

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

**Meeting, Tuesday, June 13, 2017
5:30 p.m. Public Session
6:30 p.m. Executive Session
Village Elementary School Cafeteria**

**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 and June 6, 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.

SALUTE THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

5:30 pm - 2016-2017 District Retirements

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is recommended that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing items related to personnel, negotiations, harassment, intimidation and bullying incidents, a special education litigation matter and superintendent's merit goals. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the matters will be disclosed to the public.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 7:30pm

- MHS Boys Tennis – Group 4 State Champions & Tournament of Champions Winner
- MHS Boys Doubles Team – State Doubles Champions
- MHS Boys Lacrosse – Group 4 State Champions
- MHS Girls Track & Field – State High Jump Champion
- Somerset County Superintendent of the Year – Nancy H. Gartenberg
Presented by Nick Markarian, President and Jordan Schiff, Vice-President
Somerset County Association of School Administrators

PRESENTATION

- MHS Courtyard Redesign – Presentation by Vishaka Nayak

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.

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. May 9, 2017 Executive Session Meeting
2. May 9, 2017 Workshop and Business Meeting
3. May 23, 2017 Executive Session Meeting
4. May 23, 2017 Business Meeting

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT JUNE 27, 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

1.2 Resolution Recognizing Somerset County Superintendent of the Year -

Whereas, the Montgomery Township Board of Education is desirous of recognizing educational excellence.

Whereas, the Somerset County Association of School Administrators has selected Superintendent Nancy Gartenberg as the 2017 Somerset County Superintendent of the Year.

Whereas, this accolade is being bestowed upon Superintendent Gartenberg in acknowledgement of her outstanding leadership and contributions in the field of education.

Whereas, in 2012, Superintendent Gartenberg was appointed superintendent of Montgomery Township School District.

Whereas, prior to joining Montgomery Township School District, Superintendent Gartenberg served as the Superintendent of South Hunterdon Regional High School District from 2007-2012, Assistant Principal and then Principal of the JP Case Middle School in the Flemington-Raritan School District, and middle school teacher in Hamilton Township.

Whereas, during Superintendent Gartenberg's tenure in Montgomery Township School District, she commissioned a special education program review that yielded two areas in need of focus for the future. One area was the need to further build district capacity with regard to our autism programming and the other area was to build district capacity in the area of reading, specifically to support students with dyslexia. This review resulted in a

significant cost savings to the district while creating an incredibly strong special education department in addition the creation of a reading interventionist K-12.

Whereas, Superintendent Gartenberg has worked to pass a 18.5 million dollar bond referendum with close to 40% funding from the State.

Whereas, Superintendent Gartenberg is a staunch supporter of the arts and music programs where over 55% of Montgomery students participate in the music program, which supported the construction of a new Band Room at Village Elementary School.

Whereas, Superintendent Gartenberg advocated for full implementation of Columbia University Teacher's College Reading and Writing program in 2013 for K-8 staff so that all students are exposed to research-based and consistent reading and writing instruction.

Whereas, Superintendent Gartenberg created a partnership with Rutgers School of Labor Management for Montgomery Township School District to be one of seven school districts in New Jersey working collaboratively with the teachers association to advance student achievement.

Whereas, Superintendent Gartenberg believes in the academic as well as the social and emotional learning, goals of students and leads the District's Strategic Planning process that helped for the Portrait of a Graduate that will shape the district's next 3-5 years.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Montgomery Township School District hereby extends its congratulations and appreciation to Superintendent Nancy Gartenberg as the 2017 Somerset County Superintendent of the Year.

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the curriculum & instruction agenda as follows: NONE

3.0 FINANCE

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

- 3.1 Travel Reimbursement – 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 – approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.
- 3.2 Appointment of School Physician – It is recommended that the Montgomery Township Board of Education appoint Dr. Bert Mandelbaum as school physician for the 2017-2018 school year at the cost of \$20,000.
- 3.3 Revised Award of Rebid – District-Wide Gymnasium Upgrades at Orchard Hill Elementary School and Upper Montgomery Middle School (Rebid #CP18-10/PSA-6423OH1/6423OH2/ 6423UMS) – Bids were received on April 20, 2017 for district-wide gymnasium upgrades at Orchard Hill Elementary School and Upper Montgomery Middle School as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate No. 1</u>
De Sapia Construction, Inc. Frenchtown, NJ	\$578,000.00	Deduct-\$30,000.00
Cypreco Industries, Inc. Neptune, NJ	\$613,000.00	Deduct-\$14,000.00
Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc. Neptune City, NJ	\$689,000.00	Deduct-\$25,000.00

Whereas, the Base Bid is within the district’s budget for this project, and;

Whereas, the district would like to create the same surface for both of the Orchard Hill Elementary School gymnasiums;

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Education revise the award of the Rebid #CP18-10 (PSA-6423OH1/6423OH2/ 6423UMS) for district wide gymnasium upgrades at Orchard Hill Elementary School and Upper Montgomery Middle School as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
De Sapia Construction, Inc. Frenchtown, NJ	\$578,000.00

3.4 Receipt and Rejection of Request for Proposal – Information Technology Management Services (RFP18-01) – Proposals were received on June 6, 2017 for information technology management services as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Pitt Bull Secure Technologies Summerhill, PA	\$147,500.00
Dynamic Strategies Cranbury, NJ	\$198,600.00

It is recommended the Board of Education reject all bids received pursuant to 18A:18A-22d since the Board of Education wants to substantially revise the specifications for these services.

3.5 Information Technology Management Services - approve the following resolution regarding information technology management services:

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) is desirous of retaining an information technology firm to perform Information Technology Management Services for the Board (hereinafter referred to as the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A:-4.1 (b)(2) allows boards of education to use “competitive contracting” in lieu of public bidding for such Services; and

WHEREAS, the Board is seeking specific proposals from interested information technology firms that are capable of successfully providing such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to substantially revise the specifications for the request for proposals from qualified vendors interested and capable of providing the Services desired.
 2. The Board President and the Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.
- 3.6 Settlement Agreement– Approve the following resolution pertaining to a special education settlement agreement:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release 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 Settlement Agreement and Release and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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