Mountainside Board of Education Meeting Highlights

February 26, 2019



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), Christopher Minks (Vice President) Dante Gioia, Dana Guidicipietro, Jordan Hyman, Candice Schiano, Carmine Venes

Administrative Team

Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D., Chief School Administrator Steven DiGeronimo, Interim Business Administrator

Kimberly Richards, Principal - Deerfield School

Christina Orozco, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Instruction

Action Items	Action Taken
<u>Approval of</u> <u>Minutes</u>	BOE approved minutes for:January 29, 2019 Regular and Executive Session
<u>CSA's Report</u>	 Chief School Administrator: Dr. Lubarsky welcomed Dr. Richard Noonan (BH interim Superintendent), who discussed information from the high school. Dr. Lubarsky presented certificates to winners of the AMC 8 Math contest. Dr. Lubarsky and Mr. DiGeronimo presented the preliminary budget for 2019-20. Dr. Lubarsky and Mr. Ruban explained the process for input on the Superintendent search.
Berkeley Heights Liaison Report	• Mr. Gioia reported on the BH superintendent search. He mentioned that the Girls Sprint Medley were Group II Champs. He noted there was a special program for reporting abuse and suicide.
Administration	 As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved: 2019-20 School Year Calendar; Safety and security drills for January 2019.
<u>Budget and</u> <u>Finance</u>	 BOE approved: As certified by the Board Secretary: Budget transfers for the month of January; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for January 2019. As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved: Beechwood Canopy improvements; Contract with Keyboard Consultants to improve technology with purchase and installation of classroom projectors; Solutions Architecture Group to prepare drawings for a desired upgrade of Science Rooms at Deerfield School; School district travel.

<u>Personnel</u>	 As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved: The addition of Alicia Lang to the 2018-19 substitute list; Action Research Project of Suzanne Jenks; Appointment of Colleen Kelly (Leave Replacement); Jeanne Albanese for home instruction; Bridget Lawrence and Susan Gerakaris (paraprofessionals) to work 7 additional hours per week; Appointment of Deborah Conley the revised position of full time Basic Skills Instructor; Appointment of Jeanne Albanese as part time Basic Skills Instructor; Appointment of Jeanne Albanese as part time Basic Skills Instructor; Appointment of Jody Rhee as part time Basic Skills Instructor. 						
<u>Curriculum</u>	As recommended by the CS Date Destination		A, <i>BOE ap</i> Grade	<i>proved:</i> Teacher in	Estimated Cost		
				Charge			
	5/8/2019	Imagine That!!!	Peak	Ms. Trentham	PTO Admission: \$386. BW Student Activity Ac Chaperones will pay at t		
	5/21/19	Franklin Institute	6	Ms. Barkin	PTO - \$1,960 MEF - \$560	DF - \$333 Students - \$1,400 Total: \$4,253	
	6/5/19	Linden Lanes	6	Ms. Barkin		1EF - bus - \$525 otal: \$1,050	
	5/16/19	Somerset Patriots	5	Ms. Kinney	Paid for by D.A.R.E.		
	4/11/19	Band Festival @ LCJ Summit Middle School	6-8 Gr. Band	Mr. Wise	Other -\$175 Reg		
Policy	BOE had second reading and adoption of the following policies: *5111 was table						
	5561 Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities					Revised / Mandated	
	2610 E	10 Educational Program Evaluation				Revised / Mandated	
	2422 Health and Physical Education					Revised / Mandated	
	BOE had the first reading of the following policies: 7440 School District Security					Revised / Mandated	
	8860 Memorials					Revised	
	5756 Transgender Students					Revised / Mandated	
Old Business	• None						
New Business	• The Board confirmed additional Executive Session meetings for superintendent interviews for March 5, 7 and 12. Dr. Lubarsky acknowledged the passing of Ms. Crilly.						
<u>Committee Reports</u>	 Dr. Guidicipietro mentioned the upcoming PTO Bingo Night and Spring Fling events Mr. Venes discussed student rights with law enforcement, panic buttons, and Union County College gifted and talented programs. Mr. Hyman mentioned the valuable library programs offered. 						
Public Participation	 A community member asked about the special education classification process A community member commented on school security and the new administrative structure. 						

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