

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

**Meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. Public Session**

**Board of Education Office – Large Conference Room**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

2022-2023 District Goals

- Goal 1: Academic - Increase the understanding and implementation of *Universal Design for Learning*, a framework that guides the design of learning experiences to proactively meet the needs of all types of learners, in order to improve student success across all classroom settings.
- Goal 2: Equity - Increase *cultural competency* among administration, staff, and students in order to create a work and learning environment that supports diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Goal 3: SEL - Increase staff training and implementation of research-based, trauma-informed strategies that will decrease stress, promote wellness, build resilience and create a supportive learning environment for all students, administration, and staff.
- Goal 4: Communication - Improve all methods of communication to deliver clear and transparent district messaging to all district stakeholders by leveraging social media platforms, the website, and email blasts to increase engagement with the community.

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 June 15, 2023. 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 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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## **BOARD RETREAT**

- 9:00 9:25 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome** – Ms. Michelle Dowling, MTSD Board Member
- 9:35 a.m. **Introduction** – Dr. Zelda Spence-Wallace, MTSD Board President
- 9:40 a.m. **Who Rules? Robert Does!** – Ms. Gwen Thornton, NJSBA Field Representative
- 10:30 a.m. **Best Practices with how Boards Communicate** – Ms. Gwen Thornton, NJSBA Field Representative
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:25 a.m. **CSA Evaluation/Strategic Planning Options/District Goals Overview** – Ms. Gwen Thornton, NJSBA Field Representative
- 12:10 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **A Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Story** – Mr. Vincent DeLucia, NJSBA Educator-in-Residence
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. **Team Building Activity** – All
- 2:45 p.m. **District Goals/Open Think Tank** – Board Members Only
- 3:30 p.m. **Summary/Closing** – Mr. Patrick Todd, MTSD Board Member 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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 **Retreat Agenda 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 name and address and write both in the notebook 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.

## **ADJOURNMENT**