



Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

May 13, 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
Natalie Crisafulli, Curriculum & Instructional Support Coordinator

Action Items	Action Taken
Approval of Minutes	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 29, 2025Minutes of the Executive Session of April 29, 2025
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	none
President's Report	none
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling introduced Mrs. Vierschilling who presented a BW Year-in-Review. Mr. Dillon commented about partnering with scouts for projects in the future. Mrs. Walling continued with various school concerts, trips, and other activities going on this spring. She thanked staff and volunteers for making the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C a success. Mr. Goodwin commented how organized it was and how students were well behaved. Mrs. Walling thanked Mrs. Goldbeck and Mrs. Crisafulli for all the work with NJSLA testing. She is hoping for nice weather for the end of the year activities. She shared the Self-Assessment for HIB reporting and that we are meeting our goals in both schools.
Business Administrator's Report	Mrs. Sullivan reported that we have 3 seats on the board that are up for reelection in November, noting deadlines and information available on our website. She pointed out various contracts that are on the agenda for approval tonight as well.
BH Liaison Report	Mr. Dillon reported on the last meeting and information on the Superintendent evaluation system, and that they are beginning talks about the 5-year Strategic Plan. He noted the BA is retiring, along with some others, and some new hires as well. He noted GL graduation is June 18th. He mentioned the softball senior game will be held at DF this week, and provided other spring sports updates.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> HIB reports; Lead Testing SOA; Affirmative Action Team to develop CEP; April Drill & Bus Evacuation Reports.
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget transfers for Apr. 2025; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for Apr. 2025; Horizon Dental agreement; IMAC agreement for State Health Benefits; GL Tuition Agreement for 25/26; GL Resource Room Tuition Agreement for 25/26; contract to Dyntek; School District Travel.
Personnel	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i>
Curriculum	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Field trip(s) as detailed to the Board of Education.

Policy	<i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies/regulations:</i>		
	P 5841	Secret Societies	Revised/Recommended
	P 8110	Attendance Areas	New/Recommended
	<i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies/regulations:</i>		
	P 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students	Revised/Mandated
Old Business	none		
New Business	none		
Committee Reports	Mrs. Schiano commented on negotiations meetings with the MEA and the progress that has been made. Mr. Venes commented on the Union County School Boards meeting he attended.		
Public Comments	none		

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