I. Call to Order

Mountainside School District

Beechwood School, 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, NJ 07092 Deerfield School, 302 Central Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092

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II.	Roll Call			
	Mr. Dante Gioia			
	Dr. Dana Guidicipiet			
	Mr. Christopher Minl	KS		
	Mrs. Kate Motz			
	Mrs. Jeane Parker Mr. James Ruban, Jr.			
	Mr. Carmine Venes			
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III.	Executive Session –	Resolution (Attachme	nt #1)	
	Moved:		Seconded:	
	RC) Gioia	Guidicipietro	Minks	Motz
	Parker	Ruban	Venes	
	Legal/Personnel			
IV.	Close Executive Sess	sion and Reconvene I	Public Session	
	Moved:		Seconded:	
		Guidicipietro	Minks	Motz
	Parker	Ruban	Venes	
V.	Flag Salute			
VI.	Approval of Minutes	1		
	Moved:		Seconded:	
	RC) Gioia	Guidicipietro	Minks	Motz
	Parker	Ruban	Venes	

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 30, 2017
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of December 20, 2017
- Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2018

VII. <u>Correspondence</u>

VIII. Public Participation – Agenda Items Only

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IX. President's Report

X. Chief School Administrator's Report

- 1. School Board Recognition Month
- WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2018 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Mountainside Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Mountainside Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and
- **WHEREAS**, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and
- **WHEREAS,** New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and
- **WHEREAS,** School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and
- **WHEREAS,** Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and
- WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key

achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Education Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

- **RESOLVED,** That the Mountainside Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2018 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further
- **RESOLVED,** That the Mountainside Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.
- 2. Analysis of our Guidance Program
- 3. Update on Beechwood field costs for upgrades

XI. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XII. Administration

Moved:	ed: Seconded:		
RC) Gioia	Guidicipietro	Minks	Motz
Parker	Ruban	Venes	

1. WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2018-2019 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education, desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having one Medicaid eligible classified students and is therefore not required to participate in SEMI.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountainside Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to accept the waiver approval issued by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Union following submission of an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-5.3 for the 2018-2019 school year.

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2017 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #2).

XIII. Budget and Finance

Moved:		Seconded:	
RC) Gioia	Guidicipietro	Minks	Motz
Parker	Ruban	Venes	

- 1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of December 2017 (Attachment #3).
- 2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated January 1, 2018, through January 31, 2018 (Attachment #4).
- 3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December 2017 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of December 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Donna Alonso, certifies that subject to the approval of budget transfers appended to these minutes, payment of the claims set forth in the accompanying bill list will not result in the over expenditure of any budget line item appropriation, as modified to date set forth in the level of detail contained in the Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2017:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Reports for the month of December 2017 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2017 as submitted and certified (Attachment #5).

- 4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Budget Calendar for the 2018-2019 School Year (Attachment 6).
- 5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to move an unidentified balance of \$5,627.66 (as per our auditor) from Payroll to General Operating Account and also to move an unidentified balance of \$2,824.93 from Payroll Agency Account to General Operating Account. These amounts which are from prior periods will be brought in as miscellaneous revenue during the month.
- 6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, and pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 18A: 44-4(B), the Mountainside Board of Education hereby establishes the following per pupil yearly tuition rate for non-disabled pupils enrolled in its preschool program for the 2018-2019 school year: \$7,500 for 5 full day sessions.

7. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the travel and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #7). This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent, and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and the district's Professional Development Plan.

XIV. Personnel

Moved:		Seconded:	
RC) Gioia	Guidicipietro	Minks	Motz
Parker	Ruban	Venes	

- 1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Valerie Wass, Paraprofessional, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #8).
- 2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Maternity Disability Leave for Lori Topel, Grade 5 Teacher, effective February 26, 2018, until April 27, 2018. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Mrs. Topel be granted an unpaid Family Leave from April 30, 2018 until June 19, 2018 in accordance with FMLA and NJFMLA. Mrs. Topel anticipates returning to work on September 1, 2018 (Attachment #9).
- 3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the request for tuition reimbursement from Adrienne Ridley, Grade 6 LA Teacher, taken at Liberty University for the 2017 Fall session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,845.00 (Attachment #10).
- 4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the request for tuition reimbursement from Suzanne Jenks, Grade 5 Teacher, taken at College of St. Elizabeth, for the 2017 Fall session for six (6) graduate credits in the amount of \$3,900 (Attachment #11).
- 5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the request for tuition reimbursement from Kim Hain, Basic Skills Instructor, for classes taken at Kean University for the 2017 Fall session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,959.00 (Attachment #12).
- 6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the notification to take classes from Suzanne Jenks, Grade 5 Teacher, for classes to be taken at College of Saint Elizabeth for the 2018 Spring session for six (6) credits in the amount of \$3,900.00 (Attachment #13).

- 7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the notification to take classes from Kim Hain, Basic Skills Instructor, for classes to be taken at Kean University for the 2018 Spring session for three (3) credits in the amount of \$1,959.00 (Attachment #14).
- 8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to amend Personnel resolution #3 from the meeting of June 27, 2017 to read \$24,549 (40% of \$61,373), instead of \$25,549 (40% of \$61,373). Adjustment will be made to employee's salary to reimburse the district.
- 9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to amend Personnel resolution #3 from the meeting of December 20, 2017 to read 3 days (instead of 2.5 days) in December of compensation for Donna Alonso (new Business Administrator/Board Secretary) at a rate of \$525/day for transition with current Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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XV.	Curriculum	L

Moved:		Seconded:	
RC) Gioia	Guidicipietro	Minks	Motz
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following field trips for the 2017-2018 school year:

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
3/16/18	Union County Teen Arts Fest	6-8	Tiscia	Cost of Bussing: \$713.06 Paid by BOE
4/19/18	Jazz in the Middle Festival, Chatham Middle School	6-8	Wise	Cost of Trip: \$100 Paid by BOE
5/23/18	Watson Adventures Princeton NJ	6-8 Student Council	McGarrity, Chan	Cost of Trip: \$1,020 Paid by Student Council Cost of Bussing: \$386.23 Paid by Student Council

XVI. Policy

Moved:		Seconded:	
RC) Gioia	Guidicipietro	Minks	Motz
Parker	Ruban	Venes	

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for second reading and adoption:

3141	Resignation	Revised
		Recommended
3144	Certification of Tenure Charges	Revised
	-	Recommended

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for first reading:

3159	Teaching Staff Member/School District	Revised
	Reporting Responsibilities	Recommended
4159	Support Staff Member/School District	Revised
	Reporting Responsibilities	Recommended
5305	Health Services Personnel	Revised
		Recommended
5350	Student Suicide Prevention	Revised
		Recommended
9541	Student Teachers/Interns	Revised
		Recommended

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

• Proposed change to June Board Meeting date

XVIX. Committee Reports

XX. Public Participation

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XXII. Adjournment