

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2016

WORKSHOP AND BUSINESS MEETING A G E N D A
ADDENDUM

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

- 2.4 Trip Proposal/MHS – Approve the Cougar Robotics Trip Proposal to attend the FIRST Robotics World Champion Competition in St. Louis, Mo, from April 26 – May 1, 2016 at no cost to the Board. This trip is contingent upon the team meeting the eligibility requirements based on next level competition.

2.5 Resolution Regarding Disciplinary Action –

WHEREAS, formal disciplinary proceedings were initiated against a Student whose name is on file by the Montgomery Township Board of Education (“the Board”) regarding allegations that on or about March 11, 2016, the Student engaged in conduct in violation of Board Policies and Regulations Nos. 5500 (Expectations for Pupil Conduct); 5600 (Pupil Discipline); 5610 (Suspension); 5620 (Expulsion), and the Montgomery Township High School 2015-2016 Student Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the Student was provided with notice of a disciplinary hearing to be held on April 6, 2016, and of his right to be represented by counsel, to present evidence and witnesses on his behalf, and of his right to cross-examine any and all witnesses presented by the Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Student was provided with a disciplinary hearing on April 6, 2016, at which time the Student appeared before the Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent reviewed documentary and testimonial evidence against the Student; and the Student presented testimony and arguments on his own behalf; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all of the evidence, including witness statements and testimony, the Student’s academic and disciplinary records, Board Policies and Regulations Nos. Nos. 5500 (Expectations for Pupil Conduct); 5600 (Pupil Discipline); 5610 (Suspension); 5620 (Expulsion), and the Montgomery Township High School 2015-2016 Student Handbook;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby determines, based upon a preponderance of the competent and credible evidence, that on or about March 11, 2016, the Student admittedly

engaged in conduct that was in violation of the aforementioned policies, regulations, and statutes, and further determines that such conduct is grounds for discipline.

2. The Board hereby further determines that, in light of the serious nature of the conduct, and in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:37-5*, the Student shall be removed from Montgomery Township High School (suspended) through the end of the school year.
3. The Board hereby further determines that the Student shall not be present on any of the Board's school campuses outside of or during the regularly scheduled school day during the period of his suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent.
4. The Board hereby further determines that the Student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board and shall not be present for or attend any Board sponsored activities (e.g., dances, proms, sporting events, graduation events such as "project graduation," or graduation ceremonies of any class) either on campus or in any school district where the District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension. The Superintendent may, however, allow the Student to walk in graduation in her discretion, which decision shall be made by June 15, 2016.
5. The Board hereby further determines that, during the period of his suspension from the Montgomery Township High School, the Student shall be provided with an alternative educational program, pursuant to State and federal laws, that meets the Core Curriculum Standards in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 et seq.*
6. The Board hereby further determines that further engagement by the Student in conduct warranting expulsion pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2* and/or failure to comply with any of the aforementioned terms and conditions shall amount to a knowing and voluntary waiver of the Student's right to a free and appropriate public education in the event that a decision to expel the Student is made by the Board pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.5*.