

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 26, 2008

Mountainside School District

Beechwood School, 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092
Deerfield School, 302 Central Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092

I. **CALL TO ORDER** This regular meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education in the County of Union, New Jersey was called to order by President John Perrin at 6:30 PM at the Beechwood Media Center, 1497 Wood Acres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Nagel
Mrs. Schaumberg -Arrived 6:45 P.M.
Mr. Haggar
Mr. Venes
Mr. Tinnirella-Arrived 7:00 P.M.
Mr. Perrin
Mr. Worswick-Absent

Also present were Dr. O'Malley, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. McLaughlin, Board Secretary/Business Administrator

III. **Executive Session** - The following resolution was approved by roll call vote:

<u>Moved:</u> Nagel	<u>Seconded:</u> Haggar
RC) Nagel-Y, Schaumberg-arrived 6:45 PM	Haggar- Y
Venes-Y Worswick-absent, Tinnirella-arrived 7:00 PM,	Perrin-Y

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 (R.S. 10:4-13), permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting or portion of a meeting of this public body in circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board must consider matter(s) involving the following:

1. Personnel- CSA Search

the disclosure of which could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy; now

WHEREAS, the discussion of individual items to be considered by the Board in closed session may be made public once the need for confidentiality no longer exists, but the Board cannot state at the present time when that will be.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss the above mentioned matter to the exclusion of all others. Matters discussed may or may not be made public this evening. If an action results, it will be taken following re-entry into regular session.

IV. **FLAG SALUTE**

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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- VI. **Correspondence**- Mr. McLaughlin noted receipt of a letter from the Office of the Executive County Superintendent of Schools approving the Mountainside Board of Education 2008-2009 professional development plan and cited it as exemplary. The letter also included a request for the Mountainside Board of Education professional development committee to appear before the county professional roundtable to provide an overview of their processes.
- VII. **Public Participation**-None
- VIII. **President's Report**-President Perrin reported that the recent Sunday Star Ledger included the annual NJDOE School Report Card. He noted that in that report the Mountainside Board of Education received a 3-star rating for being in the top 10% of it's district factor group as well as the top 10% of districts for academic performance. President Perrin noted that a primary reason for the district's success was the Mountainside Board of Education's annual goal setting process and the superintendent's implementation of the those goals in each ensuing year.

IX. **Chief School Administrator's Report**

Dr. O'Malley noted that district students Kyle Morris and Laura Nicholson pieces of art were selected to be displayed at the Art Educators of New Jersey & NJPAC 2008 Winter Youth Art Show at NJPAC. Dr. O'Malley noted that artwork by district students Billy Worswick, Isabelle Perrin and Nicole Attanasio would be displayed at the 2008 Union County Youth Art Month Exhibit and Reception held at the IKEA in Elizabeth from February 28 through March 31, 2008. Dr. O'Malley reported that from the Union County exhibit only six pieces of art were selected to represent the county at the state level Youth Art Month Celebration in Trenton at the statehouse annex. He noted that we are very proud that Isabelle Perrin's artwork was selected to represent the county at this exhibit in Trenton. Dr. O'Malley concluded his report by noting that the Watts Foundation had announced that it would fund a \$10,000 per year scholarship for any graduating student who is a resident of Mountainside . Applications for the scholarship are in the Mountainside Board of Education Office and the library.

X. **Administration**

At this juncture President Perrin asked for a motion to move the entire action portion of the agenda, motions A-1, B&F 1-6 and P1-4 as well as the approval of the second reading of 5000 series of policies. Mr. Nagel moved and Mrs. Schaumberg seconded the motion. The action agenda motion was approved upon a roll call vote as follows:

Nagel-Y,	Schaumberg-Y,	Haggar- Y
Venes-Y	Worswick- Absent,	Tinnirella-Y, Perrin-Y

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following spring Track & Field sport schedule for the 2007-2008 school year (Attachment #2).

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XI. Budget and Finance

1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, I, Roderic McLaughlin, Board Secretary hereby certify that subject to the approval of the resolution entitled “Budget Transfers” and appended to these minutes (not applicable). Payment of the claims set forth in the accompanying bill list dated February 6, 2008 through February 20, 2008 will not result in the over expenditure of any budget appropriation, as modified to date, of any line item of the budget as set forth in the level of detail contained in the advertised budget for the year.

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the payment of a bill list dated 02/06/08 through 2/20/08 (Attachment #3).

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the financial report of the business administrator and the treasurer of school monies for the month of January 2008, including a cash report for that period, be approved and ordered filed (Attachment #4).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11*, we certify that as of January 31, 2008, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of *N.J.A.C. . 6A:23- 2.11* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year (Attachment #5).

5. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE Policy No. 9250 and upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the travel and related expenses itemized in attachment #6. This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and with the scope of the staff member’s current responsibilities and the district’s professional development plan.

6. **RESOLUTION** *approving the creation of a maintenance reserve fund pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:7G-13(d) and NJAC 6A:23-2.14*

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education was the recipient of construction grants in aid for the capital construction projects which it undertook between 2001 and 2003 and

WHEREAS, those grant agreements with the state and N.J.S.A 18A:7G-13(d) and NJAC 6A:23-2.14 require the a recipient of said grants to establish a maintenance reserve and

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WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education believes the establishment of a maintenance reserve is consistent with efficient and effective management of district facilities and financial resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mountainside Board of Education hereby authorizes the immediate creation of a maintenance reserve fund and fund it with the transfer of \$1.00 from unanticipated revenues pursuant to the authority under NJAC 6A:23-2.11(d).

XII. Personnel

1. **BE IT RESOVED**, the Mountainside Board of Education accept the resignation of Richard O'Malley, Ed.D., Chief School Administrator effective June 12, 2008 or sooner and thank him for his three years of service to the Mountainside School District.
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Kaitlyn Moore to be added to the substitute list for the 2007-2008 school year.
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following stipend position for the 2007-2008 school year:

Stipend Position	Name	Amount
Boys' Baseball Coach	Jeffrey F. Marretta	\$2,528.00

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the notification to take classes from Maureen Miller, Director of Special Service, for six (6) credits at NJ EXCEL for the winter/spring 2008 term in the amount of \$2,166.0.

XIII. Curriculum

XIV. Policy

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Policy</u>
*5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils
*5112	Entrance Age
5114	Children Displaced by Domestic Violence
5116	Education of Homeless Children
5120	Assignment of Pupils
5130	Withdrawal From School
5200	Attendance
5230	Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

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<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Policy</u>
5240	Tardiness
5250	Excusal from Class or Program
*5300	Use of Defibrillator(s)
5305	Health Services Personnel
5306	Health Services To Nonpublic Schools
5307	Nursing Services Plan
5308	Pupil Health Records
5310	Health Services
5320	Immunization
5330	Administration of Medication
5331	Anaphylaxis to Food and Other Substances
5332	Do Not Resuscitate Orders
5335	Treatment of Asthma
5350	Pupil Suicide Prevention
5410	Promotion/Retention/Acceleration
5411	Commencement Activities
5420	Reporting Pupil Progress
5440	Honoring Pupil Achievement
5500	Expectations for Pupil Conduct
*5511	Dress and Grooming
*5512	Hazing
5512.01	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
5512.02	Cyber-Bullying
5513	Care of School Property
5514	Pupil Use of Vehicles
5516	Remotely Activating Communication Devices Pagers & Cellular Telephones
5520	Disorder and Demonstration
*5530	Substance Abuse
5533	Smoking
5550	Disaffected Pupils
5560	Disruptive Pupils
5570	Sportsmanship
5600	Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct
5610	Suspension
5611	Removal of Pupils From The General Education Program for Weapons/Firearms Offenses
5612	Assault by Pupils on Board Members or Employees
5615	Suspected Gang Activity
5620	Expulsion
5700	Pupil Rights
5701	Plagiarism
5710	Pupil Grievance
5721	Independent Publications
5750	Equal Educational Opportunity
5751	Sexual Harassment
5752	Marital Status and Pregnancy
5755	Equity in Educational Programs and Services
5770	Pupil Right of Privacy
5820	Student Government
5830	Pupil Fund Raising
5841	School Clubs and Secret Societies
5842	Equal Access of Pupil Organizations

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<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Policy</u>
5843	Child Care Program
5850	Social Events and Class Trips
5860	Safety Patrol
5880	Public Performances by Pupils

* *Changes as discussed*

XV. **Old Business**-None

XVI. **New Business**-None

XVII. **Committee Reports**-None

XVIII. **Public Participation**- A reporter from the Westfield Leader asked how the district would go about replacing Dr. O'Malley. President Perrin responded that the Mountainside Board of Education was reviewing its options and would make them known when it had arrived at a decision.

XIV. **Executive Session** - None

XX. **Adjournment** - The following motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote:

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Moved: Nagel

Seconded: Schaumberg

Respectfully submitted,

Roderic B. McLaughlin,
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary