

**Regular Meeting
Agenda May 13, 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 _____

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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 April 29, 2025
- ❖ Minutes of the 1st Executive Session of April 29, 2025
- ❖ Minutes of the 2nd Executive Session of April 29, 2025

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VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

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IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Beechwood Presentation by Mrs. Vierschilling
- ❖ HIB Grades Report
- ❖ District Updates

XI. Business Administrator's Report

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

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

1. **WHEREAS**, on April 29, 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: 242517, 242518, 242520, 242521

2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance for 2025-2026 (Attachment #2)
3. Move to authorize the Mountainside School District's Affirmative Action Team to conduct a needs assessment and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028.

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4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools April 2025 safety and security drill reports.
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools Bus Evacuation 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 month of April 2025. (Attachment #3)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated May 1 2025, through May 15, 2025. (Attachment #4)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of April 2025 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of April 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 April 2025:

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

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Horizon to provide Dental Benefits from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with rates as per (Attachment #6)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with IMAC Agency as the district's State Health Benefits Program Consultants from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$30,000 and to approve the continuation in participation in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

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6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School General Education Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$4,211,400.00. (Attachment #7)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School Resource Room Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$302,858.00. (Attachment #8)
8. **WHEREAS**, the Mountainside Board of Education applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, more commonly known as the "E-Rate" Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for Internet Access services.

WHEREAS, the districts E-Rate Consultants, E2E Exchange solicited bids through a posted FCC Form 470 number 250003122 in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to initiate the competitive bidding process to solicit bids from vendors to replace firewall and license and

WHEREAS, the Technology Department reviewed the bids submitted to the district and hereby recommend that the Board approve the award of contract to Dyntek for a total cost of \$17,228.18, with \$5,753.05 of the total funded by erate

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountainside School District approves the award of contract to Dyntek to replace the firewall and license for a total contract price to the district of \$11,475.13.

9. **WHEREAS**, the Board solicited public bids for sanitary upgrades at Deerfield School and

WHEREAS, one bid was received on April 29, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the bid received must be disqualified due to a material defect in the bid documents submitted

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mountainside School district approves the rejection of the bid and authorizes rebidding the project with a different timeline for completion.

10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Architect of Record agreement with Solutions Architecture for the 2025-2026 school year; and to approve a facilities audit in the amount of \$27,600 and a capacity analysis in the amount of \$6,400 (Attachment #9 & 10)
11. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Mountainside School District, upon the recommendation of Dana Sullivan, Interim Business Administrator, hereby award and approve the extension of the contract with Maschio's Food Service for the 2025-2026 school year with a FSMC fixed price fee of \$10,962.35 with a guarantee return of \$1,000, total cost of contract is \$287,921.86. Approved student lunch prices for Elementary and Middle School is \$3.85.

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12. **WHEREAS**, there exists a need for professional services in the specific area(s) of Audit Services; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (NJSA 18A:18A-1 et seq.) permits the award of contracts without competitive bids for Professional Services that require licensing and are regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law requires that the Board of Education adopt a resolution awarding such contracts at a public meeting.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mountainside Board of Education, as follows:

1. The appointment of Kathi Mantell from the firm of Nisivoccia, LLP as Auditor for a fee not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year audit.
 2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because Auditors are a recognized profession licensed and regulated by law. (Attachment #11)
13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to contract with Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP for Policy Alert and Support System (PASS) and annual district online maintenance fee in the amount of \$4,915.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. (Attachment #12)
14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to contract with Global Compliance Network, Inc. (GCN) for staff tutorials in the amount of \$1,680.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. (Attachment #13)
15. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an updated Field Maintenance Agreement between the Mountainside School District and Mountainside Softball Baseball League (MSBL). (Attachment #14)
16. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Rates and Other Services Agreement with Union County Educational Services Commission for 2025-2026 (Attachment #15).
17. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a parent transportation contract, in the amount of \$12,000, pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A: 39.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A: 27-9.9, between the Mountainside Board of Education and the parent/legal guardians of **Student #15357 MSD** for 2025 ESY and RSY from 7/1/25-6/30/26.
18. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a parent transportation contract, in the amount of \$15,000, pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A: 39.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A: 27-9.9, between the Mountainside Board of Education and the parent/legal guardians of **Student #81338899732** for RSY from 7/1/25-6/30/26.

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19. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Next Step Pediatric Therapy for physical therapy services and evaluations at a rate of \$97/hour, not to exceed \$27,160.00 for ESY 2025 and the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #16)
20. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Care Plus to provide In-District Counseling Services to students and families referred by school district personnel for the 25/26 school year, 2 days per week in the amount of \$62,400. (Attachment #17)
21. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with The Original Hoopers, LLC for use of Deerfield facilities, at a total cost of \$475, per Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510.
22. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #18).
23. Move to approve a joint transportation agreement between Springfield Public Schools and the Mountainside Board of Education for out-of-district transportation routes for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #18A)

XV. Personnel

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
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1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the **certificated tenured personnel** list for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #19)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the **certificated non-tenured personnel** list for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #20)
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the **affiliated non-certificated staff (secretaries and custodians)** list for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #21)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the **non-affiliated personnel**, effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. (Attachment #22)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **paraprofessionals** for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #23)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of part-time **lunch aides** for the 2025-2026 school year. (Attachment #24)
7. Move to accept upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of **Casey Johnson**, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, effective July 1, 2025, and thank him for his time in the district. (Attachment #25)

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XVI. Curriculum

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, field trip(s) as detailed to the Board of Education.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
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XVII. Policy

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
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Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, for the first reading of the following policies:

P 5841	Secret Societies	Revised/Recommended
P 8110	Attendance Areas	New/Recommended

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

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

XIX. New Business

XX. Committee Report

XXI. Public Participation

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XXII. Executive Session

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XXIII. Adjournment

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