

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

May 14, 2024



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
 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"> Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 29, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 30, 2024 Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of April 30, 2024 Minutes of the 2nd Executive Session of April 30, 2024
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	A member of the community asked questions about cuts, transportation costs, and state aid. Mrs. Walling and Mrs. Sullivan responded.
President's Report	Mrs. Pupo thanked community members for coming out for the first two Strategic Planning meetings. She wished students good luck with NJSLA testing..
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling with Mrs. Crisafulli recognized 2 students from the Noetic Math Competition. Mrs. Vierschilling presented a Beechwood Year-in-Review, detailing the various SEL initiatives, clubs, curriculum, charitable events, and grade level traditions that happened over the year. Mrs. Walling continued with district updates on concerts, trips, and NJSLA and benchmark testing. She noted Summer Learning Academy will continue for AIM students and ESY will run at the same time. Mrs. Walling reported on the HIB self-assessment, and what that score encompasses. She is pleased that both schools scored very well. She reminded everyone that the Art Shows and Spring Concerts will be happening soon. 3rd Grade orientation is scheduled in June after school. Mr. Dillon commented about ideas to recognize academic winners on banners or plaques, the way athletic team championships are recognized. Mrs. Walling will explore options.
Business Administrator's Report	Mrs. Sullivan commented on the upcoming request for a transfer of funds for rising transportation costs. She also pointed out the Maschio's renewal is on the agenda, with the same terms.
BH Liaison Report	none
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> 2024-2025 holidays for Admin/Secretaries and Custodial Dept; Lead Testing Program SOA for 23/24; new job description; BW/DF Apr. drills.
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget transfers for Apr. 2024; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for Apr; a transfer from under budgeted revenue from interest earned on investments in the amount of \$120,000; IMAC Agency as the district's State Health Benefits Program Consultants; Next Step Pediatric Therapy for PT services and evals for ESY 2024 and 24-25 SY; contract with Maschio's Food Service for the 24-25 SY; Contract Renewal with Durham School Service for the 24-25 SY for GL/DF/BW and a contract for transportation for UCVTS; Parent transportation contract for Student #6489264549; Contract with Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP; Contract with GCN; Spec. Ed. placements and

	services; Amendments to Federal ARP and ESSR Grants; Agreement with Tri-County Behavioral Care for 24/25 SY.									
Personnel	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Retirement of Thomas McGowan; Extended LOA for N. Wong; Extension of K. Post, Leave Replacement through 6/19/24; Medical leave of absence for Employee #90247511; medical leave of absence for Employee #90163080; Added day for paraprofessionals L. Shehu and T. Schrul; Addition of G. Elliott to sub list; Appointment of summer custodians C. Williams and A. Negron; Appointment of SLA staffing; Appointment of L. Topel as SLA Coordinator; Tuition request for P. Primmer; List of staff for 8th Gr. Trip Chaperone stipends; CST staff for summer work; ESY Staff; Resignation of M. Nacci, paraprofessional.									
Curriculum	Field Trips as detailed to the board.									
Policy	<i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies/regulations:</i> <table border="1" data-bbox="349 430 1559 646"> <tr> <td>P 2411</td> <td>Guidance Counseling</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P 2423</td> <td>Bilingual Education</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P 2431.4 R 2431.4</td> <td>Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries</td> <td>Revised/Mandated</td> </tr> </table>	P 2411	Guidance Counseling	Revised/Mandated	P 2423	Bilingual Education	Revised/Mandated	P 2431.4 R 2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries	Revised/Mandated
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Old Business	none									
New Business	Mr. Venes was at the county meeting last week, and commented that other local districts are having similar budget issues.									
Committee Reports	none									
Public Comments	none									

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