

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

April 18, 2023



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
 Vivian Pupo (President), Dana Guidici Pietro (Vice President)
 Bill Dillon, Michael Goodwin, Jordan Hyman,
 Candice Schiano, Carmine Venes

Administrative Team
 Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools
 Steven Robinson, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Suzanne Jenks, Principal – Deerfield School
 Jessica Vierschilling, Principal – Beechwood School
 Sheri Rouleau, Supervisor of Special Services

Action Items	Action Taken
Approval of Minutes	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 14, 2023 Regular Session March 14, 2023 Executive Session
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	none
President's Report	Mrs. Pupo congratulated students who participated in the Science Fair. She also thanked the PTO for their successful Spring Fling event and wished the spring sports teams good luck with their upcoming seasons.
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling provided district updates, including field trips, assemblies, & end of year activities. She noted NJSLA testing will begin in May. She discussed the Safety & Security survey results with over 222 responses from families, and 75 from staff with overwhelmingly positive results as to our level of security. She presented the BOE with an update on grant funding expenditures; She discussed the need for future planning and consideration for ARP funded clubs and SEL supports once the funding window expires.
Business Administrator's Report	Mr. Robinson discussed some of the slight adjustments from the tentative budget, noting the county superintendent approved the tentative budget, so the final budget is ready for adoption tonight.
BH Liaison Report	Mr. Hyman reported from 3/30, where administrative reorganization was discussed and ultimately did not pass. The next meeting is 4/27, followed by 5/11. The 23-24 budget may impact some non-tenured teaching staff, elective classes, club and athletic fees, busing, etc.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Comprehensive Equity Plan SOA for 23/24 SY; March BW/DF safety and security drill reports.
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget Transfers for February and March; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for February and March; Submission of final budget; School Facilities Capital Renovation Projects; Services agreement with Dr. Ronal Frank as school physician for 23/24 SY in the amount of \$2,250; Annual subscription busing at \$630 for 23/24 SY; GCN agreement for \$1,680 for 23/24 SY; JAG Consulting LLC for technology services at \$35/hr. for 23/24 SY; Acceptance of Watts Foundation donation of \$21,900, used as outlined; School District Travel/Professional Development; Special Education placements and services.

Personnel	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Resignation of Elizabeth Shimwell, effective immediately; Request to extend family leave for Nicole Mansfield for the 23/24 SY; Appointment of Kirsten Post, leave replacement adjusted from 3/20-3/31 for medical leave, and 4/11-6/20 for Art; Medical leave of absence for Employee #96953559 beginning 3/20; Appointment of Jesse Winter as long term sub for medical leave as of 4/11/23; Summer Learning Academy staffing; Janelle Lauterbach to attend summer CST meetings as needed; ESY staffing.</p>																	
Policy	<p><i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies/regulations:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="344 275 1511 478"> <tr> <td>P 5305</td> <td>Health Services Personnel</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P 5308</td> <td>Student Health Records</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P 5310</td> <td>Health Services</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies/regulations:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="344 512 1511 636"> <tr> <td>P 5200</td> <td>Attendance</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R 5200</td> <td>Attendance</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>BOE abolished the following policies/regulations:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="344 669 1516 732"> <tr> <td>P 9100</td> <td>Public Relations (School Community Program)</td> </tr> </table>	P 5305	Health Services Personnel	Revised/Mandated	P 5308	Student Health Records	Revised/Mandated	P 5310	Health Services	Revised/Mandated	P 5200	Attendance	Revised/Mandated	R 5200	Attendance	Revised/Mandated	P 9100	Public Relations (School Community Program)
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Old Business	<p>Mr. Hyman asked about the demographic study updates, Mr. Robinson responded that he should have results within a week or so. The board can review the report and decide if they want a presentation to go over the results from the company.</p>																	
New Business	<p>Mr. Hyman asked what time graduation will be. Other board members said students arrive at 6, so they assume it will begin at 7, but it's to be determined. Mr. Robinson mentioned that the NJ School Boards annual conference in AC will be in October and he can book hotels for interested board members.</p>																	
Committee Reports	<p>none</p>																	
Public Comments	<p>none</p>																	

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