

Mountainside Board of Education



Meeting Highlights September 22, 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><i>BOE approved minutes for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 25, 2020 Regular and Executive Sessions
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Walling provided an update on the school's reopening. She thanked everyone for their hard work and team effort to make it a success. She thanked families for completing the daily screenings and providing feedback as we make adjustments. Mrs. Walling thanked the Watts Foundation who just approved grants for outdoor seating, "Front Row" FM sound systems, and virtual field trips and assemblies. She reminded everyone that virtual Back-to-School nights will be taking place Wednesday and Thursday.
BH Liaison Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gioia reported that GL began its A/B schedule on Monday 9/21 and that open campus for seniors was approved. There will be a virtual BOE meeting Thursday 9/24. They are still hoping to proceed with fall sports.
Administration	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Walling's merit goals for the 20-21 school year; Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for 20-21 SY.
Budget and Finance	<p><i>BOE approved:</i></p> <p><i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i></p> <p>Budget transfers for August; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2020.</p> <p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, the BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency contract for tree removal; Acceptance of \$204.67 donation from Panera for Student Activities; Agreement with Delta T for LDTC services at a rate of \$65/hr. NTE 30 hrs/wk.; bedside instruction provided by LearnWell at a rate of \$50/hr NTE 10 hrs/wk. ; Special Education placements and services; School District Travel.

Personnel	<p><i>As recommended by the Superintendent, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The adjusted hours and salary of Margaret Barsa effective 9/1/20; Appointment of Donna Ruberto, School Social Worker (leave replacement) at rate of \$150 per diem for first 20 days, then \$190 per diem for the balance through 1/20/21; Internship hours with Kim Richards for Ellie Barkin; Internship hours for Natalie Crisafulli; the addition of Kelcie Sweetwood and Nicholas Lurie to the substitute list for 20-21; the revised Maternity Disability Leave for Eileen D'Antonio, School Social Worker effective 9/1/20-10/16/20 and unpaid Family Leave from 10/19/20-1/15/21; Student Activity fees for 20-21 of \$40 per student per activity for Performing Arts and Clubs; Stipend positions for 20-21 as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="435 422 1544 1041"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th> <th>Staff</th> <th>Rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>FM Math Clubs</td> <td>Axl Hirsch and April Starling</td> <td>\$33.12/session NTE 45 sessions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coding Club</td> <td>Ellie Barkin-Baron</td> <td>\$33.12/session NTE 30 sessions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A/V Club</td> <td>Ellie Barkin-Baron</td> <td>\$33.12/session NTE 30 sessions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Literary Magazine (Folio)</td> <td>Sarah Onore</td> <td>\$1,967 (3+ yrs rate)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yearbook</td> <td>Corrin Lavery and Jessica Goldstein</td> <td>\$3,686/ each (3+ yrs rate) (2 positions)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student Council</td> <td>Caitlin McGarrity and Gary Chan</td> <td>\$3,686 *1 position/split (\$1,843/each)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Activity	Staff	Rate	FM Math Clubs	Axl Hirsch and April Starling	\$33.12/session NTE 45 sessions	Coding Club	Ellie Barkin-Baron	\$33.12/session NTE 30 sessions	A/V Club	Ellie Barkin-Baron	\$33.12/session NTE 30 sessions	Literary Magazine (Folio)	Sarah Onore	\$1,967 (3+ yrs rate)	Yearbook	Corrin Lavery and Jessica Goldstein	\$3,686/ each (3+ yrs rate) (2 positions)	Student Council	Caitlin McGarrity and Gary Chan	\$3,686 *1 position/split (\$1,843/each)
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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 																					
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Guidici Pietro, PTO Liaison, reported the PTO held their 1st meeting of the year last night and invited all families to join and volunteer. They will hold a breakfast zoom meeting on Friday 9/25 at 9:30. They thanked Mrs. Walling and teachers for opening school and creating a sense of normalcy for the students of Mountainside. Mr. Hyman, Library Liaison, reported he met with the new director and that they will be opening in limited capacity starting Oct. 5th. See website for hours. He also thanked Mrs. Walling, her team and staff for implementing the reopening plan successfully. 																					
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 																					
Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the community thanked the board, administration and teachers of Mountainside. 																					

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