

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

Meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 2023

5:45 p.m. Executive Session

7:30 p.m. Public Session

Montgomery Upper Middle School Media Center

WORKSHOP AND 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 September 8, 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 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 8/18/23 from G. Zayova regarding Editing Email Subjects
2. Email dated 8/18/23 from G. Zayova regarding Publicly Posted Images of Board President
3. Email dated 8/22/23 from J. Trent regarding Editing Email Subjects
4. Email dated 8/22/23 from G. Zayova regarding Editing Email Subjects
5. Email dated 8/22/23 from M. Pabbathi regarding Petition to Recognize Diwali as an Official Recognized Day Off
6. Email dated 8/23/23 from J. Church regarding BOE Meeting Video
7. Email dated 8/24/23 from G. Zayova regarding Editing Email Subjects
8. Email dated 8/25/23 from J. Trent regarding Editing Email Subjects

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: None

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

- 2.1 District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance - Approve the Statement of Assurance for the District Mentoring Plan for the 2023 - 2024 School Year.
- 2.2 Out of District Placements 2023-2024 - Approve the following Out-of-District placements for the 2023-2024 School Year:

Student ID	School	Dates	TUITION		
			ESY	RSY	Total for Year
109354	New Hope Academy	09/06/2023 – 06/19/2024		\$45,500	\$45,500
105525	The Laurel School Withdrawal	09/06/2023 – 06/19/2024		-\$50,484	-\$50,484

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

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
NJCIE (New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education)	Provide one full day of training for Orchard Hill Elementary School Staff on inclusive best practices to support inclusive education efforts. To be completed on October 9, 2023.	\$2,000.00 <i>To be funded by ARP ESSER Grant</i>
United Therapy Solutions	LDTC Evaluation, BCBA Evaluation Psychology/Social Work Evaluation	\$650.00 each \$550.00 each <i>Revised from original BOE approval of 5/23/23</i>

- 2.4 Out-of-District Tuition Student – Accept Student #109569 for eighth grade at the Board-approved tuition rate for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 2.5 Out-of-District Tuition Student – Accept Student #109246 for kindergarten at the Board-approved tuition rate for the 2023-2024 school year.

3.0 OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND FINANCE

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

- 3.1 Travel Reimbursement – 2023-2024 – approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the travel reimbursement list dated 9/12/23.
- 3.2 Chapters 192/193 Funding 2023-24 – Approve original funding under the provisions of Chapters 192/193, Nonpublic Auxiliary and Handicapped Services, in the amount of \$13,236.00 for the 2023-24 school year to be allocated as follows:

Chapter 192 E.S.L.	\$ <u>916.00</u>
Chapter 192 Total	\$ 916.00
Chapter 193 Initial Exam and Classification	\$ 1,326.00
Chapter 193 Annual Exam and Classification	\$ 3,040.00
Chapter 193 Corrective Speech	\$ 4,650.00
Chapter 193 Supplementary Instruction	<u>\$ 3,304.00</u>
Chapter 193 Total	\$12,320.00
Grand Total	\$13,236.00

- 3.3 Approval for CDW – approve the purchase of Google Workplace for all of the Montgomery Township schools for \$21,150.00 entered into on behalf of ESCNJ/AEPA-22G as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDW	\$21,150.00
Chicago, IL	

- 3.4 Approval for CDW – approve for the purchase of (400) chromebooks for staff 1:1 and supporting enrollment services, google chrome education license upgrade and warranty. This is for instructional staff PK-8 refreshing devices that are reaching end of life totaling \$219,016.00 entered into on behalf of ESCNJ/AEPA-22G as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDW	\$219,016.00
Chicago, IL	

- 3.5 Approval for Jag–One Physical Therapy – approve Jag-One Physical Therapy for substitute support/training coverage at UMS for the 2023-2024 sports season as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jag-One	\$6,000.00
Bridgewater, NJ	

- 3.6 Approval for First Choice Plumbing & Heating Co. – approve First Choice Plumbing & Heating Co. to replace the HVAC system in the ECC Building that services two rooms for the 2023/24 school year in the amount of \$21,204.00 as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
First Choice Plumbing & Heating Co. Metuchen, NJ	\$21,204.00

- 3.7 Negotiated Contract – Student-Related Transportation Services – School-Related Activities - approve the negotiated contract with Conover Transportation LLC, Belle Mead, NJ for Student Transportation Services/school-related activities for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Kenneth V.L. Conover Jr. Conover Transportation LLC Belle Mead, NJ	<u>Sports</u> \$600.00 – 4 hr. minimum \$125.00 per hour for overtime over 4hr. minimum <u>Class Trips</u> - \$400.00 – 4 hr. min. \$125.00 per hour overtime over The 4 hr. minimum

- 3.8 Resolution Concerning Prescription Drug Benefits – approve the following resolution:

The Montgomery Township Board of Education hereby resolves effective July 1, 2023 to make the following changes relative to rx drug benefits programs, as follows:

1. Award its group prescription drug benefits program to Benecard Services, LLC, per the Benecard proposal dated July 1, 2023, which is incorporated herein as part of this resolution.
2. Designate Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. as broker of record for these programs, with the following authority:
 1. To ensure with Benecard that benefits delivered are “equal to or better than” the Board’s current self-insured group medical and rx drug insurance plans.
 2. To periodically market the Board’s group benefit plans.
 3. To assist employees and dependents in the resolution of elevated service issues that cannot be resolved by employees first contacting Benecard directly.
 4. To ensure all reporting provided to the Board or its administrators is compliant with HIPAA relative to protected health information (PHI).

5. To advise the Board of Education relative to compliance with Federal and State regulations regarding self-insured group benefit plans.
6. To accept commission payments from Benecard, per the enclosed proposal.

All appropriate Board of Education staff members are authorized to take such action and affect such documentation as necessary to implement these changes.

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