

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6:00 p.m. Executive Session

7:30 p.m. Public Session

Montgomery Upper Middle School Media Center

WORKSHOP AND BUSINESS 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 January 4, 2023 and May 4, 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 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 – 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE THE FLAG

MTSD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT / PRESENTATIONS

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 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.

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)
- Equity Committee (EC)
- Operations, Facilities and Finance Committee (OFF)
- Policy and Communications Committee (PCC)
- Human Resource Committee (HRC)
- Officers' Report

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

1. Email dated 4/24/23 from J. Church regarding Question on Tomorrow's Agenda
2. Email dated 4/25/23 from J. Church regarding South Africa Travel
3. Email dated 4/26/23 from C. Horn regarding NJEA
4. Email dated 4/27/23 from G. Zayova regarding OPRA
5. Email dated 5/2/23 from S. Atar regarding Support for Joanna Filak
6. Email dated 5/2/23 from A. Shaikh regarding Support for Joanna Filak
7. Email dated 5/2/23 from S. McCoy regarding My Support of Joanna Filak
8. Email dated 5/2/23 from G. Zayova regarding In Support of Joanna Filak
9. Email dated 5/2/23 from J. Church regarding In Support of Joanna Filak
10. Email dated 5/2/23 from H. Kadhim regarding Support for Joanna Filak
11. Email dated 5/2/23 from R. Masoomzadeh-Fard regarding Joanna Filak is a Valued Board Member
12. Email dated 5/2/23 from Q. Zaidi regarding Joanna Filak: Critical Addition to Montgomery BOE
13. Email dated 5/3/23 from J. Dressler regarding Concerned Parent
14. Email dated 5/3/23 from S. Nausheen regarding Support for Joanna Filak as valued board member
15. Email dated 5/3/23 from D. Pomerantz regarding In Support of Joanna Filak
16. Email dated 5/3/23 from L. Rodenbaugh regarding Joanna Filak
17. Email dated 5/3/23 from E. Bialobrzdeski regarding Joanna Filak
18. Email dated 5/3/23 from K. Anderson regarding Kudos to Joanna Filak
19. Email dated 5/3/23 from J. Church regarding OPRA Forms
20. Email dated 5/3/23 from D. Gettinger regarding Support for Joanna
21. Email dated 5/3/23 from D. Gettinger regarding Call for Resignation
22. Email dated 5/3/23 from D. Gettinger regarding Full Day Kindergarten
23. Email dated 5/4/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Africa Trips
24. Email dated 5/4/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Support for Joanna
25. Email dated 5/4/23 from E. regarding Joanna Filak – Invaluable addition to the MTSD BOE
26. Email dated 5/4/23 from J. Maslyn regarding I Support Joanna

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD/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 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 potential 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. 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 report:
 - a. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report
- 1.2 Policy First Reading - Accept the following policies and regulations as a first reading:
 - 5305 Health Services Personnel
 - 5308 Student Health Records
 - 5308R Student Health Records
 - 5310 Health Services
 - 5310R Health Services
- 1.3 Policy Second Reading - Accept and adopt the following policy and regulations following a second reading:
 - 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education
 - 2423R Bilingual and ESL Education
 - 8420.2R Bomb Threats
 - 8420.7R Lockdown Procedures
 - 8420.10R Active Shooter

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

- 2.1 Consultant Approvals: 2022-2023 - Approve the following consultants for the 2022-2023 School Year:

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
Hampton Behavior Health Center	Medical Bedside Instruction	\$61.78/hour

AC Psychological Services	Psychological Evaluation w/Report	\$400.00/each
	Psychological Services	\$50.00/hour
	Social Skills/Counseling	\$50.00/hour
	CST Meeting/Staffings	\$50.00/hour
	Start: May 1, 2023	<i>Not to exceed \$13,600</i>

3.0 OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND FINANCE

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

- 3.1 Approval for Repair/Repaving of Various Parking Lots, Stadiums and roadways at MHS and OHES – Approve the 2” milling, repair/repaving of various parking lots, stadiums and roadways at MHS and OHES (6,225 sq. yards) entered on behalf of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, MCCPC Randolph, NJ as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Schifano Construction Corp. Middlesex, NJ	MCCPC contract # 6 Road resurfacing	Not to Exceed \$118,558.75

- 3.2 Approval of Professional Services Contract – Approve the agreement between Parette Somjen Architects and the Montgomery Township Board of Education for professional services for HVAC Upgrades at Montgomery Early Childhood Center (ECC) in the amount of \$16,500 in accordance with the agreement on file in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

- 3.3 Consultant Approval – Approve the following consultant for the 2022-2023 School Year:

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
The Canning Group, LLC	Provide a team-building training workshop for employees of the Buildings and Grounds Department. The service will be completed by June 30, 2023.	\$950.00

- 3.4 Approval for Energy Solutions Window Tinting – award the contract for the installation of Safety and Security Window Tinting throughout all of the schools in the Montgomery School District as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Energy Solutions Window Tinting East Brunswick, NJ	\$43,995.00

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

ADJOURNMENT