

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Tuesday, July 15, 2025
5:30 p.m. Executive Session
7:00 p.m. Public Session

Orchard Hill Elementary School Cafeteria

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

2024-2025 District Goals

- Goal 1: The Student Experience: Student Achievement, Teaching and Learning
To cultivate a learning community that is safe, comprehensive, and customized to provide a balanced academic, creative, and engaging experience to prepare students to make an impact on the future.
- Goal 2: Communication, Community Engagement, and Outreach
Increase community engagement by improving two-way communication so that all community members are well-informed and feel connected.
- Goal 3: Climate and Culture (Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) – Cultural Sensitivity, Health and Wellness, Resilience)
Enhance the social-emotional learning environment to support the development and resiliency of all learners.

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 9, 2025 and July 11, 2025. 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, 4, 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

- 2024 New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment Results Presentation

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)

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

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| 1. June 17, 2025 | Executive Session I |
| 2. June 17, 2025 | Executive Session II |
| 3. June 17, 2025 | Business Meeting |
| 4. June 19, 2025 | Special Meeting |
| 5. June 30, 2025 | Special Meeting |

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

1. Email dated 6/13/25 from C. Manente regarding out of district sports.
2. Email dated 7/10/25 from S. Varanasi regarding classroom task.

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 Second Reading – Accept and adopt the following policies following a second reading:

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| 3134 | Assignment of Extra Duties |
| 7130 | School Closing |

1.3 District Goals - Approve the following District Goals for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

Goal 1: The Student Experience - Student Achievement, Teaching, and Learning

MTSD will advance student learning and engagement by integrating UDL principles and personalized instruction, fostering authentic, real-world experiences driven by a revised Portrait of a Graduate. We will continue our work expanding community partnerships, refining core curricula through content analysis, and strategically building internal capacity for professional development.

Goal 2: Communication, Community Engagement, and Outreach

MTSD is dedicated to enhancing district-community communication to foster stronger relationships essential for student success. Based on survey data and stakeholder feedback, we will prioritize refining communication tools while maintaining a strong connection with our township partners.

Goal 3: Climate and Culture (Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) - Cultural Sensitivity, Health and Wellness, Resilience)

MTSD is committed to nurturing a healthy school climate and supporting student well-being through proactive programming, responsive interventions, and an inclusive curriculum. We will maintain our focus on addressing the potential risks of technology and social media, administer an annual climate survey to highlight areas of strength and growth, and intentionally recognize students who exemplify the core values we uphold.

2.0 **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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

2.1 Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Learning Plan – Approve the Emergency Virtual or Remote Learning Plan for the Montgomery Township School District for the 2025-2026 school year.

2.2 MHS Senior Class 2026 Trip Approval – Approve the Montgomery High School Senior Class Trip 2026 to Orlando, Florida, from March 2, 2026 to March 7, 2026, at no cost to the Montgomery Township School District.

2.3 Out-of-District Placements: 2024-2025 - Approve the following Out-of-District placement for the 2024-2025 School Year:

Student ID	School	TUITION			
		Dates	ESY	RSY	Total for Year
108185	Nuview Academy 1:1 Aide	5/12/25-6/30/25		\$6,552.00	\$6,552.00

2.4 Out-of-District Placements: 2025-2026 - Approve the following Out-of-District placements for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Student ID	School	Dates	TUITION		
			ESY	RSY	Total for Year
108185	Nuview Academy 1:1 Aide	7/1/25 -6/30/26		\$75,180.00 \$52,920.00	\$128,100.00
105366	Newgrange School	7/1/25 – 6/30/26	\$10,502.10	\$64,412.88	\$74,914.98
108103	Newgrange School	9/4/25 – 6/30/26		\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
105165	The Rock Brook School 1:1 Aide	7/7/25 – 6/30/26	-\$10,963.00 -\$7,375.00	-\$78,933.60 -\$53,100.00	-\$150,371.00
105165	The Midland School 1:1 Aide	7/7/25 – 6/30/26	\$14,212.50 \$5,850.00	\$85,275.00 \$35,100.00	\$140,437.50
107217	The Eden School 1:1 Aide	7/1/25 – 6/30/26	-\$19,576.26 -\$7,920.00	-\$109,745.70 - \$44,400.00	-\$181,641.96
107217	The Eden School Extended Day Program	7/1/25 – 6/30/26	\$19,576.26 \$1,118.00	\$109745.70 \$6,278.00	\$136,717.96

2.5 Independent Evaluations Reimbursement Costs - Approve the reimbursement costs for independent evaluation requests for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Independent Evaluations Reimbursement Costs	AAC Evaluations	\$1,000.00/evaluation
	Social History Evaluation	\$230.00/evaluation
	Occupational Therapy (OT) Evaluation	\$381.00/evaluation
	Physical Therapy (PT) Evaluation	\$381.00/evaluation
	Educational, Psychological, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech/Language	\$500.00/evaluation
	Psychoeducational, Neurological, Psychiatric	\$800.00/evaluation
	Function Behavior Assessment (FBA)	\$700.00/evaluation
	LDTC Evaluation	\$400.00/evaluation
	Psychological Evaluation	\$400.00/evaluation
	Social Evaluation	\$400.00/evaluation
	Speech/Language Evaluation	\$400.00/evaluation
	Neurodevelopmental Evaluations	\$700.00/each

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 May 31, 2025 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 May 31, 2025; 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 May 31, 2025 within the 2024-2025 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 – June 2025

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 July 15, 2025 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 \$8,122,784.34 and

General Account	\$7,944,474.53
Food Service Account	\$178,309.81
TOTAL	\$8,122,784.34

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 Approval of Bill List – July 2025

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 July 15, 2025 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 \$1,336,086.12 and

General Account	\$1,336,086.12
Food Service Account	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$1,336,086.12

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.

- 3.5 Travel Reimbursement – 2025-2026 – Approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the travel reimbursement as per Schedules A dated 7/15/25.
- 3.6 Approval of New Jersey School Boards Association Annual Membership Dues - It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) annual membership dues, in the amount not to exceed \$28,154.98.
- 3.7 Approval of Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP Agreement – It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount not to exceed \$5,015.00.
- 3.8 Renewal of Agreement with School Accounting Services, LLC – It is recommended that the Board of Education renew the agreement with School Accounting Services, LLC for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$125 per hour as needed.
- 3.9 Approval for Systems 3000 – It is recommended that the Board of Education renew the contract with Systems 3000, which is our accounting, payroll and personnel software provider, for check stub upload and annual hosting and backup fees July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Systems 3000, Inc. Eatontown, NJ	\$15,257.40

- 3.10 Approval for the Purchase of Cameras/Control Boxes/Installation from Safety Vision LLC. - It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of cameras/ control boxes and the installation for the Montgomery Township School District Transportation dept. for the buses. The vendor is a sole source provider and is enter in on behalf of CO-OP ESCNJ 24/25 - 09 for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Safety Vision LLC. Houston, TX	\$34,649.12

- 3.11 Approval for the purchase of 1 Ariens Mammoth 850 w/Attachments from Power Place Inc.- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 1 Ariens Mammoth model 850 w/7 attachments for the removal of snow for OHES and VES locations for the 24/25 school year totaling 31,945.87 entered into on behalf of ESCNJ Co-Op 22/23-12 as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Power Place Inc. Whitehouse Station, NJ	\$31,945.87

- 3.12 Approve CDWG- Government- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve CDWG for google Workplace for education subscription for students/staff and membership collaborative throughout district. CDWG is entered in on behalf of Co-op ESCNJ/AEPA -22G for the 25/26 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDWG-Government Chicago, IL	\$22,400.00

- 3.13 Approve Rubicon Atlas- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Rubicon Atlas for curriculum management software for the district. Rubicon Atlas is a sole source provider.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rubicon Atlas Portland, OR	\$20,095.95

- 3.14 Approve SHI International- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Shi International for GoGuardian Admin, student account monitoring and GoGuardian software products for VES, LMS, and UMS. SHI is entered into on behalf of co-op E-8801-NJSBA ACES CPS for the 25/26 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SHI International Somerset, NJ	\$27,720.00

- 3.15 Approve Ackerson Drapery & Décor- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Ackerson Drapery & Décor for the flame proofing and dry cleaning of Stage curtains per fire inspection standards. This vendor is entered in on behalf of Co-Op ESCNJ 22/23-39 for the 24/25 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ackerson Drapery & Décor Lakewood, NJ	\$44,472.24

- 3.16 Approve Purchase from MAP Restaurant Supplies – It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of kitchen and serving line equipment from MAP Restaurant Supplies for Montgomery High School and Lower Middle School in the amount not to exceed \$128,848.22. Pricing is approved through the Food Service Smallwares Supplies and Equipment Bid #ESCNJ 24/25-18 through NJ State Approved Co-Op #65MCESSCCPS.
- 3.17 Approve a Parental Contract for Transportation to Collier High School- It is recommended the Board of Education approve the parental contract to transport a student to Collier High School (PT2) for the 25-26 school year for the amount of \$22,800.00.
- 3.18 Approve a Parental Contract for Transportation to Eden Institute- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the parental contract (PT3) to transport a student to Eden Institute for the 25-26 school year for the amount of \$24,200.00.
- 3.19 Approval of Copier Lease Agreement – It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the copier lease and service agreement with Municipal Capital Finance, under NJ State Contract #25-COMG-99562, in the amount of \$9,694.76 per month for sixty (60) months, not to exceed \$116,337.12 annually.
- 3.20 Approve Teachtown- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Teachtown for the purchase of enCORE K-12 Student Sub Standard Package software in the amount of \$18,750.00.
- 3.21 Approve Alternate Method of Pre-K/Kindergarten Classroom Toilet Compliance –
- RESOLVED that the Montgomery Township Board of Education approves the use of the alternate method of compliance for (3) Pre-K/Kindergarten toilets in accordance with NJAC 6A:26-6.3(h)4ii by providing a toilet room outside the classroom in lieu of an individual toilet in the classroom;

WHEREAS, the students will be supervised and/or escorted to the lavatory.

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 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

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages input from the public. Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to bring any **NEW BUSINESS** to the Board 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 potential liability on the part of the speaker, the board discourages defamatory and discourteous remarks.

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CLOSING DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT