

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Skillman, New Jersey 08558

Meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 2026
6:00 p.m. Public Session

Orchard Hill Elementary School Cafeteria

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

2025-2026 District Goals

- Goal 1: The Student Experience - Student Achievement, Teaching, and Learning
MTSD will advance student learning and engagement by integrating UDL principles and personalized instruction, fostering authentic, real-world experiences driven by a revised Portrait of a Graduate. We will continue our work expanding community partnerships, refining core curricula through content analysis, and strategically building internal capacity for professional development.
- Goal 2: Communication, Community Engagement, and Outreach
MTSD is dedicated to enhancing district-community communication to foster stronger relationships essential for student success. Based on survey data and stakeholder feedback, we will prioritize refining communication tools while maintaining a strong connection with our township partners.
- Goal 3: Climate and Culture (Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) - Cultural Sensitivity, Health and Wellness, Resilience)
MTSD is committed to nurturing a healthy school climate and supporting student well-being through proactive programming, responsive interventions, and an inclusive curriculum. We will maintain our focus on addressing the potential risks of technology and social media, administer an annual climate survey to highlight areas of strength and growth, and intentionally recognize students who exemplify the core values we uphold.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order – Board President

Statement of Open Meeting and Public Participation - Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, adequate notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been made by regular mail or email on the 11th day of January 2026 from the Board of Education offices maintained at 1014 Route 601, Skillman, NJ to the following: The Courier News, Montgomery News, Montgomery Township Clerk, and the Rocky Hill Borough Clerk.

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 9:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Victoria Franco-Herman
Christina Harris
Vanita Nargund

Julius Nunez
Francine Pfeffer
Maria Spina

Patrick Todd
Ting Wang
Kathryn Worland

SALUTE THE FLAG

MTSD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT / PRESENTATIONS

- Governor Educator of the Year Recognition
- Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Presentation for Board Members
- Strategic Plan Presentation

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)
- Operations, Facilities and Finance Committee (OFF)
- Policy and Communications Committee (PCC)
- Human Resource Committee (HRC)

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD – List of correspondence to the Board:

None received.

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, 4, 7 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.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

Victoria Franco-Herman	Julius Nunez	Patrick Todd
Christina Harris	Francine Pfeffer	Ting Wang
Vanita Nargund	Maria Spina	Kathryn Worland

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

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| 1. January 27, 2026 | Executive Session |
| 2. January 27, 2026 | Business Meeting |

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 full name and address and enter both on the chromebook 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.

ACTION AGENDA

1.0 ADMINISTRATIVE

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

1.1 **Routine Monthly Reports** – Accept the following reports:

- a. Student Control Report
- b. Fire/Security Drill Report
- c. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report

1.2 **Policy Reading and Adoption** – Move the Board of Education suspend Bylaw 0131 and adopt revised Policies and Regulations 2530, Resource Materials; and 9130, Public Complaints; and new Policy and Regulation 2535, Library Materials; with one reading based upon new legislation. The action suspending Bylaw 0131 shall only be in effect for adoption of the aforementioned Policies and Regulations.

2.0 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

2.1 Out-of-District Placements: 2025-2026 - Approve the following Out-of-District placements for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Student ID	School	Dates	TUITION		
			ESY	RSY	Total for Year
107373	Princeton Child Development Institute	1/5/26-6/17/26		\$75,260.00	\$75,260.00
110138	Mercer County Special Services School District Tuition 1:1 Aide	1/6/26-6/30/26		\$36,750.00 \$22,050.00	\$58,800.00

2.2 Consultant Approvals for Special Services: 2025-2026 - Approve the following consultants for Special Services for the 2025-2026 School Year:

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
Gohar Speech Therapy	BCBA Occupational Therapy	\$200.00/ per hour \$155.00/ per hour <i>Not to exceed \$20,000.00</i>

2.3 Consultant Approvals for Curriculum and Instruction: 2025-2026 - Approve the following consultants for Curriculum and Instruction for the 2025-2026 School Year:

CONSULTANT NAME/VENDOR	SERVICES PROVIDED	RATES OF SERVICE
Power School	Provide professional development to counselors on Naviance.	Not to Exceed \$380.00 <i>To be funded by ESEA Title II</i>

2.4 Textbook/Resource Approval: 2025-2026 - Approve the following textbook/resource:

Title	Course
Voices & Perspectives: United States History	UMS – 8 th Grade Social Studies

3.0 OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND FINANCE

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

3.1 Acceptance of the Financial Reports

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Board of Education of the Montgomery School District to certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Board of Education of the Montgomery Township School District receive and accept the monthly financial statement, the Board Secretary's Report; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending December 31, 2025 is presented for the Board to accept and is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Montgomery Township School District acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and the Board of Education certifies that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the District's financial obligation.

3.2 Approval of Transfers

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line item accounts for each line item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy 6422 designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board and be reported to the Board, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, transfers were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers through December 31, 2025 within the 2025-2026 school year budget, as approved by the Superintendent, so that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district's financial obligations, as requested by various district;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Montgomery Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Board President and School Business Administrator to sign any documents on behalf of the Montgomery Board of Education with regards to exercising the intent of this resolution.

3.3 Approval of Bill List Fiscal Year 2026

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Board of Educations to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

WHEREAS, a list of bills dated February 24, 2026 is being presented to the board with the recommendation that they be ratified and paid respectively; and

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery Township Board of Education approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of \$12,849,934.85 and

General Account	\$12,657,841.84
Food Service Account	\$ 192,093.01
TOTAL	\$12,849,934.85

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the list of bills is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montgomery Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 6470 – Payment of Claims.

3.4 Travel Reimbursement – 2025-2026 – Approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the travel reimbursement list dated 2/24/26.

3.5 Donation Acceptance – Accept the donation of \$500.00 from The Kehillah Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Mercer to be used for the MHS Class of 2029 Washington DC Trip.

3.6 Acceptance of Grant – Accept funding from the NJDOE Climate Grant in the amount of \$395 to be used for transportation for the Village Elementary School trip to the Rutgers Center for Lifelong Learning Center for the Local Voices, Global Choices Student and Educator Summit.

3.7 Appointments – The Board President made the following committee assignments for 2026 as per the below list:

- Members of the Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction Committee (ACI):

Chair	Christina Harris
Member	Maria Spina
Member	Francine Pfeffer
Member	Kathryn Worland

- Members of the Human Resources Committee (HRC):

Chair	Patrick Todd
Member	Christina Harris
Member	Vanita Nargund

- Members of the Operations, Finances & Facilities Committee (OFF):

Chair	Cookie Franco-Herman
Member	Patrick Todd
Member	Julius Nunez

- Members of the Policy and Communications Committee (PCC):

Chair	Maria Spina
Member	Cookie Franco-Herman
Member	Francine Pfeffer
Member	Ting Wang

- Montgomery Township PTSA/PTO/PTA Liaison:

Delegate	Christina Harris
Alternate	Patrick Todd

- Montgomery Township SEPTA/SEPAG Liaison:

Delegate	Maria Spina
Alternate	Christina Harris

- Liaison to the Montgomery Township and Rocky Hill Municipal Alliance Committee:

Liaison	Vanita Nargund
Alternate	Kathryn Worland

- Voting member and alternate to the New Jersey School Boards Association:

Voting Member	Maria Spina
Alternate	Ting Wang

- Member and Alternate to the Executive Committee of the Somerset County School Boards Association:

Delegate	Ting Wang
Alternate	Francine Pfeffer

- Members of the Negotiations Committee with APSMT:

Lead	Julius Nunez
Member	Maria Spina
Member	Cookie Franco-Herman

- Members of the Negotiations Committee with WOC:

Lead	Vanita Nargund
Member	Patrick Todd
Member	Maria Spina

- Members of the Negotiations Committee with MTEA:

Lead	Patrick Todd
Member	Christina Harris
Member	Kathryn Worland

- Montgomery Township Municipal Committee

Liaison	Cookie Franco-Herman
Alternate	Vanita Nargund

- 3.8 Election of Delegate - It is recommended that the Board of Education elect Patrick Todd as delegate to the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, Francine Pfeffer as an alternate delegate.
- 3.9 Contract Revision – Approve the Contract Addendum cancelling Route SBHS of Multi Contract KDM26, bid B26-02, with vendor K&D Bus Service, LLC, from a per diem total of \$303.00 including the per diem aide fee, effective 1/5/26, due to the student no longer attending this school.
- 3.10 SEMI Action Plan – Approve the FY27 SEMI Action Plan as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(f) and (g).
- 3.11 Approve a Contract with Commercial Interior Direct – Approve a contract with Commercial Interior Direct to re-upholster torn MHS Auditorium seating in the amount not to exceed \$41,007.00. (ESCJ Bid #22/23-08).
- 3.12 Approve a Contract with Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Inc. – Approve a contract with Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Inc. for the 7th grade class trip on June 18, 2026, in the amount not to exceed \$17,335.50.
- 3.13 Approve a Contract with Robert Griggs Plumbing & Heating – Approve a contract with Roberts Griggs Plumbing & Heating, to install a new water line to the existing irrigation system at the Lower Middle School baseball field, in the amount not to exceed \$37,420.00. (Hunterdon County ESC contract #SER-24-14).

- 3.14 Approve Staples Technology Solutions – Approve Staples Technology Solutions for \$170,292.00 to purchase Chromebooks (Google OS Management, OS Enrollment, Asset Tagging for 5th grade/new students to LMS 1:1 program) enter into on behalf of Sourcewell Contract # SCC070924 as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Staples Technology Solutions Chicago, IL	\$170,292.00

- 3.15 Approval of a Professional Services Contract - Approve a professional services contract with Parette Somjen Architects for architectural services, bidding and construction services for the Upper Middle School Chiller Replacement ROD Grant Project at Upper Middle School in accordance with their proposal of \$39,900.00.

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 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.

NEW BUSINESS FROM PUBLIC

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CLOSING DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT