

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the Saturday, April 16, 2016 7:30 A.M. Special Meeting

These minutes have not been formally approved and are subject to change or modification.

The Montgomery Township Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

- A. The Montgomery Township Board of Education held a special meeting on Saturday, April 16, 2016 in the Montgomery High School Media Center.
- B. Roll Call - The following Board members were present: Richard Cavalli, Minky Chenette, Sandra Donnay (arrived at 7:50 a.m.), Nicholas Hladick, Dale Huff, Charles F. Jacey, Jr., Amy Miller and Christine Witt

Absent: Dharmesh Doshi

Also Present: Nancy Gartenberg, Superintendent
Deborah Sarmir, Assistant Superintendent
Mary McLoughlin, Director of Pupil Services
Kelly Mattis, Director of Human Resources
Annette M. Wells, Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

- C. Ms. Witt read the following 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 April 12, 2016. Notice was provided to Board of Education Members, Montgomery Township Clerk, Rocky Hill Borough Clerk, Public Library, Township Posting, School Postings, PTSA Officers, Courier News, Princeton Packet, Trenton Times, and The Star Ledger.
- F. Ms. Witt then led everyone in the Salute to the Flag.
- G. Ms. Witt welcomed all to the special meeting.

BOARD AND DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Collaborative Exercises

Ms. Witt introduced Dr. Saul Rubinstein and Mr. Shreesh Tiwari were the facilitators for the day’s meeting.

All present introduced themselves and stated what they wanted to see accomplished at the day’s meeting.

Dr. Rubinstein and Mr. Tiwari began with a decision making exercise involving trust and a win/win strategy. They then lead the group into a team building model highlighting goals, roles, procedures and interpersonal.

Input from the group included the following:

- What responsibility does the board have beyond hiring the Superintendent
- Concern with sharing of information or that members have the right information to make informed decisions
- New board member orientation should provide more information about the various board committees
- Need for a better reporting tool at committee meetings
- More robust discussions about committee meetings at the public board meeting
- Changes need to be made to the Workshop Meetings
- Board member mentors for new board members
- Transition documents for new board members to know what is going on in the district
- Committee chairs should meet with new members
- Create a repository with historical and current district information

The group discussed goal setting for the May 20th meeting. The board sets the overarching goals while the Superintendent and her team will present action plans for board review.

Ms. Gartenberg left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

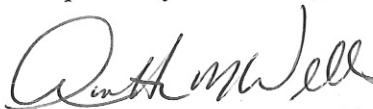
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Phyllis Bursh stated that the board still needs to apologize to the public. She said the board needs to work with each other no matter what. She asked the board to find humanity in what they do.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Hladick and seconded by Mr. Huff that the meeting be adjourned at 11:44 a.m. Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette M. Wells
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary