

# Mountainside Board of Education

## Meeting Highlights

### November 15, 2022



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

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  
 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"> <li>October 18, 2022 Regular Session</li> <li>October 18, 2022 Executive Session</li> </ul>
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	none
President's Report	none
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling recognized the Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams for winning the CJAA championships. She also recognized the Patriot's Pen Essay winners, Red Ribbon Poster Contest winner and thanked everyone for another wonderful Veteran's Day celebration. She congratulated the Board members on the recent election results. She then presented the 2021 NJSLA test results, followed by the District Goals presentation for the 2022-2023 school year, and answered some questions from the Board.
Business Administrator's Report	Mr. Robinson presented the budget calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. He answered a few questions from the Board.
BH Liaison Report	Mr. Hyman's last meeting was on 10/20, next meeting on 11/17. There were updates on Fall athletics, and upcoming seasons. GL hosted PSAT and PACT tests, as well as Sr. Breakfast. There were presentations on NJSLA results and HIB. There was a Robotics competition, ideas shared about having homecoming in 2023, and AP exam results. There were 3 recently elected Board members, one returning and 2 new.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> HIB reports; District Goals; School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review SOA; Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist SOA; October BW/DF safety and security drill reports.
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget Transfers for Sept.; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for Sept.; Agreement with Golden Arrow to provide transportation for basketball season; Agreement with MUJC to provide transportation during regular 22-23 SY; Cooperative agreement with BH for middle school wrestling program; School District Travel/Professional Development; Special Education placements and services.
Personnel	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved: for the 22/23 SY</i> Appointment of Christine O'Grady, 3rd Gr. Teacher, Step 12 MA, effective 11/14/222; Resignation of Caitlin Sluberski, Elementary teacher effective immediately; Additions to the Substitute Teacher List; Stipend Positions; Amended hours for Nicole Cruts for curriculum writing; Extended medical leave for Employee #90184532; Home instruction provided by Barbi Higinbotham as needed at a

rate of \$44/hr. NTE 10 hours/wk.; List of parent volunteers for school play; Observation hours for Michael Mezzo with Mr. Wise for musical field experience for Ithaca College.

<b>Curriculum</b>	<b><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></b>		
	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
	Music in the Parks Dorney Park	8	Mr. Rosenblum / Mr. Wise
	Liberty Science Center	3	Phillips
			<i>Estimated Cost</i>
			Tickets: \$5770 paid by secured grants and/or students
			Tickets & buses: \$1830+\$1100 \$1704 pd by PTO \$1226.50 pd by students
<b>Policy</b>	<b><i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies:</i></b>		
	Bylaw 0132	Executive Authority	Revised
	P 3216	Dress and Grooming	Revised
	P 4216	Dress and Grooming	New
	<b><i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies:</i></b>		
	P 0163	Quorum Revised	Revised
	P 3270	Professional Responsibilities	Revised
	P 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or and Bullying	Revised/Mandated
<b>Old Business</b>	Mr. Hyman asked about the DF digital sign, which is getting closer to installation.		
<b>New Business</b>	Dr. Guidici Pietro mentioned the PTO Spring Fundraiser coming up on 3/23 at the Hilton. Mr. Dillon and Mr. Venes mentioned going to the School Boards Convention and what they learned.		
<b>Committee Reports</b>	Mrs. Schiano reported that the Strategic Plan Committee met and went over the District goals.		
<b>Public Comments</b>	A community member commented on Mrs. Sluberski's resignation and asked about her replacement plans. Mrs. Walling responded.		

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