

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board of Education Office
Large Conference Room
1016 Route 601
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Meeting, Thursday, June 19, 2025
5:00 p.m. Public Session

Call to Order – By Board President Todd at 5:00 p.m.

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 16, 2025. 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

Michelle Dowling – Present

Maria Spina – Present

Joanna Filak – Present

Patrick Todd – Present

Victoria Franco-Herman – Present

Ting Wang – Present

Ania Wolecka-Jernigan – Present

Vanita Nargund – Present

Also Present: Mary McLoughlin, Superintendent of Schools

Andrew Italiano, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Gwen Thornton, Senior Director at the New Jersey School Boards Association

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christina Harris – Present

SALUTE THE FLAG

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION AGENDA

Ms. Spina motioned agenda item 2.1, seconded by Ms. Franco-Herman. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried as follows:

Yes – 7

No - 0

Abstain – 1 (Mr. Todd)

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

2.1 Textbook/Resource Approval – 2025-2026

Approve the following textbooks/resources:

Title	Course
An Artist of the Floating World	MHS AP Literature and Composition

BOARD RETREAT

- *2025-2026 District Goals and any other business that comes before the Board*

The Board, Superintendent and Ms. Thornton discussed the following areas at the Annual Board Retreat to prepare for a successful 2025-2026 school year:

- Strategic Planning
- Goal Setting
- Roles of a Board Member
- Relationship between the Board and the Administration
- Best practices on addressing specific and complex issues
- Reviewing Policies and Procedures
- Reviewing and updating curriculum via Rubicon Atlas
- Facility Fee Schedule
- Superintendent and Principal Roundtables
- Strengthening community engagement
- Gathering and evaluating input from key stakeholders

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Pappa – MTSD Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Pappa provided insight on various academic testing conducted as per NJDOE guidelines and the reporting of the testing data that is done year round at the District.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Franco-Herman motioned to adjourn at 8:19 p.m., seconded by Ms. Spina. Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Italiano', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Andrew Italiano
Board Secretary