

MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 17, 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"> November 19, 2019 Regular and Executive Sessions
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ruban recognized Mr. Minks for his time and dedication to the Board over the past 9 and 1/2 years.
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Walling and other members of the Board recognized Mountainside Board of Education member, Mr. Christopher Minks and thanked him for his many years of commitment to the District and his service on many committees. Mr. Minks responded and thanked the Board for their support and kind words. He congratulated newly elected board member William Dillon and re-elected members James Ruban and Carmine Venes; Mrs. Walling also acknowledged the resignation of Mr. DiGeronimo and thanked him for his guidance and expertise through this transitional period. She introduced Bob Morrison, auditor from the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., a division of PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP., who made an audit presentation on the 2018-19 school year.
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gioia mentioned there were some changes to the Board of Education at Berkeley Heights. He noted the teacher training cohort for leadership, and that the 2020-21 school year calendar was approved.
Administration	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The resolution honoring Mr. Christopher Minks, Mountainside Board of Education member; Geneva Loconte, Fairleigh Dickinson student, to complete field experience hours; Superintendent's recommendations on two HIB incidents dated November 21 and 26, 2019; BW and DF November 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 November; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for November 2019;</p> <p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <p>To revise Budget and Finance resolution #8 from May 21, 2019, regarding the Student Transportation Contract Renewal with Durham School Service for the 2019-2020 school year, to reflect corrected figures; to approve contract with Stepping Forward Counseling Center, LLC, for home instruction and therapeutic services for student #5029655983; special education placements and services and termination of the contract approved on August 27, 2019, for student #6489264549 at Academy 360, Lower School effective December 31, 2019; School District Travel.</p>

Personnel	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></p> <p>Updated stipend list for 19/20; to rescind the appointment of Kristen Dal Cortivo as Video Editing Club Advisor; Steven DiGeronimo to consult as needed, at an hourly rate of \$75, not to exceed 15 hours; the addition of Sophia Koutzoulis to the substitute list pending paperwork.</p>																													
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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 																													
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January BOE meetings are set on January 7th for the Reorganization meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Beechwood, and the regular meeting is rescheduled for January 21st at Deerfield. 																													
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 																													
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 																													
Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 																													

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