

Mountainside School District

Beechwood School - 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, NJ 07092

Deerfield School - 302 Central Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Mr. Dante Gioia	_____
Dr. Dana Guidici Pietro	_____
Mr. Jordan Hyman	_____
Mr. Christopher Minks	_____
Mr. James Ruban, Jr.	_____
Mrs. Candice Schiano	_____
Mr. Carmine Venes	_____

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC:

Gioia _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____ Ruban _____
Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

❖ Legal/Personnel

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC:

Gioia _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____ Ruban _____
Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC:

Gioia _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____ Ruban _____
Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of February 26, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the 2nd Executive Session of February 26, 2019

Agenda March 26, 2019

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Special Executive Session of March 5, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Special Executive Session of March 7, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Special Executive Session of March 12, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Special Executive Session of March 18, 2019

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, in the event it appears the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 30 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to three (3) minutes' duration.

IX. President's Report

X. Chief School Administrator's Report

- ❖ Recognition of Teachers/Educational Service Professionals and Support Staff Members of the Year
- ❖ Watts Foundation Donation
- ❖ Rake and Hoe Garden Club Grant
- ❖ PTO Safety and Security Parent Workshop April 1st
- ❖ April Board of Education meeting has been moved from the 23rd to the 30th
- ❖ Unused snow days added back into the calendar

XI. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XII. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC:

Gioia _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____ Ruban _____

Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. Move to accept the Chief School Administrator's recommendations on HIB incident dated February 5, 2019.
2. Move to accept the Chief School Administrator's recommendations on HIB incident dated February 11, 2019.
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools February 2019 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #2).

XIII. Budget and Finance

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC:

Gioia _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____ Ruban _____

Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of February 2019 (Attachment #3).
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated March 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019 (Attachment #4).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of February 2019 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of February 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary, Steven DiGeronimo, 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 February 2019:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of February 2019 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for February 2019 as submitted and certified (Attachment #5).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the acceptance of a \$5,800 grant from the Watts Foundation to be used for the purchase of curtains for the Deerfield School stage. (Attachment #6)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the acceptance of a \$2,000 grant from the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, to be used for the outdoor learning center at Deerfield School. (Attachment #7)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #8).
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 #9). 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 _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____ Ruban _____

Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education Division of Academic and Career Standards promotes the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program;

WHEREAS, the Union County Superintendent's Roundtable supports and sponsors an Annual Teacher Recognition Program for outstanding teachers in Union County;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education strongly supports district teaching staff members in their endeavor to promote excellence in education;

WHEREAS, the criteria for selection of the recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program includes use of effective instructional techniques and methods; establishment of productive classroom climate and rapport with students; and development of feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education recognizes and sincerely appreciates the dedicated services of Janine Cardone, 3rd Grade Teacher, to the students of the Mountainside Public School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Janine Cardone is recognized as the Mountainside School District recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program Award for the 2018-19 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes a part of the official minutes of Mountainside Board of Education, and a copy forwarded to Janine Cardone.

2. **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education Division of Academic and Career Standards promotes the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program;

WHEREAS, the Union County Superintendent's Roundtable supports and sponsors an Annual Teacher Recognition Program for outstanding teachers in Union County;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education strongly supports district teaching staff members in their endeavor to promote excellence in education;

WHEREAS, the criteria for selection of the recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program includes use of effective instructional techniques and methods; establishment of productive classroom climate and rapport with students; and development of feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education recognizes and sincerely appreciates the dedicated services of Amanda Somers-Guerrasio, School Psychologist, to the students of the Mountainside Public School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Amanda Somers-Guerrasio is recognized as the Mountainside School District recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program Award for the 2018-19 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes a part of the official minutes of Mountainside Board of Education, and a copy forwarded to Amanda Somers-Guerrasio.

3. **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education, using the teacher recognition program as a model, developed a District Support Staff Recognition Program in 2008-09.

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education strongly upholds our support staff members in their dedication and devotion to keeping the Mountainside School District functioning and providing assistance to the faculty so our students can learn;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education recognizes and sincerely appreciates the dedicated services of Susan Gerakaris, Paraprofessional, at Deerfield School, to the students of the Mountainside Public School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Susan Gerakaris is recognized as the recipient of Mountainside School District Support Staff Member of the Year for the 2018-19 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes a part of the official minutes of Mountainside Board of Education, and a copy forwarded to Susan Gerakaris.

4. **WHEREAS**, the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education, using the teacher recognition program as a model, developed a District Support Staff Recognition Program in 2008-09.

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education strongly upholds our support staff members in their dedication and devotion to keeping the Mountainside School District functioning and providing assistance to the faculty so our students can learn;

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education recognizes and sincerely appreciates the dedicated services of Marilyn Nacci, Paraprofessional, at Beechwood School, to the students of the Mountainside Public School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Marilyn Nacci, is recognized as the recipient of the Mountainside School District Support Staff Member of the Year for the 2018-19 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution becomes a part of the official minutes of Mountainside Board of Education, and a copy forwarded to Marilyn Nacci.

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Lisa Circelli to the 2018-2019 Substitute Teacher List, pending approval of criminal background check (Attachment #10).
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Monica Tarabocchia to the 2018-2019 Substitute Teacher List, pending approval of criminal background check (Attachment #11).
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff members for homebound instruction: Jeanne Albanese, Rachel Halek, and Maria DeAnna, not to exceed 10 hours per week, at a rate of \$39.71/hour, from March through August 2019.
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff member for homebound instruction: Barbi Higinbotham, not to exceed 10 hours per week, at a rate of \$39.71/hour, beginning in March 2019, with end date to be determined.
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff member to serve as mentor for the 2018-2019 school year:

Staff Member	Assignment	Amount (To be paid by mentee)
Stephanie Iannello	Colleen Kelly 1st Grade Leave Replacement 4/1/19 –5/3/19 (5 weeks)	\$221.40

10. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the release of Christina Orozco from her duties and official position as Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Instruction effective end of the business day on March 26, 2019 with pay and benefits through June 2019 as set forth in her employment contract.
11. Move to approve, that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the reinstatement of the Supervisor of Special Education position, effective March 27, 2019 and for the 2019-2020 school year.
12. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Ann Cooke as Interim Supervisor of Special Education effective March 27, 2019 through June 30, 2019 at the per diem rate of \$350 for approximately three (3) days a week at discretion of the Chief School Administrator, up to \$15,000. (Attachment #11A)
13. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the appointment of Dana Peterson, as an Orton Gillingham Reading Specialist, for up to 3 hours per week, at the rate of \$100/hour, from April 1, 2019 to June 20, 2019. (Attachment #11B)

14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, request for tuition reimbursement from Adrienne Ridley, 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher, for class taken at Liberty University for the 2019 Spring Session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,845.00 (Attachment #11C)

XV. Curriculum

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC:

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Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following field trips for the 2018-2019 school year:

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
5/31/19	Spanish Tavern	8	Ms. Contreras Ms. Lavery	Students - \$1,700 BOE Buses - \$280
5/14/2019 Rain date: 5/21/2019	Staten Island Zoo	1	Jodi Groth	PTO Admission: \$480.00 PTO Buses: \$960.00 Chaperones will pay at the door. Their admission is not included.
5/8/2019	Jenkinson's Aquarium	K	Ms. Ianniello	PTO Admission: \$602.00 PTO Buses: Chaperones will pay at the door. Their admission is not included.

XVI. Policy

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC:

Gioia _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____ Ruban _____

Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

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

5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct	Revised / Mandated
5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses	Revised / Mandated

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

7440	School District Security	Revised / Mandated
8860	Memorials	Revised
5756	Transgender Students	Revised / Mandated

5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Revised / Mandated
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XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Committee Reports

XX. Public Participation

XXI. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #12)

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC:

Gioia _____ Guidici Pietro _____ Hyman _____ Ruban _____

Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

XXII. Adjournment

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

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Minks _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____