

# Mountainside Board of Education



## Meeting Highlights

November 17, 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><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 20, 2020 Regular and Executive Session</li> </ul>
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Walling recognized Patriot's Pen Essay winners and Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest winner and thanked everyone who participated; She provided an update on School Health and Programming, noting that the district is in contact with the Westfield Health Dept. for contact tracing, but there are no new cases of COVID to report. Mrs. Walling thanked families for their open communication and urged everyone to remain vigilant. She reminded families to respond to the tech survey recently sent out. She reported that there will be no middle school team competition at this time, but the district is exploring developmental opportunities within cohorts. She thanked staff for their work on updating curriculum, and for everyone's hard work and dedication to remain open.</li> </ul>
Business Administrator's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Slamb provided an update on his schedule of various meetings with stakeholders to discuss and plan for the 2021-2022 budget. He outlined data and the timeline he plans to follow in the months ahead.</li> </ul>
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gioia reported that GL extended remote learning until Dec. 7th. There's been an impact on sports because of quarantines and difficulty fielding teams. He also reported on AP test results.</li> </ul>
Administration	<p><b><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Safety &amp; Security Plan Annual Review SOA for 20-21; Health &amp; Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist for BW and DF Schools; 19/20 NJDOE Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for BW and DF; Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials; Use of Danielson Observation Rubric for teacher evaluations for the 20-21 SY; submission of the DPR for NJQSAC Statement of Assurance for 20-21 SY; Various curriculum documents; BW &amp; DF safety and security drill reports.</li> </ul>

<b>Budget and Finance</b>	<p><b><i>BOE approved.</i></b>  <b><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></b>  Budget transfers for September; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for October 2020.</p> <p><b><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional bus routes quotes due to GL schedule changes and awarded contract to Durham School Services in the amount NTE \$11,440; Acceptance of Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant allocation for \$28,201; Special Education placement and services.</li> </ul>
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<b>Personnel</b>	<p><b><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maternity Disability leave and FMLA for Laryssa DelGuercio effective 3/1/21-6/18/21; Additional 2 days paid to leave replacements Teresa Banks and Kirston Post for conferences on 12/9/20 &amp; 12/11/20; 20-21 ESEA Title I personnel as follows:</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Salary</th> <th>ESEA Title I</th> <th>Approximate % of Salary</th> <th>Approximate Benefits</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>D. Carroll</td> <td>\$27,171.00</td> <td>\$17,327.00</td> <td>64%</td> <td>\$6,930.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Cruz</td> <td>\$73,008.00</td> <td>\$36,504.00</td> <td>50%</td> <td>\$14,602.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>20-21 Stipend position contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program. <i>*Note these clubs will be held virtually unless otherwise notified and approved.</i></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th> <th>Staff</th> <th>Rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Play Director</td> <td>Jared Rosenblum</td> <td>\$4,277</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Salary	ESEA Title I	Approximate % of Salary	Approximate Benefits	D. Carroll	\$27,171.00	\$17,327.00	64%	\$6,930.00	M. Cruz	\$73,008.00	\$36,504.00	50%	\$14,602.00	Activity	Staff	Rate	Play Director	Jared Rosenblum	\$4,277
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<b>Building Use Requests</b>	<p><b><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></b></p> <p>The following requests for building use pending receipt of organization health and safety plans. The District retains the right to amend or rescind these approvals based upon health, safety, and gathering conditions that exist prior to or during all activity timeframes for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mountainside PAL-Travel Basketball practices</li> <li>Mountainside Recreation-Basketball practices/clinics/games</li> <li>PAL Cheerleading-cheer practices</li> <li>MSBL-opening day baseball/softball</li> </ul>
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<b>Policy</b>	<b><i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies:</i></b>		
	0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency	New/Mandated
	R5200	Attendance	Revised/Mandated
	R5533	Student Smoking	Mandated
	R5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct	Revised
	P/R 5610	Suspension/Suspension Procedures	Revised/Mandated
	P/R 8320	Personnel Records	Revised/Mandated
	<b><i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies:</i></b>		
	P/R 1581	Domestic Violence	P- Revised/Mandated R- New
	P2422	Health and Physical Education	Revised/Mandated
	P2464	Gifted and Talented Students	Revised/Mandated
	P2622	Student Assessment	Revised/Mandated
	P8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs	Revised/Mandated
	<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Guidici Pietro congratulated the Mountainside Girls Softball, Boys Baseball and Travel Soccer teams for great winning seasons.</li> </ul>		
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings &amp; Grounds Committee met to discuss building use, determining that the school will adhere to the same standards as the state. The District would like to add other activities to provide as much of a well-balanced educational experience as possible during these times.</li> </ul>		
<b>Public Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the community commented or asked questions as follows: One community member thanked Mrs. Walling and the board for keeping schools open and keeping students engaged. Another asked if any consideration was being given to closing after Thanksgiving. Someone else thanked everyone for the hard work to keep school open and wondered if sports could do anything in cohorts. And lastly, someone asked if there is a threshold or # of COVID cases that would require a shutdown. Mrs. Walling responded to each of the comments and questions.</li> </ul>		

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