

MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



August 27, 2019

This newsletter provides a monthly summary of discussions and actions taken at the Mountainside Board of Education meetings.

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Mountainside School District Board of Education

James W. Ruban, Jr. (President), Christopher Minks (Vice President)
Dante Gioia, Dana Guidici Pietro, Jordan Hyman,
Candice Schiano, Carmine Venes

Administrative Team

Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools
Steven DiGeronimo, Interim Business Administrator
Kimberly Richards, Principal - Deerfield School
Suzanne Jenks, Principal - Beechwood School
Sheri Rouleau, Supervisor of Special Services

ACTION ITEMS	ACTION TAKEN
Approval of Minutes	<p><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 23, 2019 Regular and Executive Sessions
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Walling overviewed new Beechwood dismissal procedures. She noted the school calendar was finalized. Mrs. Walling also discussed opening day preparations, new teacher orientation, and keynote speaker Alan Brown who will be presenting for staff PD day.
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gioia met with Dr. Varley, the new superintendent of GL. He mentioned there is an open campus for seniors, and the board attorney gave board members legal training.
Administration	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-20 school year calendar; SciP panel and PD development committee to include Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Jenks, Ms. Cruz, Ms. Crisafulli, Ms. Goldbeck, Mrs. Goracy, Mrs. Lauterbach, Ms. Shimwell and Ms. Topel; Lead Testing Statement of Assurance; July 2019 safety and security drills.
Budget and Finance	<p><i>BOE approved.</i></p> <p><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></p> <p>Budget transfers for July; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for July 2019.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BH GL High School General Ed. tuition contract for 19-20 SY for \$4,481,054; BH GL High School Resource Room tuition contract for 19-20 SY for \$111,750; Reading and Writing Network, LLC contract for PD (\$37,500) and tickets (\$1,400) for 19-20 SY; Greenwood Lawn Service contract for \$16,857 prorated effective 9/1/19; Progressive Therapy of NJ for behavioral services for 19-20 SY for \$39,560; Acceptance of \$25,000 donation from Beverly R. Grush Living Trust to be used for Helen Bittrich Rottstock Memorial Writing Award; Revised tuition cost from Cornerstone Day School; Registration for MUJC Spring Music Festival for 19-20 SY for \$1,645; Acceptance of Nonpublic School Transportation Aid for \$20,590; Acceptance of FY19 Extraordinary Aid for \$112,873; Cafeteria price list for 19-20 SY; Special Ed. placements for 19-20 SY; Shared Services Agreement with BOE and the Borough; Sports transportation contracts with Kensington and MUJC.

Personnel	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved the following for the 19-20 SY:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity Disability leave for Mrs. Lauterbach 12/2/19-4/10/20; Resignation of Paula Pontoriero; Agreement between BOE and employee #M0000544; Appointment of Sheri Rouleau, Supervisor of Special Services; Ann Cooke for Special Ed. Services for September up to 12 days; Appointment of Dayna Carroll, p/t AIM teacher; Appointment of Erica Bell, LDTC; Appointment of Jean Van Vliet, 2nd gr. Teacher; Appointment of Lauren Hall, Sp. Ed. leave replacement 9/3/19-3/27/20; Appointment of Jody Rhee, Middle School leave replacement 9/3/19-12/1/19; Appointment of new paraprofessionals: Elizabeth Carpenter, Michele Saltalamacchia, Suzanne Tighe, Teresa Banks, Kiri Williams, Heather Kronengold; Resignation of Claudia Shehady, lunch aide; Appointment of lunch aides: Elizabeth Carpenter, Michele Saltalamacchia, Suzanne Tighe, Lauren Klein; Appointment of new substitutes, pending paperwork: Teresa Banks, Jennifer Polizzi, Robert Gianotti, Melissa Battaglia, Nancy DosSantos; List of substitutes; Appointment of Dana Peterson for Orton Gillingham evaluation up to 4 hrs from 9/5-9/27; Stipend positions; Re-appointment of Carolee Lavey, p/t media asst. 			
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 			
Policy	<p><i>BOE had second reading and adoption of the following policy:</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">0141.1</td> <td style="width: 60%;">Board Member and Term – Sending District</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Revised/Recommended</td> </tr> </table>	0141.1	Board Member and Term – Sending District	Revised/Recommended
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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 			
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gioia inquired on the potential use of any unused space at Deerfield, specifically an area previously used for woodshop was mentioned. 			
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 			
Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 			

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