

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the Friday, May 20, 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 Friday, May 20, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

- A. The Montgomery Township Board of Education held a special meeting on Friday, May 20, 2016 in the Board of Education office large conference room.
- B. Roll Call - The following Board members were present: Richard Cavalli, Minkyo Chenette, Dharmesh Doshi, Sandra Donnay (arrived at 10:14 a.m.), Nicholas Hladick, Dale Huff, Charles F. Jacey, Jr., Amy Miller and Christine Witt

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 May 13, 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.

Ms. Gartenberg, Ms. Sarmir, Mr. Pappa, Ms. Gaylord, Mr. Zalika and Ms. Borland gave a presentation on the final progress for current district goals.

Time was allowed for questions and comments from the board.

Ms. Donnay arrived at 10:14 a.m.

Public Comment

Ms. Phyllis Bursh stated that this is a great district with good teachers and administrators. However, she wants the district to be the best in the country. She would like to see improvement in what we have in the district. She stated that communication is an issue and that stakeholders should have input early in the process. The district should educate parents on student learning and where

to get help. We should focus on getting our graduates into the best colleges and provide them with 21st century skills for life.

Ms. Debra O'Reilly, MTEA President, stated that she knows that report cards are becoming more standards based. She requested that the new report cards contain language which is more parent friendly. She stated that it would be helpful to know what parents want to know about their child. She also stated that report cards are time consuming and asked that the district be mindful of the teachers' time when developing the new report cards.

Goal Setting

Mr. Mark Reynolds of Bowsprit facilitated the discussion on district goal setting for the 2016-2017 school year.

The board and administration broke into three groups to discuss areas of focus for next year's goals.

GOALS

1. Student Achievement
2. Student Experience and Readiness (include social emotional)
3. Resources and Capabilities

The board discussed timelines for the goals. It was decided that Mr. Reynolds will distribute a list to the board and administrators with goals listed by May 27th. The board will then provide Mr. Reynolds with feedback by June 6th. Mr. Reynolds will update the list and return it to the board by June 8th.

The board will share any comments or concerns with the board president, Ms. Christine Witt.

The board will discuss the overarching statements at the June 14th board meeting. If everyone agrees to the bullet points on the list, Ms. Gartenberg will provide the board with a prioritized list and a brief rationale behind it at the June 28th board meeting. She will list the items that the district has accomplished, the items the district will continue to work on and the items that the district would like to accomplish.

Ms. Donnay left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

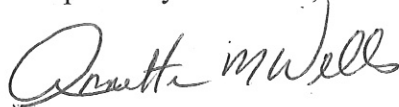
Ms. Gartenberg will present the finalized list with a full description of the rationale behind it at the July 19th board meeting,

The board will vote on the goals at the August 16th board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Huff and seconded by Mr. Doshi that the meeting stand adjourned at 4:03 p.m. Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Annette M. Wells".

Annette M. Wells
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary