

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

**Meeting, Monday, October 30, 2023**  
**6:45p.m. Executive Session**  
**7:30 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 4, 2023 and October 10, 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, 7, 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

- Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report: 2022-2023 School Year, Period 2
- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) – Investigations, Trainings and Programs (ITP), 2022-2023 School Year, Period 2, and HIB Grades Report
- Statewide Assessment Results, 2022-2023
- Professional Development Presentation

### ACTION AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENT

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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

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

1. September 26, 2023 Executive Session I Meeting
2. September 26, 2023 Executive Session II Meeting
3. September 26, 2023 Business Meeting

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

1. Email dated 9/23/23 from J. Kia regarding Concern Regarding Proposed Alteration of Transgender Policy
2. Email dated 9/25/23 from J. Rohmeyer regarding HITOPS Deceptive Practices
3. Email dated 9/27/23 from Z. Bennani regarding HITOPS
4. Email dated 9/27/23 from C. Horn regarding UMS Librarian encourage “Read Banned Books”
5. Email dated 9/27/23 from Montgomery SEPAG regarding Follow-Up to 9/11/23 SEPAG Meeting
6. Email dated 9/29/23 from J. Church regarding Deceitful Tactics Disqualify HiTOPS as a vendor
7. Email dated 9/30/23 from S. Atar regarding Cease Ties with Hi Tops
8. Email dated 10/2/23 from M. McLoughlin regarding Deceitful Tactics Disqualify HiTOPS as a vendor
9. Email dated 10/2/23 from K. Anderson regarding HiTops
10. Email dated 10/2/23 from K. Anderson regarding HiTops Contract
11. Email dated 10/2/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Public Records Act Request by Barbara A. Preston
12. Email dated 10/2/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Library Inventory Purchase
13. Email dated 10/2/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Superintendent and Fogarty Communications

14. Email dated 10/2/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Any and All Communication Between any Board of Education Members to Board Attorney Stephen Fogarty
15. Email dated 10/2/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Members to Any Members of the Press Including But Not Limited to Montgomery News Affiliates or Agent
16. Email dated 10/2/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Zelda Complaint Files
17. Email dated 10/3/23 from D. Gettinger regarding Open Public Records Act Request form
18. Email dated 10/4/23 from M. Gettinger regarding OPRA Stephen Fogarty with media
19. Email dated 10/5/23 from M. Gettinger regarding Zoning board and boe
20. Email dated 10/5/23 from G. Zayova regarding END Contract with HiTops
21. Email dated 10/5/23 from G. Zayova regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> Follow Up regarding Publicly Posted Images
22. Email dated 10/5/23 from M. Lopez regarding End Hi Tops contract
23. Email dated 10/5/23 from H. Majeed regarding End HiTops contract
24. Email dated 10/5/23 from G. Martin regarding End Hi Tops contract
25. Email dated 10/5/23 from T. Reyes regarding End HiTOPS contract
26. Email dated 10/5/23 from D. Pomerantz regarding HiTops Partnership
27. Email dated 10/6/23 from A. Grayson regarding HiTops
28. Email dated 10/6/23 from C. Gural regarding HiTOPS contract
29. Email dated 10/7/23 from P. Torgerson regarding Maintain the HiTops Contract
30. Email dated 10/8/23 from H. Kadhim regarding Coming Out Videos in VES
31. Email dated 10/8/23 from S. Lacy regarding Coming Out Videos in VES
32. Email dated 10/9/23 from A. Sumaiya regarding Inquiry on National Coming Out Day
33. Email dated 10/9/23 from H. Kadhim regarding concerns about Policy of Leaving Parents Out
34. Email dated 10/9/23 from H. Kadhim regarding Request to Cease and Cancel HiTops Contract
35. Email dated 10/9/23 from S. Lacy regarding Inquiry on National Coming Out Day
36. Email dated 10/9/23 from A. Sumaiya regarding Inquiry on National Coming Out Day
37. Email dated 10/9/23 from G. Zayova regarding OPRA 9/12/23 public meeting
38. Email dated 10/9/23 from J. Trent regarding OPRA 9/12/23 public meeting
39. Email dated 10/9/23 from J. Volfson regarding Suspension of HiTOPS – disagree
40. Email dated 10/9/23 from M Gettinger regarding Zelda media request
41. Email dated 10/11/23 from J. Kia regarding Urgent Concern Regarding Private Facebook Groups
42. Email dated 10/11/23 from I. Dietz regarding HiTops
43. Email dated 10/12/23 from J. Dolan regarding HiTOPS contract
44. Email dated 10/12/23 from L. Rodenbaugh regarding End Contract with Hi-TOPS
45. Email dated 10/13/23 from M. Gettinger regarding OPRA Marc Gettinger cc Mary E. McLoughlin
46. Email dated 10/13/23 from M. Gettinger regarding OPRA Marc Gettinger Mary E. McLoughlin Barbara A Preston
47. Email dated 10/13/23 from M. Gettinger regarding OPRA Marc Gettinger that Zelda Wallace
48. Email dated 10/13/23 from M. Gettinger regarding OPRA Marc Gettinger Zelda Wallace Barbara A Preston
49. Email dated 10/13/23 from M. Narula regarding HiTOPS Suspension
50. Email dated 10/13/23 from A. Warshafsky regarding Letter re: 9-26-23 Board Meeting

51. Email dated 10/13/23 from T. Heebink regarding Preserving Public Education in Montgomery
52. Email dated 10/13/23 from M. Heebink regarding Sex/health Education
53. Email dated 10/15/23 from H. Kadhim regarding Concerns about Student Safety due to Escalation of Israel-Palestine Conflict
54. Email dated 10/15/23 from K. Anderson regarding Safe Space Needed Around Speakers
55. Email dated 10/16/23 from J. Muentener regarding Hitops
56. Email dated 10/16/23 from Q. Zaidi regarding Balance in Conversation on Palestine & Israel
57. Email dated 10/16/23 from S. Bryant regarding Balance in Conversations on Palestine & Israel
58. Email dated 10/16/23 from S. Lacy regarding Concerns about Student Safety due to Escalation of Israel-Palestine Conflict
59. Email dated 10/16/23 from S. Lacy regarding Balance in Conversations on Palestine & Israel
60. Email dated 10/17/23 from S. Lowenhar regarding In Support of HiTOPS Contract
61. Email dated 10/17/23 from C. Newman regarding Unequivocal Support for HiTops
62. Email dated 10/17/23 from K. Anderson regarding Who originally vetted HiTops?
63. Email dated 10/17/23 from K. Anderson regarding HiTops Interaction with Students
64. Email dated 10/18/23 from H. Kadhim regarding They are called Palestinians
65. Email dated 10/18/23 from H. Kadhim regarding Concerns about Student Safety Due to Escalation of Israel-Palestine Conflict
66. Email dated 10/18/23 from Q. Zaidi regarding Lack of Fair Balance in MTSD statement on Current Situation in the Middle East
67. Email dated 10/22/23 from J. Church regarding Board of Ed meeting postponed – why?
68. Email dated 10/23/23 from E. Bruns regarding Support for Hi-TOPS
69. Email dated 10/24/23 from K. Anderson regarding Were Videos at VES connected to HiTops?
70. Email dated 10/26/23 from J. Church regarding Board of Ed meeting postponed – why?
71. Email dated 10/26/23 from J. Church regarding Is the school district still collaborating with Saul Rubinstein?
72. Email dated 10/26/23 from K. Anderson re: Why was OCT BOE meeting date changed?
73. Email dated 10/26/23 from K. Anderson re: Message on HiTops is not “click bait/fake news”

#### NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD/PUBLIC

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## **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. Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report: 2022-2023 School Year, Period 2

1.2 Policy/Regulation First Reading - Accept the following policies and regulation as a first reading:

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| 5111  | Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students |
| 5111R | Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students |
| 5514  | Student Use of Vehicles                       |
| 8500  | Food Services                                 |

1.3 Policy/Regulation Second Reading - Accept and adopt the following policy and regulation following a second reading:

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| 2419  | School Threat Assessment Teams |
| 2419R | School Threat Assessment Teams |

1.4 Policy Abolishment - Approve the Board of Education to abolish the following policies:

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| 8540 | School Nutrition Programs                  |
| 8550 | Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill |

1.5 District Calendar Approval - Approve the Academic District Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

1.6 November 2023 Board Meeting Date Change - Approve the date change for the November 2023 Board Meetings from November 14 and November 28, 2023 to November 21, 2023.

1.7 Approve Location Change for Board of Education Meetings – Approve all future Board of Education meetings to be held in the Orchard Hill Elementary School cafeteria.

1.8 HIB Self Assessment 2022-2023

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that the Board of Education approve the schools' completed Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Self-Assessment Scores for the 2022-2023 school year;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that it is in the best interest of the school district to accept the Superintendent's recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the HIB Schools' Self-Assessment for the 2022-2023 school year is approved by the Board of Education.

## 2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

- 2.1 Special Olympics New Jersey (SONJ) Grant for the 2023-2024 School Year -  
Accept grant money in the amount of \$1,000 from SONJ for Unified Champion Schools (UCS) for Montgomery High School.

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

Accept grant money in the amount of \$600 from SONJ for Unified Champion Schools (UCS) for Montgomery Village Elementary School.

- 2.2 Out-of-District Placements: 2023-2024 - Approve the following Out-of-District Placement for the 2023-2024 School Year:

Student ID	School	Dates	TUITION		
			ESY	RSY	Total for Year
102547	Collier High School - Withdrawn	9/6/23-6/21/24		-\$65,700.00	-\$65,700.00
107532	Mercer County Special Services School District	7/10/23-8/11/23	\$8,625.00		\$8,625.00
102426	The Eden School 1:1 Aide	9/6/23-6/18/24		\$43,475.00	\$43,475.00

- 2.3 Charter School Placements 2023-2024 - Approve the following Charter School Placements for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Student ID	Charter School	Dates	Grade	Total Tuition for Year
108348	Princeton Charter School	9/5/23-6/14/24	6	\$14,553.00
108349	Princeton Charter School	9/5/23-6/14/24	4	\$14,553.00
108198	Thomas Edison Energy Smart Charter School	8/30/23-6/19/24	5	\$14,553.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$43,659.00</b>

2.4 Somerset County Vocational and Technical Placements 2023-2024 - Approve the following Somerset County Vocational and Technical Placements for the 2023-2024 School Year:

State ID	Program	Dates	TUITION		
			Full-Time	Shared-Time	Total for Year
6206799140	Auto Body (TOPS)	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$27,540.00	\$ -	\$27,540.00
5301759971	Academy for Health & Medical Sciences	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
8957204115	Academy for Health & Medical Sciences	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
9120270991	Academy for Health & Medical Sciences	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
8865109166	Academy for Health & Medical Sciences	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
8954664243	Academy for Health & Medical Sciences	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
1829386594	Culinary Arts	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
6044064309	Welding	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
7568552962	Law & Public Safety	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
2190101966	Auto Body	9/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1,460.00	-	\$ 1,460.00
1806007815	Mechatronics	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
5307135366	Auto/Diesel Technologies	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
2972182959	Business Entrep.	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
1251229151	Mechanics & Repair	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
2589541565	Cosmetology	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
2549095991	Cosmetology	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
5419466378	Cosmetology	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
2828385762	Health Occupation	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
8479927224	Law & Public Safety	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
5574859129	Theater Arts	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
8794947114	Theater Arts	9/1/23-6/30/24	-	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,680.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,030.00</b>	<b>\$48,710.00</b>



2.5 Textbook Approvals: 2023-2024 - Approve the following textbooks/resources:

Title	Course/Grade(s)	Amount
Inside Out and Back Again	LLD LA Grades 7 & 8	\$100.00
100 Dresses	LLD LA Grades 7 & 8	\$100.00

2.6 Consultant Approvals: 2023-2024 - Approve the following consultants for the 2023-2024 School Year:

<b>CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR</b>	<b>SERVICES PROVIDED</b>	<b>RATES OF SERVICE</b>
Premium Psychiatry Services of Central Jersey LLC Contact: Dr Ankur Desai	Psychiatric Evaluation - 2 Hr, records& report Additional Record Review after Finalized Report Appointment No-Show/Same Day Cancellation	\$700.00/Eval \$125.00/30 Min \$700.00/Eval
Neuropsychology Associates of New Jersey Joel Morgan, Ph.D	Comprehensive Neuropsychological Evaluation	\$5000.00/Eval
Elliot Gursky, M.D.	Psychiatric Evaluation Virtual School Initiated/Approved & Report	\$850.00/Eval
Branchburg Board of Education	Teacher of the Deaf Services Travel	\$79.26/Hour \$112.23/Trip
Positive Behavior Supports Corp.	Registered Behavior Technician	\$45.00/Hour
Mindsight Psychiatry LLC Ramandeep Kaur, MD	Psychiatric Evaluation with Report	\$950.00/Eval
VITAS Education Partners	Braille Transcription	\$57.00/Hour

2.7 Work-Based Learning 2023-2024 - Approve the following locations for Work-Based Learning for the Montgomery Township School District:

Pennington Quality Market	Maschio's Food Services	Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center
Somerset County Library System, Montgomery Branch	Gigi's Playhouse, Hillsborough	DSW, Mercer Mall

2.8 Community Based Instruction 2023-2024 - Approve the following locations for Community Based Instruction for the Montgomery Township School District:

Quakerbridge Mall	Shady Brook Park	Nassau Park Pavillion
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### **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 September 30, 2023 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 September 30, 2023; 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 September 30, 2023 within the 2023-2024 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 regard to exercising the intent of this resolution.

3.3 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 October 30, 2023 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 \$17,612,425.89 and

General Account	\$17,407,086.74
Food Service Account	\$ 205,339.15
TOTAL	\$17,612,425.89

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 – 2023-2024 – Approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the travel reimbursement list dated 10/30/23.

3.5 Approve Peter Fallon, Esq. to conduct an independent investigation on behalf of the Board of Education – Approve Peter Fallon, Esq. to conduct an independent investigation on behalf of the Board of Education for an additional \$950.

3.6 Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Three-Year Plan/M1 Form – Approve the following resolution regarding the approval and submission of the district’s comprehensive maintenance plan:

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the plan for the various school facilities of the Montgomery Township School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Montgomery Township School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan inclusive of the M1 Form for the Montgomery Township School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

3.7 Resolution/New Jersey Nonpublic Textbook Program 2023-2024 – Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, 18A:58-37-1 et seq., as amended by Chapter 121, Laws of 1984, requires that the state and local community purchase and loan textbooks upon individual request to all students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 in nonpublic schools located within the local school district; and,

WHEREAS, no Board of Education is required to expend funds for the purchase and loan of textbooks in excess of the amounts provided in state aid; and,

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the purchasing and processing of nonpublic school textbooks for local public school districts for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montgomery Township School District enters into an agreement with the SCESC whereby the SCESC will administer a nonpublic textbook program for those eligible students attending nonpublic schools located within the county for the 2023-2024 school year, in accordance with 18A:58-37-1 et seq, and as authorized by the District. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montgomery Township School District agrees to pay the total amount allocated by the State for the New Jersey Nonpublic School Textbook Program and a 6% administrative fee not to be paid through State program funds to the SCESC by August 31, 2023 or 30 days after State funding is announced, whichever is first. The 6% administrative fee will be waived if all other nonpublic program services for the District are provided by the SCESC. Any unexpended funds will be refunded to the local district.

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

3.9 Settlement Agreement – Approve the following resolution pertaining to an addendum to a special education settlement agreement:

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

3.10 Receipt and award of Bid – Fall Athletics Awards, Equipment, Supplies and Uniforms B 24-07 – Bids were received on October 6, 2023 for Fall Athletics Awards, Equipment, Supplies and Uniforms for the Montgomery School District as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
BSN Sports Dallas, TX	\$17,585.32
Sportsman’s Johnstown, PA	\$15,975.18

It is recommended that the Board of Education award B24-07 Fall Athletics, Awards, Supplies, Equipment and Uniforms contract for October 6, 2023 – June 30, 2024 as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BSN Sports Dallas, TX	\$14,683.79
Sportsman’s Johnstown, PA	\$1,834.91
Total Bids Awarded	\$16,518.70

Resolution/Rejection of Bid - Winter Athletic Awards, Supplies and Uniforms for the Montgomery High School and Montgomery Upper Middle School - It is recommended the Board of Education reject the bids from the following vendors; pursuant to N.J.S. 18A:18A-22:e. The purposes or provisions or both N.J.S. 18A:18A-1 et seq. are being violated:

Sportsman’s, Johnstown, PA - The low bid received for the following items are being rejected because the vendor cannot supply the requested bid item. The vendor substituted the requested bid for another style/brand. The style must match current uniform in use, or requested brand:

- Boys & Girls Basketball - Mark V Scorebooks
- Softball - Baseball/Softball Line Up Card Booklet
- MS Baseball - Schutt Hollywood Bases
- MS Softball - All-Sport One Color Socks (Black Youth) - C20Y
- MS Boys & Girls Basketball - Mark V Scorebooks

- 3.11 Approval for Infinite Athletic Training – approve Infinite Athletic Training for substitute support/training coverage at UMS for the 2023-2024 sports season as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Infinite Athletic Training New Brunswick, NJ	\$85.00 an hour Not to exceed \$20,000.00

- 3.12 Disposal of Playground Equipment at Orchard Hill Elementary School – approve the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the (Little Tikes) playground equipment located at Orchard Hill Elementary School. The plastic material has several cracks throughout the equipment and is considered unsafe. The playground equipment is currently not being used, and OHES wishes to utilize the area for recess activities.

- 3.13 Approve First Student Inc. for Transportation Services – approve First Student Inc. to provide transportation services for non-contracted routes as needed at the cost of \$640.00 per day not to exceed a total of \$3,000.00.

- 3.14 Approve Dogwood Lawn Service for District playground maintenance – approve Dogwood Lawn Service to remove weeds, install new certified playground mulch, and level play surface on all school playgrounds throughout the district in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

- 3.15 Approval for Montgomery High School Roof Repair by Strober-Wright Roofing Inc. – approve Strober-Wright Roofing Inc. to repair MHS roof seams over the Science/B wing and the pool roof area. The solar panels will need to be removed by Somerset Solar LLC (Vanguard Energy Partners).

Somerset Solar LLC. (Vanguard Energy Partners) Branchburg, NJ	\$17,395.07
Strober-Wright Roofing Inc. Lambertville, NJ	\$10,000.00

- 3.16 Approve of the renewal of Tyler Technologies Software – approve the renewal of the software from Tyler Technologies for the Transportations Department for the routing and planning for the district bus routes for the 23/24 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tyler Technologies Inc. Latham, NY	\$19,559.08

#### **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**