

**Regular Meeting  
Agenda January 31, 2023**

**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 Guidiciopietro	_____
Mr. Jordan Hyman	_____
Mrs. Vivian Pupo	_____
Mrs. Candice Schiano	_____
Mr. Carmine Venes	_____

**III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Goodwin \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_  
Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Legal/Personnel

**IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Goodwin \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_  
Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Flag Salute**

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
RC: Dillon \_\_\_\_\_ Goodwin \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_  
Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Pupo \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2022
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of December 20, 2022
- ❖ Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 27, 2022

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- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session Special Meeting of December 27, 2022
- ❖ Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2023

**VII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only**

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**VIII. President's Report**

**IX. Superintendent's Report**

- ❖ School Board Recognition Month
- ❖ Start Strong Data Presentation

**X. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report**

**XI. Administration**

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

1. **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education, which adopts the administrative code to implement state education law, has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for nearly 1.4 million public schoolchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to state and federal education statute and regulations, with the goal of preparing all students for college and the workplace, thereby enabling them to compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan local board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, sound financial practices, comprehensive policies, curriculum, staffing, and the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey's status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Boards Association and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognizes the contributions of our state's local boards of education to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education encourages qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members on their local school boards.

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar. (Attachment #2)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff – 2022-2023 School Year (Attachment #3)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2022 safety and security drill reports. (Attachment #4)

**XII. 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 December 2022. (Attachment #5)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated December 22, 2022, through January 31, 2023. (Attachment #6)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December 2022 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the months of December 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim Board Secretary, Steven Robinson, 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 2022:

**RESOLVED THAT**, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the months of December 2022 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2022 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #7)

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4. **RESOLVED THAT**, by the School Board of Mountainside School District approve the following banks to act as a depository for public funds, and that all checks, drafts or other orders for payment or withdrawal of money from said account be signed by the person holding the appropriate title as listed below:

Account	Bank	Signatories
Operating	Valley Bank	Board President/Business Administrator
Payroll	Valley Bank	Board President/Business Administrator
Food Service	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator
Payroll Agency	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator
SUI	Valley Bank	Superintendent/Business Administrator
BW School General Fund	Valley Bank	Beechwood Principal/ Business Administrator/Superintendent
DF School General Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Deerfield Secretary
DF Athletic Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Deerfield Secretary
DF Student Council Fund	Valley Bank	Deerfield Principal/Student Council Advisor

5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, 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 (PEAK) for the 2023-2024 school year: \$4,700 for 5 half day sessions.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the building use request with the Actor's Camp for building use at Deerfield School from July 3rd - July 28th based on Policy 7510, priority 5, and a payment schedule totaling \$7,600, excluding additional overtime costs that will be incurred.
7. 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 #8). 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.

**XIII. Personnel**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of **Jayne Hartnett**, Deerfield Teacher, effective July 1, 2023, and thank her for her 22 years service to the Mountainside School District. (Attachment #9)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of **Kim Hain**, Beechwood Teacher, effective July 1, 2023, and thank her for her 26 years service to the Mountainside School District. (Attachment #10)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Maternity Disability Leave for **Eileen D'Antonio**, School Social Worker, effective April 11, 2023, until May 22, 2023. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Ms. D'Antonio be granted unpaid Family Leave from May 23, 2023, until October 27, 2023 in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA. She anticipates returning to work on October 30, 2023. (Attachment #11)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Maternity Disability Leave for **Colleen Laurendi**, 4th Grade Teacher, effective May 1, 2023, until May 26, 2023. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days but take May 26<sup>th</sup> as an unpaid day. It is also recommended that Ms. Laurendi be granted unpaid Family Leave from May 29, 2023, until November 1, 2023 in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA. She anticipates returning to work on November 2, 2023. (Attachment #12)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Maternity Disability Leave for **Stephanie DeBaun**, Kindergarten Teacher, effective April 14, 2023, until June 8, 2023. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Ms. DeBaun be granted unpaid Family Leave from June 9, 2023, until November 14, 2023 in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA. She anticipates returning to work on November 15, 2023. (Attachment #13)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the 2022-2023 Substitute Teacher List pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #14)

Name	Certification	Rate
Zahra Kermalli	Sub Cert w/ degree	\$115/day
Stephanie Arroyo-Medina	Sub Cert w/ degree	\$115/day
Jennifer Pires	Sub Cert w/ degree	\$115/day
Paola Conte	Sub Cert w/ degree	\$115/day

7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the notification to take classes from **Cory Berger**, 5th grade Teacher, for classes taken at American College for Education, for the 2023 Spring Session for twelve (12) graduate credits in the amount of \$2,820. (Attachment #15)

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8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff for 2022-2023 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program. (Attachment #16) *Note \*amended positions below:*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Previously Approved</b>	<b>*Amended or New</b>
Zachary Worswick	Boys' Baseball Coach	\$3,644 (3+ yr. rate)	8/30/22	*Resigned
Dan Kessler	Boys' Baseball Coach	\$3,644 (3+ yr. rate)	8/30/22 as Asst. Boys' Baseball Coach	*Rescind Asst. Coach position
Deb Posner	Asst. Boys' Baseball Coach	\$2,276 (1-2 yr. rate)	n/a	New
Victoria Tiscia	Teen Arts Coordinator	50% of 3+ yr. rate = \$291.50	8/30/22	*Revise from full to split
Sarah Onore	Teen Arts Coordinator	50% of 1-2 yr. rate = \$265	n/a	New
1. Sonia Branco 2. Corrin Lavery 3. Sarah Onore 4. Axl Hirsch 5. Jessica Goldstein 6. Caitlin McGarrity	8th Gr. trip overnight chaperones	1. \$278 (3+ yr.) 2. \$278 (3+ yr.) 3. \$278 (3+ yr.) 4. \$265 (1-2 yr.) 5. \$265 (1-2 yr.) 6. \$265 (1-2 yr.)	n/a	New

9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve **Julie Lima** and **Paige Primmer** for in-District training preparation for Effective Phonics Instruction, to be paid using ARP grant funds, in the amount of \$567.30 each.
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to transfer **Phong (Peter) Pham**, Night Custodian, to Deerfield School, effective January 9, 2023.
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the resignation of **Gerard Carfagno**, Custodian, effective immediately as of January 10, 2023.
12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Edwin Gonzalez**, as a substitute custodian, at a rate of \$19.12/hr., not to exceed 25 hours per week, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #17)

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**XIV. Curriculum**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following class trips:

Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
Hillside Food Pantry	Gr. 6-8 Student Council	<b>Ms. McGarrity &amp; Ms. Keegan</b>	\$440 - paid by Student Council
Washington DC	Gr. 8	<b>Mr. Young</b>	\$ 9,000 - paid by BOE \$ 2,704 - paid by PTO \$ 28,400 - paid by students \$ 5,500 - paid by yearbook \$ 2,000 - paid by school photos Total: \$47,604

**XV. Policy**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following policies/regulations for the first reading:

P 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education	Mandated/Revised
P 8140	Student Enrollments	Mandated/Revised
P 8330	Student Records	Mandated/Revised

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to abolish the following policies:

1648.11	The Road Forward COVID-19 - Health and Safety	Mandated/Abolished
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**XVI. Old Business**

**XVII. New Business**

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**XVIII. Committee Reports**

**XIX. Public Participation**

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**XX. Adjournment**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

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