

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Tuesday, February 27, 2024

5:30 p.m. Executive Session

7:00 p.m. Public Session

Orchard Hill Elementary School Cafeteria

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

2023-2024 District Goals

Goal 1: Academics

Increase academic achievement for all students, using the implementation of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles and practices in all learning environments.

Goal 2: Equity

Continue building a culturally competent school community that demonstrates a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB).

Goal 3: Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)

Increase learning opportunities designed to develop essential life skills, emotional intelligence, and positive social behaviors for all students.

Goal 4: Communication

Standardize base frequency, methodology, and communication content across all buildings, leveraging messaging and social media platforms to share information and celebrate student success.

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 8, 2024 and February 22, 2024. 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, Montgomery 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.

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 of Education adopt a resolution to convene in executive session as follows:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of a meeting of which the public body discusses certain matters for which confidentiality is required as permitted in Section 7B of the act.

WHEREAS, the items that are permitted to be discussed in executive session are as follows:

- 1) a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
- 2) a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
- 3) material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
- 4) a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it
- 5) a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds
- 6) protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
- 7) pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
- 8) specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session
- 9) deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will be discussing items 3, 7, and 8. Action may take place on these items. The matters discussed in executive session shall be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

ROLL CALL

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE THE FLAG

MTSD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT / PRESENTATIONS

- Governor Educator of the Year Recognition
- HIB Education Across the Schools

COMMITTEE/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Representative Reports

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

Board Committee Reports

- Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction Committee (ACI)
- Operations, Facilities and Finance Committee (OFF)
- Policy and Communications Committee (PCC)
- Human Resource Committee (HRC)
- Officers’ Report

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

1. October 30, 2023 Business Meeting (Revised)
2. January 23, 2024 Executive Session Meeting
3. January 23, 2024 Business Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD – List of correspondence to the Board:

1. Email dated 1/22/24 from G. Zayova regarding 10/30 meeting minutes
2. Email dated 1/23/24 from A. Kasam regarding Volleyball
3. Email dated 1/24/24 from G. Zayova regarding Ethics comment OPRA
4. Email dated 1/26/24 from G. Zayova regarding 10/30 meeting minutes
5. Email dated 1/29/24 from J. Church regarding 3rd request for clarification
6. Email dated 1/31/24 from G. Zayova regarding Ethics comment OPRA
7. Email dated 2/2/24 from G. Zayova regarding Ethics comment OPRA
8. Email dated 2/9/24 from G. Zayova regarding Ethics comment OPRA

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages input from the public. Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to address the Board regarding the **Action Agenda items ONLY** for up to a maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. All comments must be directed to the Board. Before you make your comment, please state your full name and address and enter both on the chromebook provided. Being mindful of privacy rights regarding students, board employees, and board members, and to avoid any liability on the part of the speaker, the board discourages defamatory and discourteous remarks. The public comment portions of the meeting are not structured as question-and-answer sessions but rather are offered as opportunities for the public to share their thoughts with the Board. The Board may need to refer an issue to the superintendent if the issue has not been handled through the appropriate chain of command, usually starting at the school level. Responses may be provided at the end of this session.

ACTION AGENDA

1.0 ADMINISTRATIVE

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

1.1 Routine Monthly Reports – Accept the following reports:

- a. Student Control Report
- b. Fire/Security Drill Report
- c. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report

1.2 Policy/Regulation First Reading - Accept the following policy and regulation as a first reading:

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| 5116 | Education of Homeless Children and Youths |
| 5116R | Education of Homeless Children and Youths |

1.3 Policy Second Reading - Accept and adopt the following policies following a second reading:

- 0144 Board Member Orientation and Training
- 0161 Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation
- 0162 Notice of Board Meetings
- 3161 Examination for Cause - Teaching Staff Members
- 4161 Examination for Cause - Support Staff Members
- 3324 Right of Privacy – Teaching Staff Members
- 4324 Right of Privacy – Support Staff Members

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

2.1 Approve the MHS Ice Hockey Team to Renew the Co-op with Hopewell Valley Central High School – Approve the Montgomery High School ice hockey team to renew the co-op with Hopewell Valley Central High School for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

2.2 Out-of-District Placements: 2023-2024 - Approve the following Out-of-District Placements for the 2023-2024 School Year:

Student ID	School	Dates	TUITION		
			ESY	RSY	Total for Year
107516	The Bridge Academy	1/8/24 – 6/18/24		\$26,809.76	\$26,809.76
108867	The Center School <i>Disenrolled</i>	2/20/24– 6/30/24		(\$34,820.83)	(\$34,820.83)
109640	Collier School	1/25/24 – 6/30/24		\$34, 372.04	\$34,372.04

2.3 Textbook/Resource Approval – 2023-2024 - Approve the following textbook/resource:

Title	Course
The Nickel Boys	11 th Grade English Honors
Klara and the Sun	11 th Grade English Honors
Where the Crawdads Sing	11 th Grade English Honors

2.4 Fireplace, Inc. – Approve annual software subscription to SMORE. \$1,890.00 to be funded by ESEA FY24 Title II funds.

2.5 Consultant Approvals: 2023-2024 - Approve the following consultants for the 2023-2024 School Year:

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
AAC & Me, LLC	Assistive Technology Evaluations	\$900.00/Evaluation
Team Life Inc.	CPR / AED Training Travel Fee	\$65.00/Person \$200.00/Day
Jared Campbell Music	Provide social emotional learning assemblies at Orchard Hill Elementary, Village Elementary and Lower Middle School.	\$875.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA Title IV</i>
Gregory Marsh	Provide professional development for band teachers to improve their pedagogy and instructional practice in the clarinet.	\$2,200.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA Title II</i>
Leah Jones Swanger	Provide professional development for band teachers at MHS to improve their pedagogy and instructional practices in the French horn.	\$1,925.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA Title II</i>
Color Me Mine	Provide a pottery painting class for Village Elementary and Upper Middle School Title I students.	\$1,400.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA Title I</i>
Stephanie Van Huss	Provide two (2) days of professional develop for Montgomery High School staff to train on how to integrate theater arts and environmental science.	\$1,500.00
Teaching Strategies, LLC (“TS”)	Provide twelve (12) hours of professional development to staff on Creative Curriculum for Preschool.	\$7,590.00 <i>To be funded by ARP ESSER</i>
Michael Ochs, LLC	Provide one (1) day of professional development on best practices in teaching on vocabulary development and acquisition.	\$2,300.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA Title II</i>

2.6 Intellectual Disabilities Program - Approve the elimination of the Intellectual Disabilities Program for students ages 8-11 (Renamed the Learning-Language Disabilities Program).

3.0 OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND FINANCE

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

3.1 Acceptance of the Financial Reports

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Board of Education of the Montgomery School District to certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Board of Education of the Montgomery Township School District receive and accept the monthly financial statement, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending January 31, 2024 are presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Montgomery Township School District acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending January 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and the Board of Education certifies that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the District's financial obligation.

3.2 Approval of Transfers

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line item accounts for each line item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy 6422 designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board and be reported to the Board, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, transfers were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers through January 31, 2024 within the 2023-2024 school year budget, as approved by the Superintendent, so that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district's financial obligations, as requested by various district;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Montgomery Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Board President and School Business Administrator to sign any documents on behalf of the Montgomery Board of Education with regards to exercising the intent of this resolution.

3.3 Approval of Bill List Fiscal Year 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Board of Educations to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

WHEREAS, a list of bills dated February 27, 2024 is being presented to the board with the recommendation that they be ratified and paid respectively; and

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery Township Board of Education approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of \$11,320,099.84 and

General Account	\$10,980,600.90
Food Service Account	\$ 339,498.94
TOTAL	\$11,320,099.84

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the list of bills is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montgomery Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 6470 – Payment of Claims.

3.4 Travel Reimbursement – 2023-2024 – Approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the travel reimbursement list dated 2/27/24.

3.5 Renewal of Bus Routes - approve the renewal of Bid B23-14, multi-contract KTT23 to Montgomery HS, Montgomery Upper MS, Montgomery Lower MS, and Orchard Hill Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year to Krapf School Bus-NJN, as follows:

Triple	Route #	2023-2024 Cost	Increase	2024-2025 Cost	Mileage +/-
TT24	23H	31,059.32	1,804.55	32,863.87	1.25
	9UM	31,059.32	1,804.55	32,863.87	1.25
	10R	31,059.32	1,804.55	32,863.87	1.25
TT11	25H	31,059.32	1,804.55	32,863.87	1.25
	4LM	31,059.32	1,804.55	32,863.87	1.25
	9R	31,059.32	1,804.55	32,863.87	1.25

- 3.6 Renewal of Bus Routes - approve the renewal of Bid B19-07, multi-contract RTT19 to Montgomery HS, Montgomery Lower MS, and Orchard Hill Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year to Krapf School Bus-NJN, Inc. as follows:

Triple	Route #	2023-2024 Cost	Increase	2024-2025 Cost	Mileage +/-
TT7	11H	30,986.93	1,800.34	32,787.27	1.95
	17LM	29,129.08	1,692.40	30,821.48	1.95
	3R	26,621.00	1,546.68	28,167.68	1.95
TT8	14H	30,986.93	1,800.34	32,787.27	1.95
	13LM	29,129.08	1,692.40	30,821.48	1.95
	8R	26,621.00	1,546.68	28,168.68	1.95
TT9	15H	30,986.93	1,800.34	32,787.27	1.95
	7LM	29,129.08	1,692.40	30,821.48	1.95
	7R	26,621.00	1,546.68	28,167.68	1.95

- 3.7 Renewal of Bus Routes - approve the renewal of Bid B24-03, multi-contract KTT24 to Montgomery HS, Montgomery Upper MS, Montgomery Lower MS, Village Elementary School, and Orchard Hill Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year to Krapf School Bus-NJN, Inc. as follows:

Triple	Route #	2023-2024 Cost	Increase	2024-2025 Cost	Mileage +/-
TT1	2H	31,800.60	1,847.61	33,648.21	1.89
	15LM	31,800.60	1,847.61	33,648.21	1.89
	16R	31,798.80	1,847.51	33,646.31	1.89
TT10	22H	31,800.60	1,847.61	33,648.21	1.89
	21UM	31,800.60	1,847.61	33,648.21	1.89
	17V	31,798.80	1,847.51	33,646.31	1.89
TT41	12H	31,800.60	1,847.61	33,648.21	1.89
	16UM	31,800.60	1,847.61	33,648.21	1.89
	14V	31,798.80	1,847.51	33,646.31	1.89
TT42	21H	31,800.60	1,847.61	33,648.21	1.89
	5UM	31,800.60	1,847.61	33,648.21	1.89
	4V	31,798.80	1,847.51	33,646.31	1.89

- 3.8 New Jersey Cooperative Bid (Educational Data Services) - Approval of the award of bids received by Educational Service Commission of Morris County, Morris Plains, NJ on behalf of the New Jersey Cooperative Bid Members for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bid #</u>
General Classroom Supplies	Cascade School Supplies, Inc.	99248

Audio Visual Supplies	Adorama Inc.	A12273
	Bluum USA Inc.	12273
	Camcor, Inc.	CC12273
	Impex Mirco Inc.	21383
	Paper Clips Inc.	12273
	PC University Dist. Inc.	12273
	United Supply Corp.	NJ12273AVS
	Pure Tek Group Inc.	EDS12273
Athletic Supplies	Riddell DBA All American Sports	140420
	BSN Sports LLC.	3085614
	School Specialty LLC	Q382685
	Sportsman's DBA George L Heider Inc.	12340
	United Supply Corp.	NJ12340AS
	Riddell DBA All American Sports Corp.	139001
	W.B Mason Co Inc.	EDS NJS#12307
Custodial Supplies	Brookaire Comp. LLC	QUO71053
	Central Poly-Bag Corp.	187023
	Cooper Friedman Electric Supply	S052914493
	Donna Jana Enterprizes LLC/ My Price Supply	12225NJPREBI2024
	Farrar Filter Company Inc.	FFC2625
	Interboro Packaging Corp.	12225
	John A Earl Inc.	12225
	Metco Supply Inc.	12225cu928
	Pure Tek Group Inc.	EDS12332
	Tri State LED DE LLC	TS12332
	United Sales USA Corp	USED12225
	United Supply Corp.	NJ12225CS
	W.B Mason Co Inc.	0301
	WW Grainger Inc.	12225
	Family Consumer Science Supplies	NASCO Education LLC
S.A.N.E.		23200
United Supply Corp.		NJ12271FCSS
Fine Arts Supplies	Blick Art Materials LLC	QD20EDS-NJ-24
	Cascade School Supplies	51549
	Ceramic Supply Inc.	CSI12270
	NASCO Education LLC	58571
	School Specialty, LLC	Q378298
	W.B. Mason Co Inc.	EDSNJFA#12270

Health & Trainer Supplies	BSN Sports	3085574
	Henry Schein Inc.	67802
	MD Buying Group LLC	12274
	Medco Supply DBA Performance Health Supply, Inc.	ESTMD3107854
	School Health Corporation	4256158
	Winning Teams by Nissel LLC	1341
Library Supplies	Cascade School Supplies, Inc.	51554
	DEMCO, Inc.	C80901
	The Library Store, Inc.	NJEDS
Math Supplies	EAI Education/Eric Armin Inc.	12282
	NASCO Education LLC	58574
	United Supply Corp.	NJ12282MS
Music	K & S Music Inc.	12463
	Music & Arts DBA Guitar Center Store Inc.	12463
	Music in Motion	CRM2607
	Washington Music Sales Inc.	12275
	West Music Comp.	12275
Office/Computer Supplies	Staples Inc. DBA Staples Contract & Commercial LLC	SPLS12330
Photography Supplies	Adorama Inc.	12276
	Metco Supply Inc.	12276ph919
	Impex Micro Inc.	21382
Physical Education Supplies	BSN Sports, LLC	3085564
	NASCO Education LLC	58575
	S&S Worldwide Inc.	1227724PE
	School Health Corporation	4260687
	School Specialty, LLC	Q-379795
	United Supply Corp.	NJ12277PES
Rocketry	Electronix Express	SS12278
	Metco Supply Inc.	12278ro928
	Midwest Technology Products	2140638
	Pitsco Education	800320
Science Supplies	Carolina Biological Supply, Co.	P105868
	Arbor Scientific Inc.	12464
	EAI Education DBA Eric Armin Inc.	12248
	Fisher Scientific Co., LLC dba Fisher Science	NJEDDATA

Science Supplies (Continued)

Flinn Scientific Inc.	286785
NASCO Education LLC	58576
PARCO Scientific Company	PQA113451
Pitsco Education LLC	800312
School Specialty, LLC	Q378121
Ward's Science/VWR International, LLC	8032217329
United Supply Corp.	NJ12248SCIENCE

Special Needs

Charles J. Becker & Bro Inc.	12279
NASCO Education LLC	58579
S&S Worldwide Inc.	1227924SN
School Health Corporation	4260687
School Specialty, LLC	Q380676
Super Duper Inc. dba Super Duper Publications	ED DATANJ
United Supply Corp.	NJ12279SN

Teaching Aids

Charles J. Becker & Bro.	12280
Cascade School Supplies Discount School Supply/Early	51555
EAI Education/Eric Armin Inc.	12280
Kaplan Early Learning Company	12280
Kurtz Bros. Inc.	E0252B/23
Lakeshore Equipment Co./Lakeshore Learning Materials LLC	12280
NASCO Education Inc.	58580
Really Good Stuff, LLC	12280
School Specialty, Inc.	Q380689
S & S Worldwide, Inc.	1228024TA
Teachers Discovery Inc./American Eagle Co Inc.	12280
United Supply Corp.	NJ12280TA

Technology Supplies

Electronix Express	SS12269
Klingspor Corp	12269
Metco Supply Inc.	12269te919
Midwest Technology Products	2140551
Paxton Patterson, LLC	B769499
Pitsco Education	800316
United Supply Corp.	NJ12269TS

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) between the Board and the Parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, and which Agreement is located in the student’s file, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

- 3.10 Revision to SCESC Delegate - It is recommended that the Board of Education elect Ms. Ania Wolecka-Jernigan as delegate to the Somerset County Educational Services Commission with Ms. Joanna Filak as an alternate delegate.

- 3.11 Approve King Educational Consulting Inc. to conduct an independent investigation on behalf of the Board of Education – Approve King Educational Consulting, Inc. to conduct an independent investigation on behalf of the Board of Education for \$6,604.00.

4.0 PERSONNEL

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve Personnel Resolutions which may include: Resignations/Retirements, Leaves of Absence, Appointments of Staff, Transfers Voluntary/Involuntary, Appointments Funded ESSER Grant, Appointments Funded by ESEA Grant, Appointments of Mentor Teachers, Appointments of SOAR, Appointments of Substitutes, Appointments of Visual and Performing Arts, Tuition Reimbursement, Appointments of Co-Curricular, Appointments of Extra Curricular Activities, and Other following discussion in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS FROM PUBLIC

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CLOSING DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT