

# Mountainside Board of Education

## Meeting Highlights

### February 20, 2024



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

Action Items	Action Taken
Approval of Minutes	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 23, 2024 Regular Session</li> <li>January 23, 2024 Executive Session</li> </ul>
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	none
President's Report	none
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling welcomed and recognized 2 Noetic Math students with Mrs. Crisafulli. 71 students participated from our District, and thousands more nationwide. Our 2 students scored in the top 10%, and received National Honor Roll recognition. Mrs. Walling continued with her SSDS Report. She discussed our QSAC process, with the county visit on 2/22. Mrs. Walling noted the well-attended and great basketball games for Spirit Night. The Little Mermaid cast has been rehearsing, getting ready for the spring musical. Professional development was held on 2/16 for teachers, paras and custodians.
Business Administrator's Report	Mrs. Sullivan introduced a representative from Nisivoccia to present the District audit. There were no findings that require recommendations. She reviewed the highlights of the audit report.
BH Liaison Report	Mr. Hyman said there has been no meeting since our last meeting. The next meetings are 2/26 and 2/28. The county superintendent selected Gail Bradford as board president, but a VP has yet to be selected. They have various firms presenting to help run their superintendent search.
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> SSDS Report from 9/1-12/31 2023; SEMI waiver for 24/25 SY; Dates/times set for ESY 2024; Agreement with Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs; BW/DF Jan. drills.
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget transfers for Jan 2024; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for Jan; Audit for FY 22/23 and submission of A.C.F.R.; Agreement with NJSBA to lead development of 5-Year Strategic Plan; Joint transportation agreement with Westfield from 2/14-6/20/24; Building use request from Actor's Camp; Agreement with G2 Athletics for 2 sports camps; Revised list of banks to act as depository for public funds and signatories; Special Education placements & services; School District Travel/PD; Building use request from Children's Specialized Hospital.
Personnel	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Maternity Disability leave for S. DeBaun from 3/29/24-6/20/24; Request for tuition reimbursement from J. Smith for 3 credits; Notification to take classes from J. Lima for OG certification hours; Substitutes added and removed from 23/24 list.
Curriculum	Field Trips as detailed to the board.

<b>Policy</b>	<b><i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies/regulations:</i></b>		
	P 3324	Right of Privacy	New/Suggested
	P 4324	Right of Privacy	New/Suggested
	P 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths	Revised/Recommended
	<b><i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies/regulations:</i></b>		
	P 3161	Examination for Cause	Revised/Recommended
P 4161	Examination for Cause	Revised/Recommended	
P 5111 R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Revised/Mandated Revised/Mandated	
<b>Old Business</b>	none		
<b>New Business</b>	Mrs. Pupo mentioned the Senior Citizen viewing of our school musical will be March 7th, with a reception by the MEA beforehand at 4:00.		
<b>Committee Reports</b>	Dr. Guidici Pietro reminded everyone to support the PTO Spring fundraiser on 3/14. Mr. Dillon mentioned the Finance Committee met to discuss the preliminary budget. State funding will be released on 2/29. Mrs. Pupo mentioned that the new BH committee had their first virtual meeting on 2/12 to begin looking at our send/receive agreement.		
<b>Public Comments</b>	none		

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