

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Thursday, January 29, 2015
6:30 p.m. Executive Session
7:30 p.m. Public Session
Upper Middle School Media Center

AGENDA FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

District Goals 2014-2015

Goal 1: To develop specific communication protocols with parents, staff and community members that are consistent in message and reflect the vision of the district to engage each child in reaching his/her fullest potential.

Goal 2: To review, evaluate and assess current programs and staffing structures to determine gaps/needs; make specific recommendations to the Board to address in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner in the following areas: special education, student/staff attendance and the organizational management structure of the district.

Goal 3: To identify and implement social-emotional programming appropriate for all schools by June 2015 and identify the appropriate assessments to measure the efficacy of the programs.

Goal 4: To explore the feasibility of full day kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.

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 7, 2015, January 20, 2015 and January 26, 2015. 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, 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.

This meeting is being tape-recorded for the purpose of Board review and future reference and to assist in the preparation of minutes.

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 convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing items related to personnel, student disciplinary matters, student disenrollment matter and the superintendent's merit goals. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the matters will be disclosed to the public.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE THE FLAG

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD/PUBLIC

Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to bring any new/old business to the Board for a maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker. 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.

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

December 16, 2014 Executive Session Meeting
December 16, 2014 Workshop and Business Meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE – It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the correspondence as follows: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Operations (Facilities & Transportation) and Administration Budget

ACTION AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are allotted one opportunity to address the Board regarding the **Superintendent's Report** or the **Action Agenda** for a maximum of five (5) minutes during this period of the meeting. All responses will be provided at the end of this session.

1.0 ADMINISTRATIVE

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the administrative items as follows:

1.1 Routine Monthly Report – Accept the following report:

1. Student Control
2. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report
3. Teacher Absence Report
5. Fire/Security Drill Report

1.2 Policy Adoption – Accept and adopt the following policies following a second reading:

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| 0171 | Duties of Board President and Vice President |
| 5306 | Health Services to Nonpublic Schools |
| 5306R | Health Services to Nonpublic Schools |
| 5308 | Student Health Records |
| 5308R | Student Health Records |
| 5310 | Health Services |
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2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

2.1 Program of Studies/UMS – Approve the Montgomery Upper Middle School Program of Studies for the 2015-2016 school year.

2.2 New Courses/UMS – Approve the following new courses for Montgomery Upper Middle School students:

- Sculpture and Ceramics
- Intro to Graphic Design
- Intro to Studio Art
- Drawing and Computer Graphics
- Studio Art
- Digital Illustration and Design
- Digital Animation and Design
- Active Citizenship 7
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- College and Career Readiness
- Technology
- Broadcast Journalism

2.3 Out-of-District Placements – Approve the following Out-of-District placements for the 2014/15 school year.

		TUITION			
Pupil ID	School	Dates	ESY	RSY	Total for Year
000059	The Center School	12/1/14-6/19/15	\$	\$37,567.89	\$37,567.89
100723	Cornerstone Day	12/10/14-		\$43,848.00	\$43,848.00

	School	6/30/15			
102976	Child Therapeutic Day School-UBHC	11/25/2014-6/19/2015		\$41,136.50	\$41,136.50
000530	Cambridge School	2/1/2015-6/6/2015		\$20,146.32	\$20,146.32
100842	Cambridge School	2/1/2015-6/5/2015		\$20,146.32	\$20,146.32

2.4 Consultant Approvals 2014/2015 – Approve the following consultants for the 2014/15 school year.

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
Eyecare Professional PC	Neuro-Optometry/Vision Therapy New Extended Office Visit Sensorimotor Examination Visual Information Processing Evaluation	\$180.00/each \$135.00/each \$275.00/each

2.5 Chapter 192/193 Non-Public Services 2014-15 - Approve additional funding under the provisions of Chapter 192/193, Non-Public Auxiliary and Handicapped Services in the amount of \$530.00 for the 2014-15 School Year to allocate as follows:

	<u>New Funding</u>	<u>Funding Total YTD</u>
Chapter 192 Corrective Speech	\$530.00	\$7598.00

3.0 FINANCE

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

3.1 Financial Reports - As prepared by the School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys which are in agreement, and presented by the Superintendent, approve the following reports as of December 31, 2014:

- Board Secretary’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Investment Report
- Food Services Report

3.2 Ratification of Transfers - ratify the transfer of funds among the general, special revenue and capital projects funds’ line items as of December 31, 2014

3.3 Receipt of Certification from Board Secretary - Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.12 (c) 3, I, Thomas M. Venanzi, certify that as of December 31, 2014 no line item account has

encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of 6A:23-2.12 (a).

Board Secretary

Date

3.4 Certification of Board of Education - Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2-12 (c) 4, we certify that as of December 31, 2014 after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports, in the minutes of the board each month that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.12 (b).

3.5 Approval of Monthly Bills for December – approve the monthly bills as follows:

General Operating	\$7,354,717.95
Food Services	\$124,458.01

3.6 Travel Reimbursement – 2014/2015 – approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

3.7 Amendment of Award – Internet Services for the Montgomery Township Board of Education (Bid #B14-08) – amend the award for bid B14-08, internet services for the Montgomery Township Board of Education previously awarded on January 28, 2014 to increase the bandwidth from 300 mbps to 500 mbps to accommodate district testing for the balance of the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Award-January 28, 2014 Bandwidth 300 Mbps</u>	<u>Revised Award Bandwidth 500 Mbps</u>
Comcast Business Communications, LLC Philadelphia, PA	\$26,400.00	\$28,800.00

3.8 Settlement Agreement– Approve the following resolution pertaining to a special education settlement agreement:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Board and L.V. and E.R. o/b/o E.R., which is annexed to this Resolution, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

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