

BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2013

The Board Meeting of November 1, 2013 was called to order by President Albert Pitman at 12:09 pm. The meeting took place at the Mercer County Vocational-Technical Schools, 1085 Old Trenton Road, Trenton, New Jersey. The President read the following Sunshine Statement:

“In accordance with the State’s Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided.
This meeting notice was advertised in the Trenton Times newspaper on October 23, 2013.
This notice was also posted in the Board Office and a copy has been filed with the County Clerk of Mercer”.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Iszard – Yes	Ms. Stinger – Yes	Mr. Flora - Absent
	Mr. Zoller – Yes	Mr. Murphy - Absent	Mr. Pitman - Yes

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dr. Schneider introduced the new MCTS Human Resources Manager, Lauren Tavares to the Board.

Dr. Schneider called for a moment of silence for Richard Olszewski, former MCTS General Building Instructor, CIE coordinator and VICA mentor. Mr. Olszewski has been a longtime supporter of MCTS, presenting a plaque and a donation to a student in his late wife’s name at the school’s year end ceremony. Board Member Yolanda Stinger said she knew him and was saddened by this loss.

Mr. Zoller gave a report on his attendance at the 2013 (NJSBA) Convention. He noted the convention was interesting on many levels, from the Trenton Central High School Band and Orchestra presentation in their black tee shirts that played a number of Steven Sondheim songs, to a New Jersey Hall of Fame trailer in the hall with a chance to try to win to bring it to a school’s location. There were recordings of the inductees’ acceptance speeches. One was done for Frank Sinatra by Bruce Springsteen. Mr. Zoller noted that the food court was not great and he visited several vendors. Mr. Zoller said he attended the Governance Program that was set up for 500 persons but only 133 showed up. The NJSBA moderator was a great PR person and for two hours it was interesting and he had a power point presentation. He talked about enhancing the budget and gave an example of leasing school space. He said one person took exception to many of the items noted and that person was a board member who had been a teacher for 27 years. Mr. Zoller noted most were elected and not appointed.

Ms. Stinger asked if there were Charter School Board members attending. Mr. Zoller answered yes.

Mr. Zoller thanked the District for the opportunity to attend.

Dr. Schneider asked the Board to review the purple handout and noted for each CTE placement available there are currently 2.5 students applying to attend. Dr. Schneider stated she is in the planning stages to prepare MCTS for full time CTE programs. She further stated she is working with Dr. Bistocci and Dr. McAndrews to present a strategic plan to the Board to continue the success of the HSA. Dr. Schneider said she would like to open three new full time programs in 2015. Dr. Schneider told the Board she will be presenting a plan next month.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The regular session meeting minutes of October 15, 2013 were brought before the Board for approval. Upon reviewing the minutes of October 15, 2013, Mrs. Iszard introduced a motion for the Board to approve the minutes. Mr. Zoller seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Iszard – Yes	Ms. Stinger – Yes	Mr. Flora - Absent
	Mr. Zoller – Yes	Mr. Murphy - Absent	Mr. Pitman - Yes

6C. Award Bid 12K114 to MTB LLC for \$ 168,564 for the roof replacement at the Health Careers Center due to Super Storm Sandy, as reported under FEMA and Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund. (handout)

Ms. Swirsky noted the name of the vendor and bid award amount for item 6C. She also noted that MCTS expects about \$55,000 from the JIF for damages and some additional funding from FEMA.

6D. Affiliation Agreement listing for the training of our Health Occupations trades for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015 (attached).

6E. Affiliation Agreement with Princeton Medical Center (attached).

6F. Donation of a new microwave oven to the Assunpink Center.

Mr. Zoller introduced a motion for the Board to approve the aforementioned. Ms. Stinger seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote. A copy of Change Order #3, rescind Central Jersey Landscaping, affiliation agreement listing, Princeton Affiliation Agreement 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. Flora - Absent
	Mr. Zoller - Yes	Mr. Murphy - Absent	Mr. Pitman - Yes

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Pitman introduced a motion the meeting be adjourned at 12:28 pm. Mrs. Iszard seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Iszard - Yes	Ms. Stinger - Yes	Mr. Flora - Absent
	Mr. Zoller - Yes	Mr. Murphy - Absent	Mr. Pitman - Yes

The next meeting of the Board shall be Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 5:00 pm at the Assunpink Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy R. Swirsky
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary