel restrictions will also be shared with staff. We are keeping our school family apprised of these notices. Communication will continue as we receive it to assist in keeping everyone safe.

Happy Holidays -Stay Safe!!

Camille Rainiero - wished everyone Happy Holidays on behalf of the Board.

Gerald Stockman - wished our Board Attorney, Walter Bliss a Happy Birthday!

13. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion by Gerald Stockman and Seconded by Jan Lewis to adjourn the meeting passed by unanimous voice vote, (5) aye’s (0) nay’s. Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deborah Donnelly
Business Administrator/Board Secretary