

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Meeting, Wednesday, March 12, 2014**  
**Upper Middle School Media Center**

**SPECIAL MEETING A G E N D A**

**1.0 ADMINISTRATIVE**

- 1.1 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report – Accept the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report dated March 11, 2014 and noted for acceptance.

**3.0 FINANCE**

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

- 3.1 A. Adoption of the 2014-2015 Tentative Budget – that the Board of Education adopt the 2014-2015 tentative budget as follows:

General Fund Current Expense	\$76,179,628
General Fund Capital Outlay	\$ 902,504
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 935,032
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 7,385,098</u>
<b>Total Tentative Budget</b>	<b>\$85,402,262</b>

- B. Amount to be Raised for Taxes – General Fund – that the Board of Education acknowledge that \$68,033,428 be raised for General Funds for the ensuing school year (2014-2015).

- Montgomery portion \$66,383,403.13
- Rocky Hill portion \$ 1,650,024.87

- C. Amount to be Raised for Taxes – Debt Service – that the Board of Education acknowledge that \$7,128,159 be raised to support the debt service budget for the ensuing school year (2014-2015).

- Montgomery portion \$7,099,709
- Rocky Hill portion \$ 28,450

- D. Advertise Tentative Budget for Public Hearing – that the Board of Education authorize the advertisement of the tentative budget in the Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law and establish that the public hearing be held in the Upper Middle School media center on April 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2014-15 school year.

- 3.2 Approval of the Adoption of Estimated Tuition Rates for 2014-2015 - establish the following estimated tuition rates for the 2014-2015 school year:

Integrated Preschool	\$ 3,500
Kindergarten	\$11,303
Grades 1-5	\$15,287
Grades 6-8	\$14,105
Grades 9-12	\$14,094
Learning Language Disabled (LLD)	\$51,184
Autistic	\$40,023
Preschool Disabled (PSD)	\$51,498
Moderate Cognitive Impaired	\$12,950

3.3 Approval of Resolution – School District Accountability – A-5

Whereas, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 2007, An Act Concerning School District Accountability (A-5) requiring boards of education to annually approve the total amount of funds budgeted for travel and conferences for all faculty, staff, administration and board members, and

Whereas the ACT became effective on March 15, 2007 and requires prior approval of all travel and conference costs before they are incurred, and

Whereas, such travel expenditures shall include, but not be limited to, all costs for transportation, meals, lodging and registration and conference fees to and for the travel event,

Whereas, the board of education must establish an annual maximum per employee for regular business travel and that annual maximum is established in board policy 6471 as \$1,500 where prior board approval is not required, and

Whereas, the board of education elects to exclude travel expenditures by federal funds from the maximum travel expenditure amount and acknowledges the following travel costs for federal programs:

2013-14 Budget	\$20,000
2013-14 Expenditures through 2/28/14	\$ 2,523
2014-15 Projected Budget	\$20,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget and expended amounts are acknowledged and costs of travel and conferences through the use of local and state funds are approved for the 2013-14 school year and the 2014-15 school year:

Total amount budgeted for travel and conferences 2013-14	\$169,984
Total amount expended July 1, 2013 – Feb. 28, 2014	\$ 30,036
Total amount budgeted for travel and conferences 2014-15	\$168,803

3.4 Establishment of Maximum Dollar Limits for Professional Services – Approve the following maximum dollar limits for professional services for the 2014-15 fiscal year:

<u>Professional Service</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Legal	\$200,000
Auditing	\$30,000
Architecture/Engineering	\$125,000
School Physician	\$25,000
Educational Services Consultants (evaluations, O.T., P.T., speech, etc.)	\$475,000
Financial Advisor	\$5,000

3.5 Travel Reimbursement – 2013/2014 – approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

3.6 Approval of professional services contracts for various construction projects – approve the following professional services contracts:

- Parette Somjen Architects – for professional architectural/engineering design, bidding and construction services for the classroom lock replacement at Orchard Hill, Village and Lower Middle School and door replacement at the High School and Village at a fee of \$8,500 and reimbursables not to exceed \$700.
- Parette Somjen Architects – for professional architectural/engineering design, bidding and construction services for domestic hot water heater replacements at the High School and Lower Middle School at a fee of \$35,000 and reimbursables not to exceed \$1,600.
- Parette Somjen Architects – for professional architectural/engineering design, bidding and construction services for the air handler units at Orchard Hill Elementary School at a fee of \$24,000 and reimbursables not to exceed \$1,400.
- Parette Somjen Architects – for professional architectural services for updating the district’s long-range facility plan at a fee of \$5,600 and reimbursables not to exceed \$700.

3.7 Resolution Regarding Facility Project – approve the following resolution regarding an amendment to the Long-Range Facility Plan:

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Board of Education approved a contract for professional architectural services with Parette Somjen Architects for the development of plans and specifications for facility projects to be included in the 2014-15 budget; and

WHEREAS, these facility projects are required to be submitted to the State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, these facility projects will be totally funded through local sources since they are considered to be other capital projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve an amendment to the district’s long-range facility plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montgomery Board of Education approves the submission of the following other capital projects not eligible for state funding and as an amendment to the district’s long-range facility plan:

<u>School</u>	<u>Project</u>
Montgomery High School	Door and hardware replacement
Village Elementary School	Door and hardware replacement
Orchard Hill Elementary School	Air handler units

- 3.8 Settlement Agreement– Approve the following resolution pertaining to a special education settlement agreement:

WHEREAS, a student, whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office, residing in Skillman, New Jersey, as is thus eligible to receive an education within the Montgomery Township Public School District; and

WHEREAS, a dispute arose between the Montgomery Township Board of Education and the student's parents regarding the student's proposed program and placement for the 2011 extended school year, the 2011-2012 school year, the 2012 extended school year, the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years and the 2014 extended school year; and

WHEREAS, the Parties disposed of their dispute through amicable negotiations, the terms of which are set forth in full in a Settlement Agreement and Release.

#### **4.0 PERSONNEL**

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