

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

May 25, 2021



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

Administrative Team

Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools
 Raymond Slamb, 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	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 27, 2021 Regular, and Executive Session
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling mentioned how great it has been having traditional activities happening in our schools. She thanked the PTO and Mountainside Police for the BW Bike Rodeo. She thanked Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Barkin for the Movie Under the Stars play. Other activities were K Teddy Bear Day, upcoming field days, & 8th Gr. graduation on June 17th. She noted BNL will be taking individual 8th grade student pictures and stitching them together as a class picture which will be available for purchase. She thanked Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Gonzalez for the transition to synchronous learning. There will be no afternoon instruction on May 28th, June 8th (for PD), or June 17-18th. Mrs. Walling provided information on the Summer Learning Academy regarding criteria, funding, and response so far. She noted all districts are required to create a reopening plan which will be working on to submit by the end of June .
Business Administrator's Report	Mr. Slamb provided an update on district projects (lighting, paving, security film, sidewalks). Security Grant was amended and approved and awaiting appropriation by the state. The district is exploring options for transportation next year, since Durham is not renewing. The board asked questions and discussed some of these topics further.
BH Liaison Report	Mr. Hyman reported from meetings held 4/29 and 5/13, where the main agenda was full day K & redistricting which passed in the fall. Traffic study results will be shared 6/10. GL hosted a county track meet 5/12-13, the Hill Toppers school play, & AP exams. The public is asking to rename Upper Columbia Field to Annie Young Field in honor of a 3rd grader, vote anticipated on 6/10. GL prom is on 6/4, graduation 6/16, with rain date 6/17. Educators of the Year were recognized.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Superintendent's recommendations on HIB incident dated 4/22/21; 2021-2022 holidays for Administrators, Secretaries and Maintenance/Custodial Departments; BW & DF April safety and security drill reports; Curricular documents
Budget and Finance	<i>BOE approved.</i> <i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i> Budget transfers for April; Payment of the Bill List; Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for April 2021; Reports of the Board Secretary for April 2021. <i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> General fund max amounts for professional services for 21-22 SY; purchase of technology for remote/synchronous learning with ESSER II funds and CARES Act funds; amended Chromebook purchase; Title Funds purchase of PD resources; 20-21 ESEA personnel; UCESC Special Ed. 21-22 tuition contract; 5-year lease with Lenovo for Chromebooks; Agreement with Frontline for IEP/504/Attendance software for 21-22; Quote from Greenwood Lawn Services for 21-22; 21-22 Right to Know Asbestos Mgmt. services from RAMM Environmental Services; GCN agreement for 21-22; CDK agreement for 21-22; Ed Data Services agreement for 21-22;

	Contract with Progressive Therapy of NJ for BCBA services for ESY and 21-22 SY; Agreement with Next Step Pediatric Therapy for PT and evals for ESY and 21-22 SY; Agreement with Learning Ally for Institution State License services for 21-22 SY; Agreement with LearnWell Education.		
Personnel	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i> Child Study Team staffing for summer 2021; ESY staffing of Special Education teachers, paraprofessionals, and school nurse from June 21-July 16, 2021; Summer Learning Academy staffing from June 21-July 16, 2021 paid for by ESSER II funds; Temporary summer custodians; revised mentoring weeks for Sue Goracy and Isaiah James; Extension of unpaid medical leave of absence for employee #91011247 through June 30, 2021; Dana Peterson to provide OG instruction during ESY; Addition of Laura Klein and Paula Conte to the 20-21 substitute list pending paperwork; 20-21 fee amounts for student activities at \$195 per student for softball/baseball, or \$150 if 2 or more children in a family participate.		
Policy	<i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies:</i>		
	P/R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis	Revised/Mandated
	P 6360	Political Contributions	Revised/Mandated
	P 8330	Student Records	Revised/Mandated
	P 9713	Recruitment bu Special Interest Groups	Revised/Mandated
	<i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies:</i>		
	P 2415	Every Student Succeeds Act	Revised/Mandated
	P 2415.02	Title I - Fiscal Responsibilities	Revised/Mandated
	P 2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations	Revised/Mandated
	P 2415.20 R 2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints	Revised/Mandated New/Mandated
New Business	<i>Library Liaison,</i> Mrs. Pupo reported that the library opened 5/17, and the April book sale was successful, with another planned on 6/11 -12 to support Friends of the Library. <i>PTO Liaison,</i> Dr. Guidici Pietro reported that the Spring Fling fundraiser will be 5/26. She also noted that Nick Schiano took 4th place in state wrestling, and 8U softball came in 2nd in their tournament and 2nd Gr. baseball won a Union Cty. game vs. Scotch Plains.		
Committee Reports	<i>Budget and Finance:</i> Mr. Dillion noted year end & summer projects, like paving, LED light vendor and safety films for windows. He also reviewed grant funds, ESSER II & ARP, security, and Durham updates on transportation.		
Public Comments	None		

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