

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 2016
6:30 p.m. Executive Session
7:30 p.m. Public Session
Upper Middle School Media Center

AGENDA FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

2015-2016 District Goals

Goal 1: To review, evaluate and assess current programs and staffing structures to determine gaps/needs. Raise academic performance of all demographics and results should compare favorably against similar districts year after year. Special focus on the MHS Science department, where a measurement of student achievement will be developed in 2015 and used every year to measure positive progress.

Goal 2: To identify and implement social emotional learning programming to be addressed district wide through the counseling programs. Specifically, implement evidence based social and emotional learning programs with the aim to prevent bullying, discipline problems and improving school climate (and stress) for all children.

Goal 3: To identify and effectively utilize specific communication practices with students, parents, staff and community members that are timely, accessible, and consistent in message. Administer a district-wide communications survey and compare the results with the Spring 2013 results.

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 meeting on January 7, 2015 and January 13 2016. Notice was provided to Board of Education Members, Montgomery Township Clerk, Rocky Hill Borough Clerk, Public Library, Township Posting, School Posting, 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.

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is recommended that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose discussing a parent appeal to a harassment, intimidation and bullying determination, items related to personnel, and harassment, intimidation and bullying incidents. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the matters will be disclosed to the public

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE THE FLAG

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD/PUBLIC

Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to bring any new/old business to the Board for a maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker. The board president may need to refer an issue to the superintendent if the particular issue has not been handled through the appropriate chain of command within the school district before coming to the board for a response. All responses will be provided at the end of this session.

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

1. December 15, 2015 Executive Session Meeting
2. December 15, 2015 Workshop and Business Meeting

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

1. Email dated 12/29/2016 from T. Westervelt regarding YouTube
2. Email dated 12/29/2016 from W. Westervelt regarding YouTube
3. Email dated 1/5/2016 from E. Trazaska regarding congratulations
4. Email dated 1/13/2016 from T. Westervelt regarding file

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Board Recognition – MHS Girls Varsity Tennis-State Champions
- Instructional Technology Presentation
- PARCC Results Year One Presentation
- 2015-2016 District Goals

ACTION AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to address the Board regarding the **Superintendent's Report** or the **Action Agenda** for a maximum of five (5) minutes during this period of the meeting. All responses will be provided at the end of this session.

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

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 – 2015/2016 as follows:

Approve the following Out-of-District placements for the 2015/16 school year.

Pupil ID	School	Dates	TUITION		
			ESY	RSY	Total for Year
000059	The Center School Withdrawn	11/14/2015		-\$40,646.76	-\$40,646.76
181471	Grove School	11/4/15-6/30/16		\$48,666.72	\$48,666.72
100726	Sage School	1/4/2016- 6/17/2016		\$33,033.00	\$33,033.00

2.2 Consultant Approvals 2015/2016 –

Approve the following consultants for the 2015/16 school year.

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
Keri Mandell Consulting LLC	Educational Testing/Evaluation Report	\$350.00/each
	IEP/Eligibility Meetings, Create IEP, Consultation	\$65.00/hour
Teachers' College Reading & Writing Project Network	Ten (10) days of site-based PD for teachers in grades K-8	\$36,750.00

Advanced Behavior/Communication Solutions, LLC Joseph A. Novack	AAC Evaluation AAC Consultation Behavior/Speech & Language AT Consultation	\$950.00/evaluation \$150.00/hour \$150.00/hour
The Danielson Group	One-day PD in Learning Focused Conversation on 6/23/16	\$4,500.00 (funded by NCLB Title II)

2.3 Donation Acceptances – Accept the following donations:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item(s)</u>	<u>Use</u>
Merck	10 Lenovo T410 Laptops	MakerSpace
J. McLaughlin	Percussion Bell Kit	District music program

2.4 Trip Proposal Approval/MHS – Approve field trip for the Varsity and JV baseball teams and coaches to participate in a baseball game at Major League Baseball’s Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, from May 1-2, 2016, at no cost to the District.

2.5 Trip Proposal Approval/MHS – Approve field trip for selected MHS Peer Leaders to attend the Elks Peer Leaders Convention in Long Branch, NJ, from February 5-7, 2016, at no cost to the District.

2.6 FY2016 NCLB, Title I Grant Amendment – Approve an amendment to the FY2016 NCLB Grant. The amendment is being requested to realign funds with specific goals targeted through the remaining grant period.

2.7 Acceptance of Tuition Students – Approve the following students on a tuition basis for the 2016-2017 school year at the Board approved tuition rate:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
N.P.	9
B.L.	1

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 December 31, 2015:

- 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 December 31, 2015
- 3.3 Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary - Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.12 (c) 3, I, Annette M. Wells, certify that as of December 31, 2015 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 December 31, 2015 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 January – approve the monthly bills as follows:

General Operating	\$7,612,972.29
Food Service	\$136,910.72

- 3.6 Travel Reimbursement – 2015/2016 – 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, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

- 3.8 Authorize Bidding for Goods and Services – authorize the solicitation of bids for goods and services for the 2016-2017 school year as determined by the School Business Administrator.

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