

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

September 24, 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"> Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2024 Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of August 20, 2024 Minutes of the 2nd Executive Session of August 20, 2024 Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 16, 2024 Minutes of the Executive Session of the September 16, 2024
Correspondence	none
Public Participation	none
President's Report	Mrs. Pupo congratulated Deerfield School's recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School.
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Walling reported on a smooth school reopening. Staff participated in a team building Olympics and important training. Mrs. Walling shared information on the Public Question at the PTO meeting. She spoke about the budget impact of the 2% cap, and hopes of building a more sustainable base to work off of in the future. There will be community forums to hear more information and ask questions about this. Mrs. Walling presented ACCESS for ELL test results, and next month we'll have NJSLA results. She then shared QSAC score results, and the requirement to create an improvement plan for the one area under 80%. Finally, she shared the exciting news of Deerfield's National recognition as a 2024 Blue Ribbon School. She is so proud of the leadership of Mrs. Jenks, the hard work of our teachers, staff, and students, and community support to make the Mountainside a great place for education, and Deerfield an exemplary high performing school.
Business Administrator's Report	none
BH Liaison Report	none
Administration	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved for 24/25:</i> SOA's for Use of Paraprofessional Staff, Professional Development Plan, Mentor Plan, and School Safety and Security Plan,
Budget and Finance	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Budget transfers for July/Aug 2024; Payment of the Bill Lists; Board Secretary Report for July/Aug; or 24/25; Agreement with CarePlus for Counseling Services; Acceptance of Watts, PTO and Emma Real Estate Group donations; School District Travel; Spec. Ed. placements and services.
Personnel	<i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i> Appointment of new hires for 24/25; Acceptance of resignations; Add'l hours for dismissal staff; C. Delaney to mentor N. Mortola; Additions to our Substitute List; Addition to our Stipend List; Reimbursement for classes for J. Smith and S. Goracy.

Policy	<i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies/regulations:</i>		
	P 5350	Student Suicide Prevention	Revised/Mandated
	P 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations	Revised/Mandated
	<i>BOE had the second reading and adoption of the following policies/regulations:</i>		
	P 2200	Curriculum Content	Revised/Mandated
	P/R 3160	Physical Examinations	Revised/Mandated
	P/R 4160	Physical Examinations	Revised/Mandated
P 8467	Firearms and Weapons	Revised/Mandated	
P 9181	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants	Revised	
Old Business	none		
New Business	Dr. Guidicietro noted the PTO's Fall Festival will be on October 5th, along with PAL Cop Trot, and Rotary Club's pickleball tournament.		
Committee Reports	Mrs. Walling anticipates a Strategic Planning committee meeting in October/November to discuss the new 5-year plan.		
Public Comments	none		

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