

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

April 29, 2025



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

These are not the official minutes. Please check our website for the official minutes and additional information.

Our meetings are recorded and can be viewed on our website.

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
 Dana Sullivan, 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
Public Hearing on the 25/26 Budget	Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Walling presented the final budget. They reviewed timelines in budget preparations and approvals, revenues and expenditures, as well as staffing and programming details for the upcoming year. Board members asked questions to which Mrs. Sullivan responded. There were no comments from the public.
Approval of Minutes	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025 • Minutes of the Executive Session of March 11, 2025 • Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 13, 2025 • Minutes of the Special Meeting Executive Session of March 13, 2025 • Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 19, 2025 • Minutes of the Special Meeting Executive Session of March 19, 2025 • Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 31, 2025
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	none
President's Report	none
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling honored students who excelled in a variety of artistic endeavors this year. She then introduced Mrs. Jenks who presented an overview of Deerfield School's year-in-review. Mrs. Jenks thanked Mrs. Tiscia for her help with creating a memorial art display for a former beloved art teacher, Mrs. Slotkin, who passed away. Mrs. Walling continued discussing NJSLA testing, and working with the incoming superintendent, Mr. Kinney.
Business Administrator's Report	none
BH Liaison Report	none
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> HIB reports; March Drill Reports.
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget transfers for Mar. 2025; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for Mar. 2025; Final Budget Proposal for 25/26; Coordinated Transportation Services with USESC; Student Transportation Contract Renewal with Durham; Dr. Frank to provide School Physician Services; Agreement with BrightStar Care for nursing services; Educational Data Services, Inc agreement; Contract with R&L for payroll and related services; JAG Consulting, LLC for information technology services; donation from Mr. Masotti of \$150 for music dept.; donation from Mountainside PTO MEF Grant Committee of \$500, for DF assembly; School District Travel.

Personnel	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Resignation of A. Ross; J. Starinsky to the position of Kindergarten LTS; Aneta Ferriere to the position of part-time paraprofessional; temporary custodial workers for summer employment; reimbursement for classes from Jennifer Smith; Addition to the Substitute List; Additions to the Stipend List; CST staff for ESY/Summer; A. Hines as Gifted & Talented Teacher.		
Policy			
	P 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students	TABLED
	<i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies/regulations:</i>		
	P 8500	Food Services	Revised/Mandated
Old Business	none		
New Business	Dr. Guidici Pietro mentioned the PTO spring fundraiser had a great turnout, raising close to \$25,000. Mr. Dillon mentioned the Recreation Department had a ribbon cutting for new pickleball courts on our property, and is grateful for our partnership		
Committee Reports	Mr. Dillon reported from BH regarding GL tuition, and tennis team court use issues. He reminded people to keep an eye on a possible referendum at the high school and to participate in surveys and public forums to stay informed.		
Public Comments	A parent spoke about concerns regarding his child's services.		

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