

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

June 22, 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	<p>BOE approved minutes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 25, 2021 Regular, 1st & 2nd Executive Sessions June 8, 2021 Special Meeting, and Executive Session
Superintendent's Report	<p>Mrs. Walling congratulated everyone on a successful year. She mentioned how exciting all of the end of the year activities at BW and DF were for students, noting the virtual art shows and the annual literary magazine, The Folio, both available to see on our website, as well as clap-outs. The 8th graders had their dance at Forest Lodge, pool party, and graduation. ESY and Summer Learning Academy began and will continue through July 15th. She and the Board also recognized the retirement of Kim Richards, DF Principal, and thanked her for her 11 years with the district and her 30 years in education. Mrs. Walling then presented her goals to the Board and answered any questions.</p>
Business Administrator's Report	<p>Mr. Slamb provided an update on the transportation bid advertised and opening on 7/7/21; He also updated the status of the ongoing issue with the Brown Paper Ticket company; Mr. Slamb provided project updates regarding security film, direct install and BW sidewalk quotes.</p>
BH Liaison Report	<p>Mr. Hyman noted the last meeting was on 6/10, the next on 6/24. GL Graduation was on 6/16. There was a moment of silence at the 6/10 meeting for Helen Kirsch, a former board member for 38 years. BH is conducting a traffic study. Presentations were made for student achievement awards, including a few perfect ACT and SAT scores at GL. The JV and Varsity baseball teams both won tournaments. Principal Rob Nixon offered information on summer tutoring on their website.</p>
Administration	<p>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved: Superintendent's recommendations on HIB incident dated 6/10/21; Superintendent's Merit Goals have been met for the 20-21 SY; Security Drill SOA; Comprehensive Equity Plan SOA; Waiver for Kdg toilet rooms for 21-22; BW & DF May safety and security drill reports; Curricular documents</p>
Budget and Finance	<p>BOE approved: As certified by the Board Secretary: Budget transfers for May; Payment of the Bill List; Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for May 2021; Reports of the Board Secretary for May 2021. As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved: Tax payment schedule to the Borough for 21-22; BA to proceed with all necessary payments, adjustments, and transfers to close the books for 20-21 and to open the 21-22 fiscal year; Application and acceptance of IDEA funds for 2022 fiscal year for Preschool (\$7,871) and Basic (\$148,886) grants; Application and acceptance of funds for 2022 fiscal year of Title I, II, III & IV grants; Re-appointment of Paula Hatch, Treasurer for 21-22 SY; Tuition contract with UC Vo-Tech for 21-22 SY; Contract with R&L DataCenters for 21-22 SY; Contract with LinkIt for 21-22 SY; Agreement with Invo</p>

	Healthcare for school psychologist services; Acceptance of ESSER II & CARES ACT funds to be used between 3/13/20-9/30/23; Purchase order for asphalt replacement to JWH & Sons Contractors in the amount of \$7,100; Parent Transportation contract for \$5,698.24 for 21-22 ESY and Regular SY; Special Ed. placements; School district travel; Purchase of 2 classrooms of furniture from Nickerson NJ, Inc for cost NTE \$13,000.																			
Personnel	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i> Appointment of Raymond Slamb as School Business Administrator and Board Secretary at salary of \$113,296 & School Safety Specialist for stipend of \$6,000 for 21-22 SY; Salary of Mrs. Walling, Superintendent for 21-22 SY as \$145,656; rehiring of non-affiliated personnel from July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022; list of paraprofessionals for 21-22 SY; Unpaid extended Family Leave for Laryssa DelGuercio, Gr. 4 Spec. Ed. Teacher from 9/1/21-10/31/21; Appointment of Laurie Naftulin as ESY PEAK teacher at \$43.29/hr and as 1st Gr. Leave Replacement at \$190 per diem from 9/1/21-11/30/21; Appointment of Desiree Ganz as Spec. Ed. Teacher at DF; Appointment of Melanie Medina, MEM Education Services LLC., for LDTC services from 7/1/21-8/31/21; Gary Chan to complete 150 Administrative internship hours; Summer employment for Kristen DalCortivo NTE 70 hours at \$43.29/hr.; Appointment of Deb Posner as Athletic Coordinator for 21-22 SY; Tuition reimbursement for Zachary Worswick; Dana Peterson summer sessions at \$100/session; Appointment of Nicole Ellis, paraprofessional, to work ESY 6/28/21-7/15/21; Appointment of Colleen Laurendi, Elementary Teacher; Appointment of Teresa Banks as 3rd Gr. Leave Replacement at \$185 per diem from 9/1/21-12/1/21.																			
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Old Business	Dr. Guidici Pietro offered congratulations to 9U and 8U travel baseball USABL champions.																			
New Business	<i>Library Liaison,</i> Mr. Hyman said the trustees met and reported record traffic at the library post pandemic for summer reading programs. Friends of the Library thanked local boy & girl scouts who volunteered at the book sale that raised over \$1,000. He reported there is a crayon recycling drop-off in the lobby and lots of excitement over the photo archive kiosk.																			
Committee Reports	<i>Budget & Finance Committee:</i> There was an update on the Brown Paper Ticket issue as well as on the renewal of our send/receive agreement with Berkeley Heights.																			
Public Comments	None																			

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