

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

June 27, 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"> May 9, 2023 Regular Session May 9, 2023 1st and 2nd Executive Sessions
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	none
President's Report	none
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling honored retiree Linda Lombardo, DF Secretary, and thanked her for 10 years of service. The Board thanked her as well. Mrs. Walling acknowledged Noetic Math National Honor Roll winners, Gregory Worth and Ronan Danberry for finishing in the top 10%. She then introduced the 6th Grade choir, who performed a song. Mrs. Jenks presented the board with a "Year in Review" for Deerfield School. Mrs. Walling commented on all of the wonderful end of the year activities, like field days, 2nd Gr. Clap-Out, 8th Gr. graduation and other events.
Business Administrator's Report	none
BH Liaison Report	Mr. Hyman reported on 5/11, new courses were approved at GL, low attended courses were eliminated. They had retirements of several administrators, and restructured the administrative team. Subscription busing cost was set at \$1,000, and athletic fees were increased. On 6/5, there were end of season sports updates, & information on prom & graduation. Physics Club went to Six Flags, and Educators of the Year were honored, along with 10 retirees. They approved 26 coaches. Information was provided about STEM, Art Show, and approval of the 95% Core Curriculum, which aligns with Mountainside. An extra meeting was added for 6/29, next meeting is on 8/10.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> HIB Reports; Security Drill SOA; Comprehensive Equity Plan SOA; Waiver for PK/K toilet rooms for 23/24 SY; Updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Service Plan; New job description for Custodian w/ CDL; May BW/DF safety and security drill reports.
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget transfers for April & May 2023; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for April & May; BA authorized to complete any and all actions to close 22/23 fiscal year and open 23/24; BA to make transfers up to \$100,000 to Capital Reserves and \$200,000 to Tuition Reserves; BA to transfer unassigned fund balances for 22/23 SY NTE \$325,000 to cover unexpected Spec. Ed. transportation costs; Application and acceptance of School Climate Pilot Discretionary Grant for FY 23 in the amount of \$6,600; ESSA grant application for FY 24; IDEA Consolidated grant funds for FY 24; Extension of contract with Maschio's Food Service for 23/24 SY; Contract renewal with Progressive Therapy for BCBA services for ESY and 23/24 SY; Tuition agreement with UCVTS for 23/24 SY; Accept proposal from Nisivoccia LLP for auditing services for 23/24 SY; Bid

from Durham Transportation for route to/from UCVTs for \$90,000 for 23/24 SY; Agreement with Garden State AAC Specialists, LLC for Augmentative/Alternate Communication Evaluation & Therapeutic Services; Field Maintenance agreement with MSBL; Contract with R&L for payroll and related services for 23/24 SY; Reappointment of Paula Hatch as treasurer for 23/24 SY for \$3,231; Parent transportation contract for ESY and 23/24 SY for \$3,879; School Alliance Insurance renewal for 3 years; Property and Liability insurance for 23/24 SY; Accept donation of furniture from N.Providence Schools; Independent Contractors/Physicians/Agencies; Agreement with G2 Athletics, LLC for a 3-day camp at BW; School District Travel/PD; Special Education placements and services.

Personnel *As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved for the 23/24 SY:*
 Salary for Superintendent as \$169,529; Re-appointment of Steven Robinson as interim BA from July 1-Dec 31, 2023 at rate of \$750/diem; List of non-affiliated personnel; List of paraprofessionals; the retirement of Linda Lombardo, DF Secretary, effective Aug 1; Resignations of B. Pinho and E. Barkin; Appointment of S. Mlynarczyk as middle school math teacher; Appointment of J. Chirls as Special Ed. Teacher; Appointment of S. Ross as Special Ed. Teacher; Appointment of I. Rock as Spec. Services Secretary; Maternity/family leave for L. Naftulin from Oct 2-Feb 9; Sonia Branco to provide nursing services on 6/15/23; Appointment of D. Posner as Athletic Coordinator; Gavin Jakositz for student teaching observation hours; K. Goldbeck for summer related work NTE 70 hrs. at \$44/hr.; List of staff to participate in Behavioral Assessment Team meeting, NTE 4hrs. at \$44/hr; 22/23 SY Stipends positions; Part-time lunch aides; C. Kiesewetter to complete 40 hrs. of online RBT training at a rate of \$26.95/hr; J. Lima & P. Primmer to develop curricular plan for 95% Phonics program for Gr. K-2, NTE 20 hrs. each at \$44/hr; L. Topel & M. Cruz to develop curricular plan for 95% Phonics program for Gr. 3-5, NTE 10 hrs. each at \$44/hr; Rescind appointment of K. Lange as ESY teacher; Rescind appointment of K. Beirne as Spec. Ed. Teacher; Appointment of G. Apigo as substitute teacher for ESY; Appointment of K. Post as LTS for Gr. 3-8 Art from 9/1-10/10.

Curriculum *As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:*
 Field trips as detailed to the Board of Education; Adoption of 95% Core and Intervention Programs in Gr. K-5 for the 23/24 SY for \$33,238.70 paid from 23/24 General Acct. The cost for the "95 % Intervention Program" is \$12,256.40, paid with Title I funds.

Policy *BOE had the first reading of the following policies/regulations:*

P 0152	Board Officers	Revised/Recommended
P 0161	Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation	Revised/Recommended
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings	Revised/Recommended
P 2520	Instructional Supplies	Revised/Mandated
P 7440	School District Security	Revised/Mandated

BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies/regulations:

P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal & Other Grant Expenditures	Revised/Mandated
P 6115.04	Federal Funds - Duplication of Benefits	New/Mandated
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants	Revised/Mandated
R 8420.2	Bomb Threats	New/Mandated
R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures	Revised/Mandated
R 8420.10	Active Shooter	New/Mandated

Old Business none

New Business Mr. Hyman asked about solar panels. He noted there was a presentation at GL from a consultant at the request of the Environmental Club.

Committee Reports none

Public Comments none

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