

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

August 8, 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"> June 27, 2023 Regular Session June 27, 2023 Executive Session
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	none
President's Report	none
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling reported that ESY and Summer Learning Academy (SLA) programs completed and did well. SLA is funded by ARP Federal Grants, and we may be able to provide this for one more year. STEM programming was part of the Summer Learning, and the staff did a great job. Mrs. Walling noted the revised calendar, adjusted to 3 snow days, and what give back days would be, added Back to School nights, and the Reorg. meeting moved to Jan. 2nd. She mentioned school reopening plans, and noted custodians, the technology department, administrators, and everyone has been working hard to be ready for September. She mentioned that there will be lots of new staff, with the several retirements, resignations, and family leaves in the coming year.
Business Administrator's Report	Mr. Haber presented the results of the Demographic Study and answered various questions from the Board. The Board continued to discuss the matter.
BH Liaison Report	Mr. Hyman reported from the last meeting, the next meeting will be on 8/10. BH appointed a new Director of Elementary Education Intervention. The Asst. Superintendent and BA resigned. They approved a Class II agreement from 2023-2028. The upcoming agenda for 8/10 includes approvals for a new Asst. Superintendent, an interim BA, Asst. BA, and a replacement for an Asst. Principal. There were 4 candidates for 2 open board seats, 2 board members are not running again. GL is back to school on August 30.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> HIB Reports; ScIP Panel for 23/24; Charlotte Danielson 2013 Rating System for staff evals; 23/24 revised calendar ; June and July BW/DF safety and security drill reports.
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget transfers for June 2023; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for June; Nonpublic School Transportation Aid for \$25,896; Extraordinary Aid for \$296,079; Agreement with Education for cafeteria point of sales equipment/software for \$10,198; Cafeteria price list for 23/24; Contract with YMCA for before/after care for 23/24; Agreement with Tri-County Behavioral Care for Clearance Assessments/Substance Abuse evals or treatment as needed; School District travel/PD; Fees for activities/athletics for 23/24; PTO donation of \$12,900 for BW sign; Agreement with 95% Group for PD on 9/5/23 for \$7,875; G2 Athletics, LLC for 10 session after school program at BW 9/19-11/29 for \$550; Agreement with Golden Arrow for fall sports at \$550/bus; Addition of DC Fagan Psychological Services to list of Independent Contractors/Physicians/Contractors; Contract

with Progressive Therapy for a trained ESY para at \$45/hr; Agreement with Staff Development Workshops for para PD for \$1,800 paid through Title IIA/ARP funds.

Personnel	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved for the 23/24 SY:</i> Appointment of new hires: (Annabella Ross, Christina Fallon, Molly Phillips, Zondria Bey, Ana Silva, Crissy Zagami); Appointment of leave replacements: (Caitlin Kube, Nicole Tyburski, Kirsten Post, Jeni Starinsky); Resignations of Catherine Francisco, Mara Hermalee, Ramona Dunning, April LaChica-Campos; Substitute List; Stipend Positions; Tuition reimbursement for C. Berger for \$2,820; Maternity/Disability leave for Nicole Cruts/Wong from 11/13/23-5/3/24; Maternity/Disability leave for Rachel Richards from 11/1/23-6/30/24; Revised contract with R. Tafaro as part-time Step 5MA, salary \$30,722.50 (50% of \$61,445); Additional summer hours for D. Barone at \$33.76/hr.; Paula Conte to assist with office duties as needed at \$15/hr.; C. Kiesewetter for 14 hours of para shadowing during ESY at \$26.95/hr.; N. Crisafulli for 3 hours of prep, presentation, & training for Big Ideas Math program at \$56.73/hr. paid with ARP funds; Additional summer hours for A. Somers-Guerassio (5 hrs) & M. Hermelee (8 hrs.) at \$44/hr.</p>																											
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Old Business	none																											
New Business	<p>Mr. Hyman asked about an article he saw about climate change curriculum and where we stand. Mrs. Walling responded in great detail, including over \$6,000 in grant money used for climate change assemblies, hydroponic and sustainable energy supplies for middle school students. She mentioned a shared document where teachers detail cross-curricular areas for things like climate change, which will also be helpful for QSAC purposes. She noted PTO's various environmental programs like GreenDrop clothing drives, and lego and marker recycling efforts.</p>																											
Committee Reports	none																											
Public Comments	none																											

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