

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Skillman, New Jersey 08558**

**Meeting, Tuesday, December 16, 2014  
6:30 p.m. Executive Session  
7:30 p.m. Public Session  
Upper Middle School Media Center**

**WORKSHOP AND BUSINESS MEETING A G E N D A**

District Goals 2014-2015

Goal 1: To develop specific communication protocols with parents, staff and community members that are consistent in message and reflect the vision of the district to engage each child in reaching his/her fullest potential.

Goal 2: To review, evaluate and assess current programs and staffing structures to determine gaps/needs; make specific recommendations to the Board to address in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner in the following areas: special education, student/staff attendance and the organizational management structure of the district.

Goal 3: To identify and implement social-emotional programming appropriate for all schools by June 2015 and identify the appropriate assessments to measure the efficacy of the programs.

Goal 4: To explore the feasibility of full day kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order - Board President

Statement of Open Meeting and Public Participation - In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing notice of the meeting on January 8, 2014 and December 10, 2014. Notice was provided to Board of Education Members, Montgomery Township Clerk, Rocky Hill Borough Clerk, Public Library, Township Posting, School Postings, PTSA Officers, Courier News, Princeton Packet, Trenton Times, and The Star Ledger.

The Board reserves the right to enter into Executive Session during all meetings of the Board of Education.

This meeting is being tape-recorded for the purpose of Board review and future reference and to assist in the preparation of minutes.

It is the School Board's intention to conclude this meeting no later than 10:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is recommended that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing items a parent appeal on a student disciplinary matter, items related to personnel and student disciplinary

matters. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the matter will be disclosed to the public.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Board Recognition
- Physics First Presentation

COMMITTEE/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Representative Reports

- Student Representative Report
- MTEA Report
- Board Member Delegate/Representative Reports  
(SCSBA, PTSA, Legislative, NJSBA, Ed. Services Commission, etc.)

Board Committee Reports

- Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report
- Finance and Budget Committee Report
- Human Resources Committee Report
- Operations and Facilities Committee Report
- Policy Committee Report
- President's Report

BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENTS – Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to address the Board regarding **Board Committee, Representative Reports, Superintendent's Report or any other business** for a maximum of five (5) minutes during this period of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the following Board Meeting(s):

- |                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. November 11, 2014 | Executive Session Meeting    |
| 2. November 11, 2014 | Workshop and Special Meeting |
| 3. November 25, 2014 | Executive Session Meeting    |
| 4. November 25, 2014 | Business Meeting             |

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE – It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the correspondence as follows:

1. Email dated 11/24/14 from K. Powell regarding public comments
2. Email dated 12/9/14 from E. Etkina regarding physics

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to address the Board regarding the **Action Agenda** for a maximum of five (5) minutes during this period of the meeting.

#### **1.0 ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the administrative items as follows:

##### 1.1 Routine Monthly Report – Accept the following report:

1. Student Control
2. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report
3. Teacher Absence Report
5. Fire/Security Drill Report

##### 1.2 Policy First Reading – Accept the following policies and regulations as a first reading:

0171	Duties of Board President and Vice President
5306	Health Services to Nonpublic Schools
5306R	Health Services to Nonpublic Schools
5308	Student Health Records
5308R	Student Health Records
5310	Health Services
5310R	Health Services

##### 1.3 Policy Adoption – Accept and adopt the following policies following a second reading:

0120	Authority and Powers
0132	Executive Authority
0133	Adjudication of Dispute
0134	Board Self Evaluation
0142	Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts and Code of Ethics
0149	Retirement

##### 1.4 Policy Review – Adopt the following policies as reviewed:

0148	Board Member Indemnification
0161	Call, Adjournment and Cancellation
0162	Notice of Board Meetings
0163	Quorum
0164	Conduct of Board Meeting
0165	Voting
0166	Private Meetings
0172	Duties of Treasurer of School Moneys
0175	Contracts with Independent Consultants

## 2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the curriculum and instruction agenda as follows:

- 2.1 Out-of-District Placements – Approve the following Out-of-District placements for the 2014/15 school year.

Pupil ID	School	Dates	TUITION		
			ESY	RSY	Total for Year
102328	Cherokee Creek Boys School	1/13/15 – 6/5/15		\$26,133.04	\$26,133.04
255679	Catalyst Residential Treatment, LLC Education Fees Only	11/1/14–6/30-15		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
180650	New Hope Academy	12/4/14–6/12/15		\$27,039.18	\$27,039.18

- 2.2 Chapter 192/193 Non-Public Services 2014-15 - Approve additional funding under the provisions of Chapter 192/193, Non-Public Auxiliary and Handicapped Services in the amount of \$3,184.00 for the 2014-15 School Year to allocate as follows:

	<u>New Funding</u>	<u>Funding Total YTD</u>
Chapter 192 Compensatory Education	\$717.00	\$717.00
Chapter 192 ESL	\$2,467.00	\$6,121.00

- 2.3 FY 2015 IDEA Grant Amendment – Approve an amendment to the FY 2015 IDEA Grant due to the carry-over of funds from the FY2014 IDEA Grant. The amendment is being requested as a result of unexpended Non-Public funds of \$24,905.00 in Basic and \$590.00 in Preschool.

- 2.4 Approval of Student Exchange Program – Approve the proposal for the MHS German Exchange Program scheduled for the summer of 2015. MHS students will travel to Gottingen, German for approximately three weeks at no cost to the Board. German partners will visit MHS in October of 2015.

- 2.5 2015-2016 Academic Calendar – Approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar.

## 3.0 FINANCE

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the finance agenda as follows:

- 3.1 Financial Reports - As prepared by the School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys which are in agreement, and presented by the Superintendent, approve the following reports as of November 30, 2014:

- Board Secretary’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Investment Report

- Food Services Report

- 3.2 Ratification of Transfers - ratify the transfer of funds among the general, special revenue and capital projects funds' line items as of November 30, 2014
- 3.3 Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary - Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.12 (c) 3, I, Thomas M. Venanzi, certify that as of November 30, 2014 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of 6A:23-2.12 (a).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- 3.4 Certification of Board of Education - Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2-12 (c) 4, we certify that as of November 30, 2014 after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports, in the minutes of the board each month that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.12 (b).
- 3.5 Approval of Monthly Bills for November – approve the monthly bills as follows:

General Operating	\$6,938,054.72
Food Services	\$126,979.45

- 3.6 Travel Reimbursement – 2014/2015 – approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.
- 3.7 Agreement between Montgomery Township Board of Education and the Township of Montgomery regarding the High School Pool – approve the revised agreement between Montgomery Township Board of Education and the Township of Montgomery granting the Recreation Department access to and use of the swimming pool located at Montgomery High School for the benefit of the residents of the Township of Montgomery. The term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
- 3.8 Approval of Contract through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) for Natural Gas Supply – approve the execution of a natural gas supply third-party agreement through the competitive bidding process with ACES as follows:

<u>Third Party Supplier</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Term</u>
Direct Energy Business Marketing	March 2015	21 months

**4.0 PERSONNEL**

The superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the personnel agenda following discussion in Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

ADJOURNMENT