

BILLS TO BE APPROVED/TRANSFERS

Bills totaling \$655,693.63 for April 2013 and budget transfers to date, were brought before the Board. Upon reviewing the bills and budget transfers presented, Mr. Zoller introduced a motion for the Board to approve the bill list totaling \$655,693.63. Ms. Stinger seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote. The bills list and budget transfers report shall be attached to the original minutes filed in the Board Office as an official document of the Board.

Roll Call: Mrs. Iszard - Yes Ms. Stinger - Yes Mr. Pitman - Yes
Mr. Zoller - Yes Dr. Stewart - Yes

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT

Upon review of the financial reports for the period ending March 2013, Mr. Zoller introduced a motion the Board approve the reports as presented, whereby, that major accounts and fund balances have not been over-expended and sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations. Mrs. Iszard seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote. Said reports shall be attached to the original minutes filed in the Board Office as official documents of the Board.

Roll Call: Mrs. Iszard - Yes Ms. Stinger - Yes Mr. Pitman - Yes
Mr. Zoller - Yes Dr. Stewart - Yes

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Schneider informed the Board that after 40 years, upon submission of 1,000 page binder, thanking Sharon Nemeth and Peter Frascella, official notice from Middle States Association Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools, Mercer County Technical Schools has accreditation for programs under Title IV. The accreditation makes us competitive so that we can offer student loans. Congratulations! This is an historic day. It means we can get financial aid for third year students.

This is the second year that we have been asked by the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) for our culinary students to serve 400 members for only \$500. It will take place on May 10th at Caesar’s, Atlantic City where the students compete. County Freeholders and members of NJAC will decide on the winners.

A student teacher from Raritan Valley Community College was with Mr. Cramer in Auto Program and thanked the Board for the opportunity and remarked on how successful she said the internship was.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
NEW PROGRAMS/SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Recommend the Board approve the following:

Teach-Out Agreement between Mercer County Technical Schools and AMG Medical Institute. (See attached – canary sheet)

PERSONNEL & ADDENDUM

RESIGNATION

Recommend Board approve the following resignations:

- William Chamberlin, Substitute Part-time Plumbing Instructor for Adult Evening Schools, effective retroactive to the end of the business day April 18, 2013, due to retirement.
- Alison Goldstein, Biology Instructor for the Health Science Academy, effective the end of the business day June 30, 2013.
- Michelle Rubano, Language Arts Instructor for the Sypek Center, effective the end of the business day June 30, 2013.

The Board duly noted the resignations of William Chamberlin, Alison Goldstein and Michelle Rubano.

- II.C. Professional Services Agreement for Special Counsel with Herbert, Van Ness, Cayci and Goodell at an hourly rate of \$150 effective April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. (attachment)
- II.D. Affiliation agreement with Hand & Stone for the training of our health occupation trades for the period April 24 - December 31, 2013 (attachment).
- II.E. Audit services of Wiss & Company, LLP with a Peer Review Rating of Pass, for the school year ending June 30, 2013 per attached engagement letter dated March 27, 2013 for \$21,400 (11-000-230-332-07-00-2301/7048) (attachment).
- II.F. Resolve the employment contract with Dr. Kimberly Schneider as a shared services position with Mercer County Special Services School District for the 2013-2014 school year (attachment).
- II.G. Revised agreement with Alternative Micrographics, Inc., originally approved on August 21, 2012 for \$2,500 to include language related to the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in order to begin processing student records (attachment).
- II.H. Services of Joyce Van Den Berg DBA My Virtual Solution, for the final completion of the MCTS website update originally approved April 17, 2012 for \$2,500, paid \$1,125 with a balance not to exceed \$1,375 (11-000-252-600-07-00-2520).
- III. Contract with Direct Energy Business, LLC through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) Cooperative Pricing System (No. E88-01-ACESCPS) for electric generation service for the period May 2013 through May 2015 (attachment).
- II.J. Revised fees for the services of Fraytak, Veisz, Hopkins, Duthie, PC, for projects FVHD 4312/4313 originally approved on September 18, 2012 to include the addition of the awarded alternate bids and \$35,000 estimate of reimburseables for an increase of \$148,140 from \$372,600 to \$520,740 (30-000-400-450-40-00-1002) (attachment).
- II.K. Renewal of the student tracking software contract with Naviance (Hobsons) in the amount of \$2,490 for June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014 (11-310-100-320-01-00-1900) (attachment).
- III.L. Scrap the following items from the Sypek Center due to age and unsafe working conditions:

Rockwell drill press SBM099	Jet dust collector
Freon recovery unit EQP 0270	Rockwell table saw
Combi oven	Hunter cabinet
Pastry sheeter	Coats 1001 tire changer
2001 Blue Honda Accord VIN # 1HGCG31731A017670	

Mrs. Iszard introduced a motion for the Board to approve the aforementioned. Mr. Zoller seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote. A copy of the field trips, travel requests, affiliation agreement, Wiss & co., Alternative Micrographics, ACES, FVHD, and Naviance, shall be attached to the original minutes filed in the Board Office as official documents of the Board.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Iszard - Yes	Ms. Stinger - Yes	
	Mr. Zoller - Yes	Dr. Stewart - Yes	Mr. Pitman - Yes

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 5:26 pm on a motion made by Mr. Zoller and seconded by Mrs. Iszard and carried by roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mercer County Vocational-Technical Board of Education shall recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and student issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion of such subject matter in closed session will be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists, unless such is otherwise prohibited by law.

Mr. Zoller introduced a motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:25 pm. Mrs. Iszard seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote.

Roll Call: Mrs. Iszard - Yes
Mr. Zoller - Yes

Ms. Stinger - Yes
Dr. Stewart - Yes

Mr. Pitman - Yes

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Pitman asked if there was any public comment.

Ms. Lollo stated that as an association they were disappointed in the Board's decision. They feel administration should be there to support and guide staff as well as students. She stated that she was very distressed; evaluations are for assessment and not for hiring and firing.

Michael Ford, parent of HSA student, stated, very confusing as a parent of student doing well in the math program and excelling in the program with courses at MCCC and with a number of students. Honors - new program, excellent education for students and expected his student to be recommend for college and she made this school and you throw her away. My wife and I worked hard to support your program and fought with our school districts because we felt you had made good decisions and hired good teachers and our daughter getting the best. I don't know what's behind it, money and what else, someone else want her job? I sit here tonight and you just throw her away; someone has to explain why this teacher has balanced the program and not one complaint about this teacher - added value to the kids. Hire someone else brand new - process running 9, 10 & 11 year and write up to make it work - someone has to explain why can't be money - think about what she has done - none of the parents have complaints about this.

Mr. & Mrs. Puri, parents, said their daughter attends here and she wants to know why this teacher is being let go and we don't want her to go. Who makes decision?

Mr. Bliss stated that unfortunately we can't give reasons on personnel matters. The employee asked to be on the agenda and was offered to have a public or private session and elected private. The Board will not have a public trial. You are free to say whatever you have to say - your passion is appreciated, but it is a one way discussion.

Sam Bell said in the future you need to hear from one or two people. We feel this is a vast decision - think about how to make these decisions about a program you just decided to begin.

Mr. Ford stated that no one came to me as a parent and asked about this issue. My daughter is a client who is involved in the process and she and the parents should be asked about this decision - the students are getting a great education. Help place Board for a great education that she established. What other piece is missing? You might want to reconsider - something is not right - made a decision tonight, but something is amiss. Kids are getting a great education. Can't say all kids failing math but can say kids going to college and doing great in school. That's all I'm asking tonight - don't make it final - say we made a stupid decision because it doesn't make any sense.

Mrs. Puri - son a junior here does well - going to MCCC he's doing very well - when he came with some foundation and taken further with his scores at his high school only AP but next year my daughter is coming but I feel there is no opinion from parents on the Board. We need representation of parents on Board. I know decision is final but our kids are part of school.

Mr. Bandi, twin sons that attend here; one of the best district's new program - boys really talk about teacher and none of the students said she was bad.

Rachel Hendrickson, teacher of English in HSA, said she echoed all the priorities of the teachers and students.

Mark Nace said Sam (Asch) came to shop on math once a week with Bell and Schroeder but she related the math to estimation and cost extensions, an excellent teacher and worked well with the students.

Patrick Schroeder said she came to our students, she was on task, had an agenda and was very positive and focused on what we wanted to do. Especially for trades, it's very challenging and Ms. Asch did a good job.

John Baldino, PE teacher said he shared prep periods with Ms. Asch who could do two things at once and that she got things done.

Ms. Lollo asked the Board to reconsider decision on removing negative comments in her records.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zoller introduced a motion the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 pm. Mrs. Iszard seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Iszard - Yes	Ms. Stinger - Yes	
	Mr. Zoller - Yes	Dr. Stewart - Yes	Mr. Pitman - Yes

The next meetings of the Board shall be Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 5:00 pm at the Assunpink Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy R. Swirsky
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary