

# Mountainside Board of Education



## Meeting Highlights

July 28, 2020

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, Dante Gioia, Jordan Hyman,  
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	<p><b>BOE approved minutes for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 23, 2020 Regular and Executive Sessions</li> </ul>
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Walling recognized Mrs. Richards and staff for the successful in-person 8th Grade Graduation. Mrs. Walling reviewed the HIB Grades Report. She presented the detailed reopening plan for September along with Mr. Slamb, thanked administration and committee members for their hard work, and thanked parents for their feedback and helpful insights. She also thanked the BOE for their support and work on these committees and structuring of the plan. Some board members asked questions, to which Mrs. Walling and Mr. Slamb responded.</li> <li>Click link to view the presentation: <i>Please note that the information regarding face coverings (18:40 - 20:40 of video) will be adjusted to reflect the newest DOE guidelines released on 8/3/20</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/kSzyD48pJc">https://youtu.be/kSzyD48pJc</a></li> </ul>
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gioia reported that there will be a board meeting Thursday night to go over the reopening plan.</li> </ul>
Administration	<p><b>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no resolutions this month</li> </ul>
Budget and Finance	<p><b>BOE approved:</b></p> <p><b>As certified by the Board Secretary:</b></p> <p>Budget transfers for June; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for June 2020.</p> <p><b>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorization of the BA to make transfers of funds at the conclusion of the 19-20 fiscal year; Revised tax statement schedule for 20-21; An increase to the bid threshold to \$32,000; Proposal from Solutions Architecture to update the long-range facilities plan for \$5,000; Revised agreement for Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services between UCESC and Mountainside from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021; Parent transportation contract for \$5,128.42 for student #9155768730; Hiring JAG Consulting, LLC. for technology services for the 20-21 SY;</li> </ul>

	Revised 403b Plan document; List of Independent Contractors /Physicians / Agencies for 20-21 SY; Acceptance of PTO donation of \$13,500; Revised per pupil yearly tuition rate of \$3,750 for preschool due to reduced program hours; Special Education placements and services; Plan to address reduction in state aid for the 20-21 SY.
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<b>Personnel</b>	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for tuition reimbursement from Suzanne Jenks for 6 credits for \$3,900; Resignation of Amy Peixoto, paraprofessional, effective June 17, 2020; Appointment of Judy Wargaski to the position of 1st Gr. teacher, Step 1 BA at a salary of \$53,218 for the 20-21 SY; Appointment of Gabrielle Sabony as 4th Gr. Leave Replacement; Appointment of Miriam Grubin-Cappel as Social Worker Leave Replacement.</li> </ul>									
<b>Curriculum</b>	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>none</li> </ul>									
<b>Policy</b>	<p><i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies:</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;">1642</td> <td style="width: 70%;">Earned Sick Leave Law</td> <td style="width: 20%;">New/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1648</td> <td>Restart and Recovery Plan</td> <td>New/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1649</td> <td>Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act</td> <td>New/Mandated</td> </tr> </table>	1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	New/Mandated	1648	Restart and Recovery Plan	New/Mandated	1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act	New/Mandated
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<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Slamb provided an update on the AC in the cafeteria in BW.</li> </ul>									
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gioia congratulated the 10U baseball team, and noted the 8U teams did a great job. He wished the 12U and 9U teams good luck going forward. Mr. Hyman thanked Mrs. Walling, staff and volunteers for both the virtual and live graduation ceremonies. Mr. Dillon noted he was thankful for the opportunity to participate in the Road Back Committees and was inspired by the contributions from teachers and staff.</li> </ul>									
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget &amp; Finance Committee: Mr. Gioia mentioned the plan to address reduction in state aid, touchless bathroom upgrades, PEAK tuition change, and the AC for BW cafeteria. Mr. Slamb provided an explanation of options to address the reduction of state aid.</li> </ul>									
<b>Public Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several community members asked questions about the reopening plans to which Mrs. Walling responded. Topics discussed were: needs of students' with IEP's, PPE, 6-8th graders schedule/classes, transportation times, substitutes, the arts, sports, before/aftercare options, and remote learning.</li> </ul>									

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