

**Regular Meeting
Agenda February 18, 2025**

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. Bill Dillon	_____
Mr. Michael Goodwin	_____
Dr. Dana Guidici Pietro	_____
Mr. Jordan Hyman	_____
Mrs. Vivian Pupo	_____
Mrs. Candice Schiano	_____
Mr. Carmine Venes	_____

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

- ❖ Legal/Personnel
- ❖ HIB Reporting

IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025
- ❖ Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of January 21, 2025

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- ❖ Minutes of the 2nd Executive Session of January 21, 2025

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

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IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

- ❖ SSDS Reporting Period 1
- ❖ District Updates

XI. Business Administrator's Report

- ❖ Budget Preparations

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. **WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2025 the Board of Education received a report from the superintendent containing the results of investigations conducted by each school regarding alleged incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(b)(6)(c) states, the report also includes information on services provided, training established, discipline imposed, or other action taken or recommended by the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the report presented by the superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education affirms that the findings of the investigation and the report comply with the district's HIB policies and procedures for the following HIB incidents:

Case #s: 242509, 242510

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report, from September 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024, as reported to the NJ Department of Education. (Attachment #2)

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3. **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 2025-2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Mountainside Board of Education, desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that the state projects Mountainside having eight (8) 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 Superintendent to apply for the waiver with 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 2025-2026 school year.

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following dates and times for the Extended School Year (ESY) Program for Summer 2025:
- Dates: June 30, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Monday - Thursdays, no school Fridays)
 - Times: 9:00 - 12:30
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools January 2025 safety and security drill reports.

XIV. Budget and Finance

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the months of January 2025. (Attachment #3)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated January 23, 2025, through February 19, 2025. (Attachment #4)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January 2025 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the months of January 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Board Secretary, Dana Sullivan, 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 January 2025:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the months of January 2025 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for January 2025 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #5)

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4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with G2 Athletics, LLC for Sports Camps open to Beechwood students, at costs as outlined under Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510. (Attachment #6)

Club	Dates	G2 Usage Fees
Lacrosse Club (Gr. 1-2)	March 13-May 8	\$440
Spring Break Sports Camp (Gr. K-2)	Apr 15-17	\$825

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the Watts Foundation donation of \$1,600 to be used for video editing club equipment. (Attachment #7)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Golden Arrow Transportation to provide transportation for the spring season, at a rate of \$550.00 per bus. (Attachment #8)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, building use application for Mountainside FC, Inc. It is recommended to approve use by this non-profit organization as a Priority 4 use, as indicated in board Policy 7510, with fees being waived for this current request. In the event that any custodial or maintenance fees are required, the organization will be charged accordingly.
8. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, 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.

XV. Personnel

New personnel employment appointments are contingent upon the required state and federal criminal history background checks (in accordance with N.J.S.A. CH 116, P.L. 1986), required certification, and completion of employee paperwork).

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of **Kristen Eckert**, Kindergarten Teacher, effective June 30, 2025, and thank her for her years of service to the Mountainside School District. (Attachment #10)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff member(s) to serve as mentor(s) during the 2024-2025 school year:

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Staff Member	Assignment <i>(dates are approx.)</i>	Fee Amount
Deb Posner	Ferdinando Melo 17 weeks: 2/24/25-6/20/25 13 weeks: 9/15/25-12/12/25	\$311.67- 24/25 SY \$238.33 - 25/26 SY (CEAS: \$550 for 30 weeks total)
Dawn Bladzinski	David Chango (10 months)	No fee for residency mentorship

3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff for 2024-2025 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program.

Staff Member	Position	Rate
Greg Gormly	Recreation Club Supervisor (Spring)	\$36/session <i>NTE 30 sessions</i>
James Mikula	Recreation Club Asst.(Spring)	\$36/session <i>NTE 15 sessions</i>
Shea Cody	Recreation Club Asst. (Spring)	\$36/session <i>NTE 15 sessions</i>

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Jessica Milstrey and Shea Cody**, to provide student support during before/after school activities, at a rate of \$24.00/session, for the 24/25 school year.
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to increase the salary of **Antonio Negron**, Custodian, by \$500, since obtaining his Black Seal License. Effective immediately, his annual salary is \$47,688, Step 3 Maintenance (BS).
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following volunteers to assist Mr. Rosenblum and Mrs. Wargaski with the middle school play.

Prudence Alseika Rebecca Biland Tina Diamond Chutima Freeman Dana Guidici Pietro Jen Heritis Louise Hough Stefanie Jabri Flavia Kannaley Ann Kovacs	Jami Krempecke Shara Krout Rebecca Ladenheim Cecilia Martinez Carly Massotti Keith McDougall Mandi Moore Aimee Plamenco Kirsten Post	Sharon Riggs Jennifer Ropelski Maria Rose Sandra Sariava Christina Shahid Daisy Vargas Beth Whalen Michele Worth Danielle Zieser
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7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the 2024-2025 Substitute List, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #11)

Name	Certification	Rate
Wendy Fech-Caccamo	Sub Cert. (pending)	\$115 per diem
Katherine Tulko	Sub. Cert	\$115 per diem

XVI. Curriculum

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, field trips as detailed to the Board of Education.

XVII. Policy

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the first reading of the following policies:

P 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying	Revised/Mandated
P 9163	Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events	New/Mandated

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following policies/regulations for the second reading and adoption:

P 5533	Student Smoking	Revised/Mandated
P 7441	Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and On School Grounds	Revised/Mandated
P & R 9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies	Revised/Mandated

XVIII. Old Business

XIX. New Business

XX. Committee Reports

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XXII. Executive Session

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XXIII. Adjournment

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RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidici Pietro _____
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