

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

**Meeting, Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

**6:00 p.m. Executive Session**

**7:30 p.m. Public Session**

**Upper Middle School Media Center**

**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

2020-2021 District Goals

- Goal 1: Provide deeper student-teacher-parent connection to allow for continued excellent academic education and emotional well-being of students regardless of mode of instruction during the COVID19 pandemic.
- Goal 2: Revise the Science Curriculum and Structure to reflect new developments and requirements in Science.
- Goal 3: Implement curricular changes to incorporate diversity and inclusion.
- Goal 4: Prioritize our financial resources to drive innovation in ongoing student education.

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 6, 2021 and November 18, 2021. 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

#### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT / PRESENTATIONS

- Upper Middle School - School Leadership Team (SLT)
- Spotlight on Students: UMS Cross Country Girls and Boys Teams and UMS Girls Soccer Team

#### NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD/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 or questions must be directed to the board president. The Board of Education welcomes and encourages input from the public. There are two times during board meetings that the public is invited to speak. One time is now when members of the public are invited to bring any new business to the board for up to a maximum of three minutes per speaker. Later in the meeting there will be a second opportunity to address the board regarding the Action Agenda.

Before you make your comment, please state your name, address and subject matter. Being mindful of privacy rights regarding students and board employees and to avoid any potential liability on the part of the speaker, the board discourages references to specific individuals. While directing your comments or questions to the board president, please understand that the public comment portions of the meeting are not structured as question and answer sessions but rather are offered as opportunities for you to share your thoughts with the board. 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 with the school district before coming to the board for a response. Responses may be provided at the end of this session. However, there are times when comments and questions will require additional information gathering before a response is provided.

## 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 (ACI)
- Anti-Racism and Reform Committee (ARRC)
- Operations, Facilities and Finance Committee (OFF)
- Policy and Communications Committee (PCC)
- Human Resource Committee (HRC)
- President's Report

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. October 26, 2021 | Executive Session Meeting |
| 2. October 26, 2021 | Business Meeting          |

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

1. Email dated 10/21/21 from B. Gibbs regarding Tennis at MHS
2. Email dated 10/26/21 from NJ Education Foundation Partnership regarding NJEFP Member Meeting & Webinar
3. Email dated 10/27/21 from R. Cavalli regarding Questions
4. Email dated 10/27/21 from R. Cavalli regarding MHS Special Education
5. Email dated 10/27/21 from R. Cavalli regarding Questions
6. Email dated 10/28/21 from A. Wolecka-Jernigan regarding Follow up on last BOE meeting
7. Email dated 11/3/21 from NJ Education Foundation Partnership regarding NJEFP Fall Newsletter
8. Email dated 11/5/21 from A. Wolecka-Jernigan regarding Follow up on last BOE meeting
9. Email dated 11/9/21 from R. Jacinto regarding Monty School picture Ids
10. Email dated 11/11/21 from R. Cavalli regarding MHS Special Education
11. Email dated 11/11/21 from D. DeScenza regarding School Nutrition
12. Email dated 11/11/21 from A. Wolecka-Jernigan regarding Follow up on last BOE
13. Email dated 11/16/21 from R. Cavalli regarding Drop Down Analysis
14. Email dated 11/16/21 from R. Cavalli regarding MHS grading and implications
15. Email dated 11/17/21 from Aparna regarding MHS IPEL

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to address the Board regarding the **Action Agenda** for up to a maximum of three (3) minutes during this period of the meeting. All comments or questions must be directed to the board president. 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.

## 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
  - d. Bus Evacuation Drills, Fall 2021
- 1.2 School Safety and Security Plan - Approve the Montgomery Township School District School Safety and Security Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 1.3 Nursing Services Plan – Approve the Montgomery Township School District Nursing Services Plan for the 2021 – 2022 school year.
- 1.4 Appointment of District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and School Anti-Bullying Specialists – It is recommended that the Board appoint the following personnel as the District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and the School Anti-Bullying Specialists for the 2021 – 2022 School Year:
  - District Anti-Bullying Coordinator: Stacy Young
  - Anti-Bullying Specialists: Tracy Vail and Wendy Gelinas (OHES), Lauren Fornal and Jolene Schantz (VES), Lesley Haas and Kevin Armstrong (MMS – Lower Campus), Jeanne Fedun and Allison Doyle Smith (MMS – Upper Campus), Keith Glock, Maureen Conway and Matthew Pogue (MHS) – Students
- 1.5 Approval of the Board of Education Charters – Approve the following charters:
  - Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction Committee (ACI)
  - Human Resource Committee (HRC)
  - Operations, Facilities and Finance Committee (OFF)
  - Policy and Communications Committee (PCC)

- 1.6 Regular Board of Education Public Meetings for 2022 - It is recommended that the Board adopt the calendar below of public Board of Education meetings for 2022. Business Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Media Center of Montgomery Upper Middle School.

Business Meeting	January 25, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	February 22, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	March 15, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	April 26, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	May 24, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	June 14, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	July 19, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	August 23, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	September 27, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	October 25, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	November 15, 2022	Tuesday
Business Meeting	December 13, 2022	Tuesday
Organization and Business Meeting	January 3, 2023	Tuesday

- 1.7 Policy First Reading - Accept the following policies/regulations as a first reading:

2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program
5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program
5460.02R	Bridge Year Pilot Program
6471	School District Travel
6471R	School District Travel

- 1.8 Policy Second Reading - Accept and adopt the following policies and regulations following a second reading:

1648.11	The Road Forward Covid-19 – Health and Safety
1648.13	School Employee Vaccination Requirements
7481	Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS also known as Drones)

## **2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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

- 2.1 Out-of-District Tuition Student – Accept Student #108514 for First Grade at the Board-approved tuition rate for the 2021-2022 school year.

2.2 Consultant Approvals: 2021-2022 - Approve the following consultants for the 2021-2022 School Year:

<b>CONSULTANT NAME/ VENDOR</b>	<b>SERVICES PROVIDED</b>	<b>RATES OF SERVICE</b>
Kendall Hunt	Provide staff development on Illustrative Math for elementary math pilot	\$1,500.00
The Math Learning Center	Provide staff development on Bridges in Mathematics for elementary math pilot	\$0
Velez Education Services, LLC *	Provide Genesis/software, state reporting and state assessment support for the district from 2/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	Not to Exceed \$38,340
The Stepping Stones Group LLC	Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) Speech Language Evaluation Bilingual SLP Bilingual Speech Language Evaluation Occupational Therapist Physical Therapist School Psychologist Psychology Evaluation Bilingual School Psychologist Bilingual Psychology Evaluation Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (LDTC) Special Education Teacher BCBA ABA Technician Registered Behavior Technician Behavior Technician Social Worker School Certified Registered Nurse (CSN)	\$82-\$85/hour \$375.00/eval \$92-\$95/hour \$450.00/eval \$83.00/hour \$86.00/hour \$84-\$86/hour \$700-\$1000/eval \$90-\$95/hour \$1400/eval \$80-\$83/hour \$65-\$67/hour \$96.00/hour \$49.00/hour \$42-\$43/hour \$35.00/hour \$65.00/hour \$70-\$76/hour
Above and Beyond Learning Group LLC	Assessments-FBA/Peak/Skill Based ABA Training, Classroom Consultation BCBA Consultation, Home Programming ABA/RBT Shadowing & 1:1 Home ABA Travel	\$155.00/hour \$155.00/hour \$155.00/hour \$85.00/hour \$.56/mile
Brookfield Schools	Medical Bedside Instruction	\$59.98/hour
Graham Behavior Services, LLC	BCBA Consultation Behavior Therapist Teacher/Classroom Consultation BCBA Staff Training Focused Classroom Consult/BCBA Staff Training Professional Development - 1 hr Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) IEP Attendance - 1 1/2 hr meeting ABA Program Consultation	\$150.00/hour \$75.00/hour \$135.00/hour \$120.00/hour \$110.00/hour \$300.00 each \$1500.00/each \$250.00/each \$150.00/hour

2.3 Out-of-District Placements: 2021-2022 - Approve the following Out-of-District placements for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Student ID	School	TUITION			
		Dates	ESY	RSY	Total for Year
102976	Collier School 1:1 Aide	11/8/21-6/22/22		\$21,824.66	\$21,824.66
107789	East Mountain School – Part Time Withdrawal	11/18/21-6/17/22		-\$21,034.00	-\$21,034.00
105366	Rock Brook School 1:1 RBT & BCBA Services	10/25/21-6/17/22		\$39,090.00	\$39,090.00
102465	Rugby School Withdrawal	11/18/21-6/23/22		-\$54,168.80	-\$54,168.80

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 October 31, 2021 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 October 31, 2021; 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 October 31, 2021 within the 2021-2022 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

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 November 24, 2021 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 7,214,332.14 and

General Account	\$6,999,216.06
Food Service Account	\$ 215,116.08
TOTAL	\$7,214,332.14

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 Travel Reimbursement – 2021-2022 – Approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the travel reimbursement list dated 11/23/21.

- 3.5 Approval of Joint Transportation Agreement – Approve joint transportation agreement with Princeton Public Schools as the host and Montgomery as the joiner at a total cost of \$20,171.00 for the 2021-2022 Year to Mercer Elementary School as follows:

<u>Route#</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u># Princeton Students</u>	<u># Montgomery Students</u>	<u>Joiner Cost</u>
ME.001	Mercer Elementary	5	1	\$20,171.00

- 3.6 Approval of Joint Transportation Agreement – Approve joint transportation agreement with Montgomery as the host and Hopewell Valley Regional School District as the joiner at a total cost of \$16,500.00 for the 2021-2022 Year to Collier School as follows:

<u>Route#</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u># Montgomery Students</u>	<u># Hopewell Students</u>	<u>Joiner Cost</u>
COLL	Collier School	2	1	\$16,500.00

- 3.7 Approve the Following Resolution Regarding Central Jersey Program for the Recruitment of Diverse Educators (CJ Pride) Consortium –

WHEREAS, the participating Central Jersey Boards of Education recognize the need to recruit highly-qualified educators for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, particularly educators who can add diversity to their respective faculties; and

WHEREAS, the participating Boards share a common identity with their location in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the participating Board of Education have determined that it is in their mutual interests to work cooperatively to attract and recruit diverse educators for teaching and administrative positions in their respective school districts; and

WHEREAS, the participating Boards believe that renewing their relationship as a consortium of school districts to work together in this endeavor addresses their mutual goals of recruiting and retaining high-quality and diverse faculties; and

WHEREAS, the participating Boards of Education have determined that they shall enter into a joint agreement for the provision and performance of goods and services related to these cooperative efforts as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 et seq.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED that this agreement shall be binding upon each Participating Board of Education on the date approved by any such Board and shall expire on June 30, 2022, and there shall be a membership fee of \$100 for expected expenses to be incurred relating to approved joint services and joint purchases, which shall be payable within sixty (60) days of receipt of an invoice from West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District.

- 3.8 Approval for Orchard Hill Elementary School Network Project - Approve the expenditures for Turn Key Technologies Inc. for the network closest switch add-on project for the upgrade and equipment(adaptors/switches) as per Quote 22-11 School Network Closest Project.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Turn Key Technologies Inc. Sayreville, NJ	\$34,292.71

- 3.9 Approval for Safari Montage License Renewal, Super Core Package and Upgrades - Award the contract for Safari Montage License Renewal, Super Core Page and upgrades from 9/26/2021 – 9/25/2022 as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Safari Montage W Conshohocken, PA	\$18,324.96

- 3.10 Approval for the Purchase of Diesel Fuel - Approve the purchase of Red Dyed #2Diesel Ultra Low Sulfur Fuel and Red Dyed Winter Blend Ultra Low Sulfur Fuel entered into on behalf of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing Bid #2 SOCCP, Red Dyed #2 Diesel Fuel (Ultra low Sulfur Diesel), Red Dyed Winter Blend Diesel and Fuel Oil, #CC-0036-21 as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Fuel Type</u>	<u>Fixed Delivery Prices</u>
National Fuel Oil Inc. Newark ,NJ	#2D Diesel Ultra Low Sulfur Fuel (April 16 <sup>th</sup> through Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> )	Up Charge @.0769 per gallon
Riggins Inc. Vineland, NJ	#2D Winter Blend Ultra Low Sulfur (November 9th through April 15 <sup>th</sup> )	Up Charge @.0739 per gallon

- 3.11 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grants – accept the following American Rescue Plan – ESSER III grant funding and approve the application for submission to the NJDOE as follows:

• ESSER	\$2,077,519
• Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support	\$357,250
• Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities	\$40,000
• Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities	\$40,000
• NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing	<u>\$45,000</u>
TOTAL	\$2,559,769

- 3.12 Donation Acceptance – Accept the donation of \$6,000.00 from Bristol-Myers Squibb to the Montgomery High School Robotics Team 1403.

#### 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