

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

**Meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 2017
6:45 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**

2016-2017 District Goals

- Goal 1: Growth in Achievement for All Students
- Goal 2: Cultivating a Culture that Emphasizes Student Resilience, Perseverance, Awareness, and Growth
- Goal 3: Planning for Growth While Employing Fiscal Responsibility
- Goal 4: Develop Three-to-Five Year Strategic Plan for District

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 5, 2017. 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 related to personnel, harassment, intimidation and bullying incidents, special education litigation and negotiations with the Association of Principals and Supervisors of Montgomery Township. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the matters will be disclosed to the public.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 7:30pm

SALUTE THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

PRESENTATION

District Goals Update – Montgomery High School

COMMITTEE/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Representative Reports

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

Board Committee Reports

- Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report
- Operations, Facilities and Finance Committee Report
- Human Resources and Negotiations Committee Report
- Communications 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 or any other business** for a maximum of five (5) minutes during this period of the meeting.

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

1. December 15, 2016 Executive Session Meeting
2. December 15, 2016 Special Meeting
3. December 20, 2016 Executive Session Meeting
4. December 20, 2016 Workshop and Business Meeting

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT JANUARY 24, 2017 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - Attachment

ACTION AGENDA

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:

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report

3.0 FINANCE

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

3.1 Travel Reimbursement – 2016/2017 – approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

3.2 Participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program – approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Montgomery Township Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas, the Montgomery Township Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas, extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas, many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

Whereas, Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety and prosperity of our children.

Whereas, the Montgomery Township Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”), based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools

Whereas, Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives and community partnerships.

Whereas, the Montgomery Township Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

Therefore, it is resolved that the Montgomery Township Board of Education agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, and it is the board's intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint the Business Administrator to be the district's liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

We do hereby recognize Montgomery High School, Montgomery Upper Middle School, Montgomery Lower Middle School, Village Elementary School and Orchard Hill Elementary School as the agents to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions.

We agree to complete district actions and to support the district's schools in completing their actions.

3.3 Appointments – The Board President will make the following committee assignments for 2017:

- Members of the Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction Committee (ACI);
- External Affairs/Communications Committee (EAC);
- Members of the Operations, Facilities and Finance Committee (OFF);
- Members of the Human Resources and Negotiations Committee (HRNC);
- Members of the Policy Committee;
- Legislative Liaison for the purpose of receiving materials;
- Board liaisons to the Montgomery Township PTSA;
- Liaison to the Montgomery Township-Rocky Hill Municipal Alliance Committee;
- Voting member and alternate to the New Jersey School Boards Association;
- Member and alternate to the Executive Committee of the Somerset County School Boards Association.

3.4 Election of Delegate - It is recommended that the Board of Education elect _____ as delegate to the Somerset County Educational Services Commission and _____ as alternate delegate.

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