

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Tuesday, July 16, 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 July 11, 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, 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 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)
- Officers’ Report

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

1. June 11, 2024 Executive Session Meeting
2. June 11, 2024 Workshop and Business Meeting
3. June 25, 2024 Executive Session Meeting
4. June 25, 2024 Business Meeting

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

1. Email dated 6/28/24 from S. Korala regarding tennis facilities
2. Email dated 7/2/24 from N. Wolfson regarding high school start time

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 Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP) Extension - Statement of Assurance 2024-2025 – Approve the submission of the Statement of Assurance for the Comprehensive Equity Plan to extend implementation of the current CEP for one year for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 1.3 Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) Three Year Plan, 2024-2027 - Approve the Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) Three Year Plan for multi-lingual learners for the 2024-2027 school years.
- 1.4 Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Learning Plan – Approve the Emergency Virtual or Remote Learning Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

- 2.1 MHS Senior Class 2025 Trip Approval - Approve the MHS Senior Class Trip 2025 to Orlando, Florida, from March 4, 2025 to March 8, 2025, at no cost to the Montgomery Township School District.
- 2.2 Science Olympiad Team Field Trips Approval – Approve the field trips for the MHS Science Olympiad Team to participate in Regional Invitational Competitions, at no cost to the Montgomery Township School District, to be held as follows:

Competition Site	Competition Dates
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	November 15 – 16, 2024
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA	January 24 – 25, 2025

- 2.3 Consultant Approvals: 2024-2025 - Approve the following consultants for the 2024-2025 School Year:

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
Rich Kiker	Provide professional development on the effective use of AI in education for school leaders.	\$1,750.00 <i>To be funded by ARP ESSER</i>
IDE Corp.	Provide professional development for administrators on team culture.	\$1,130.50 <i>To be funded by ARP ESSER</i>
United Therapy Solutions	BCBA Homecare	\$175.00/per hour
New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Educational Services –Level 1 Educational Services - Level 2 Educational Services – Level 3 Educational Services – Level 4	\$2,420.00/ per year \$5,775.00/per year \$16,060.00/per year \$18,249.00/per year
Venture One Solutions	SpeechTherapyPlans.com Basic Plan	\$227.00/each

2.4 Out-of-District Placements: 2024-2025 - Approve the following Out-of-District placements for the 2024-2025 School Year:

Student ID	School	Dates	TUITION		
			ESY	RSY	Total for Year
107516	The Bridge Academy	6/17/24 – 6/30/25	\$4,500.00	\$55,265.40	\$59,765.40
102962	The Bridge Academy	6/17/24 – 6/30/25	\$4,500.00	\$55,265.40	\$59,765.40
102163	The Bridge Academy	9/3/24 – 6/30/25		\$55,265.40	\$55,265.40
107770	The Center School	9/5/24 – 6/17/25		\$82,985.40	\$82,985.40
106729	Morris-Union Jointure Develop. Learning Center-Warren	6/26/24 – 6/30/25	\$17,479.00	\$104,875.00	\$122,354.00
105621	Princeton Child Development Institute	8/5/24 – 6/12/25	\$6,700.00	\$120,600.00	\$127,300.00
107096	Princeton Child Development Institute	7/8/24 – 6/12/25	\$20,100.00	\$120,600.00	\$140,700.00
104608	Mercer County Special Services – Home Instruction	7/1/2024 – As needed			\$92.00/hour Not to exceed 70 hours
104443	Collier School	7/8/24-6/19/25	\$11,610.00	\$69,660.00	\$81,270.00
105366	The Newgrange School	7/1/24 – 6/19/25	\$11,086.80	\$67,999.04	\$79,085.84

- 2.5 NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired: 2024-2025 - Approve the following services from the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the following students for the 2024-2025 School Year:

STUDENT ID	SERVICE PROVIDER	DATES	TOTAL
109262	NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	9/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	\$2,420.00
104391	NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	9/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	\$2,420.00
104524	NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	9/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	\$2,420.00

- 2.6 Special Olympics New Jersey (SONJ) Grant for the 2024-2025 School Year -

Accept grant money in the amount of \$3,000 from SONJ for Unified Champion Schools (UCS) for Montgomery High School.

Accept grant money in the amount of \$2,000 from SONJ for Unified Champion Schools (UCS) for Montgomery Lower Middle School.

Accept grant money in the amount of \$750 from SONJ for Unified Champion Schools (UCS) for Montgomery Village Elementary School.

- 2.7 Out-of-District Tuition Student – Accept Student #109446 for tenth grade at the Board-approved tuition rate for the 2024-2025 school year.

3.0 OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND FINANCE

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

- 3.1 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 June 30, 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 \$_____ and

General Account	\$
Food Service Account	\$
TOTAL	\$

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.

3.2 Approval of Bill List Fiscal Year 2025

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WHEREAS, a list of bills dated July 16, 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;

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3.3 Travel Reimbursement – 2024-2025 – Approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the travel reimbursement as per Schedules A through G dated 7/16/24.

3.4 Authorize Execution and Delivery of the Grant Agreements – Authorize execution and delivery of the grant agreements between the Montgomery Township Board of Education and the New Jersey Schools Development Authority for the following projects:

School: Montgomery High School
Project Description: HVAC System Upgrades
DOE Project #: 3320-030-23-R501
SDA Project #: 3320-030-23-G5MZ
Grant #: G5-6741
Total Project Cost: \$1,790,250
Grant Amount: \$716,100

School: Montgomery Lower Middle School
Project Description: HVAC System Upgrades
DOE Project #: 3320-045-23-R501
SDA Project #: 3320-045-23-G5NA
Grant #: G5-6742
Total Project Cost: \$1,989,100
Grant Amount: \$795,640

School: Montgomery Upper Middle School
Project Description: Roofs
DOE Project #: 3320-070-23-R501
SDA Project #: 3320-070-23-G5NB
Grant #: G5-6743
Total Project Cost: \$1,923,150
Grant Amount: \$769,260

School: Montgomery Upper Middle School
Project Description: HVAC System Upgrades
DOE Project #: 3320-070-23-R502
SDA Project #: 3320-070-23-G5NC
Grant #: G5-6744
Total Project Cost: \$465,050
Grant Amount: \$186,020

3.5 Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for Supervision of the School Facilities Projects – Approve delegation of authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the school facilities projects for the following projects:

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- 3.6 Approval of the Purchase of Two Wrestling Mats from G & G Athletic Wear DBA Coaches Corner – Approve the purchase of two (42’x42’) wrestling mats at \$10,175.00 each for a total of \$20,350.00 from G & G Athletic Wear DBA Coaches Corner for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G & G Athletic Wear	\$10,175.00 each
DBA Coaches Corner	Total for (2) \$20,350.00
Delray Beach, FL	

- 3.7 Approval of the Purchase of Renaissance Educational Software – Approve the purchase of Renaissance Educational Software (myON, Renaissance Freckle, and Renaissance Star 360) for districtwide Math/Literacy Assessment/Intervention software and digital library from September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025 as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Renaissance Learning	\$138,037.75
Wisconsin Rapids, WI	

- 3.8 Approval of (2) Exmark Zero Turn Mowers from Power Place, Inc. – Approve the purchase of two Exmark Zero Turn Lawn Mowers from Power Place, Inc. for a total of \$94,687.48 entered in on behalf of CO-OP HCESC CAT SER 23-06 for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Power Place, Inc.	Exmark 96” Cut Diesel \$47,343.74 each
Whitehouse Station, NJ	8ft cut Zero Turn Mower Total for (2): \$94,687.48

- 3.9 Approval of Agile Sports Technologies Inc. – Approve Agile Sports Technologies DBA Hudl to video the 2024-2025 sports season games for the MTSD as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Agile Sports Technologies, Inc.	\$13,000.00
DBA Hudl	
Lincoln, NE	

3.10 Approval for CDW Purchase of Google Workplace – Approve the purchase of Google Workplace for all of the Montgomery Township schools for \$21,150.00 entered into on behalf of ESCNJ/AEPA-22G for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDW	\$21,150.00
Chicago, IL	

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