

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Lower Middle School Cafeteria
373 Burnt Hill Road
Skillman, New Jersey 08558**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 31, 2022 4:30 p.m. Public Meeting

Call to Order – By Board President Spence-Wallace at 4:30 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 August 26, 2022. 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.

ROLL CALL

Martin Carlson – Present
Victoria Franco-Herman – Present
Christina Harris – Present
Richard Specht – Present

Dr. Zelda Spence-Wallace – Present
Maria Spina - Present
Patrick Todd – Present

Absent: Phyllis Bursh

Also Present: Mary McLoughlin, Superintendent of Schools
Alicia M. Schauer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

SALUTE THE FLAG

INTERVIEW BOARD CANDIDATES

The following individuals were interviewed in person for the vacant BOE seat for a term ending at the next organizational meeting scheduled for January 3, 2033:

Dr. Nithila Peter, Agam Uphadhyay, Brian Cige, Anna Wolecka-Jernigan, Alisia Bonilla,
Douglas Herring, Michelle Dowling, Dr, Sarkar Ranajoy

The following individuals were interviewed remotely for the same position:

Joanna Filak, Craig Rothenberg

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:19 p.m. to discuss the candidates.

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 item 3.

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 – The Board returned from Executive session at 6:00 pm. Ms. Spence-Wallace discussed the deliberation process and the manner in which the candidates were evaluated.

NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD/PUBLIC

None

ACTION AGENDA

1.0 ADMINISTRATIVE

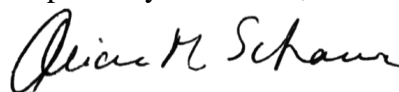
Mr. Patrick Todd motioned item 1.1 seconded by Ms. Franco-Herman Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously.

- 1.1 Appointment of Board Member – appoint Mr. Douglas Herring as a board member to be sworn in at the September 27, 2022 board meeting pending successful criminal history report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Richard Specht motioned to adjourn at 6:08 p.m., seconded by Ms. Franco-Herman. Upon call of the question, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alicia M. Schauer
Board Secretary