

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 27, 2019

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

A Regular Meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey was called to order by Mr. James Ruban, Jr., at 7:00 p.m. in the Beechwood School Susan O. Collier Media Center, 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey.

II. Roll Call

At roll call, the following members were present:

Mr. Dante Gioia
Mr. Christopher Minks
Mr. James Ruban, Jr.
Mrs. Candice Schiano
Mr. Carmine Venes

Also present were Janet Walling, Superintendent of Schools, Steve DiGeronimo, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. Hyman was absent. Dr. Dana Guidici Pietro arrived after roll call at 7:25 pm.

III. Executive Session - Resolution (Attachment #1)

Moved: Mr. Gioia Seconded: Mr. Minks

RC:

Gioia -yes Guidici Pietro -abs Hyman -abs Ruban -yes
Minks -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 (R.S. 10:4-13), permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting or portion of a meeting of this public body in circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board must consider matter(s) involving the following:

1. Legal/Personnel

The disclosure of which could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy; now

WHEREAS, the discussion of individual items to be considered by the Board in closed session may be made public once the need for confidentiality no longer exists, but the Board cannot state at the present time then that will be.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss the above mentioned matter to the exclusion of all others. Matters discussed may or may not be made public this evening. If an action results, it will be taken following reentry into regular session.

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IV. Close Executive Session and Reconvene Public Session

Moved: Mr. Gioia Seconded: Mr. Minks

RC:

Gioia -yes Guidici Pietro -yes Hyman -abs Ruban -yes
Minks -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

The public meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

V. Flag Salute

VI. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Mr. Minks Seconded: Mr. Gioia

RC:

Gioia -yes Guidici Pietro -yes Hyman -abs Ruban -yes
Minks -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

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VII. Correspondence - none

VIII. Public Participation - none

IX. President's Report - none

X. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Walling overviewed new Beechwood dismissal procedures. She noted the school calendar was finalized. Mrs. Walling also discussed opening day preparations, new teacher orientation, and keynote speaker Alan Brown who will be presenting for staff PD day.

XI. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

Mr. Gioia met the new superintendent at GL. He mentioned that there is an open campus for seniors, and the board attorney gave the board legal training.

XII. Administration

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Administration #1-4**

Moved: Mr. Minks Seconded: Mr. Gioia

RC:

Gioia -yes Guidici Pietro -yes Hyman -abs Ruban -yes
Minks -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the approval of the 2019-2020 School Year calendar (Attachment #2)
2. Motion to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff members to serve on the district ScIP (School Improvement Panel) / Professional Development Committee for the 2019-2020 school year: Kimberly Richards, Suzanne Jenks, Michelle Cruz, Natalie Crisafulli, Kathy Goldbeck, Sue Goracy, Janelle Lauterbach, Liz Shimwell, Lori Topel.

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3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance for School Year 2018-2019 (Attachment #3).
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood School July 2019 safety and security drill report (Attachment #4).

XIII. Budget and Finance

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Budget and Finance #1-19**

Moved: Mr. Gioia Seconded: Dr. Guidici Pietro

RC:

Gioia -yes Guidici Pietro -yes Hyman -abs Ruban -yes

Minks -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of July 2019 (Attachment #5).
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated August 1, 2019, through August 30, 2019 (Attachment #6).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of July 2019 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of July 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 July 2019:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of July 2019 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for July 2019 as submitted and certified (Attachment #7).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School General Education Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$4,519,292.00 plus a credit of \$38,238.00 for prior tuition adjustments for a total of \$4,481,054.00 (Attachment #8).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston High School Special Education Resource Room Tuition Agreement Contract for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$111,750 (Attachment #9).
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, two contracts with Reading Writing Project Network, LLC, to provide professional development services to the Mountainside School District, for the 2019-20 school year.

Be it further resolved, contract #1 in the amount of \$37,500, for professional development and site based coaching. Contract #2 in the amount of \$1,400 for packets of workshop tickets. (Attachment #10).

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7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Greenwood Lawn Service for Lawn Care in the amount of \$16,857 effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, prorated to effective date of September 1, 2019 (Attachment #11).

8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Mountainside Board of Education approve the settlement agreement with respect to student #5707573494, as discussed in executive session.

9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the professional services agreement between the Mountainside Board of Education and Progressive Therapy of NJ for behavioral (BCBA) services for the 19-20 school year, in the amount not to exceed \$39,560. This contract was procured through a quotation process. (Attachment #12).

10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the acceptance of a donation from the Beverly R. Grush Living Trust, in the amount of \$25,000, to be used for the Helen Bittrich Rottstock Memorial Writing Award (Attachment #13).

11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to revise the resolution from May 21, 2019 agenda item XIII. Budget and Finance, #13 to reflect the Cornerstone Day School tuition cost for Student #5373473925 to \$86,358.80, for the 2019-20 Regular School Year and ESY.

12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the approval of the registration for the MUJC Spring Music Festival for the 2019-20 school year, in the amount of \$1,645.00 (Attachment #14).

13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, acceptance of Nonpublic School Transportation Aid in the amount of \$20,590.00.

14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the acceptance of FY19 Extraordinary Aide in the amount of \$112,873.00.

15. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following cafeteria price list for 2019-2020:

Student lunch	\$2.90
Reduced lunch	\$.40
Extra slice with lunch	\$1.60
Adult lunch	\$3.40
Milk	\$.50
100% juice	\$.55
Bottled water 8oz/16 oz.	\$.55/1.25
Capri Sun 100% juice	\$1.00
Ice cream	\$.80/1.00
Vegetable side	\$.80
Funnel cake	\$1.25
Whole grain cupcake	\$1.00

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Fresh or chilled fruit	\$.80
Baked chips	\$.80
Baked small cookie	\$.50
Rice Krispie treat (small)	\$.50
Rice Krispie treat (large)	\$1.00

16. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #15).
17. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the shared services agreement between the Mountainside Board of Education and the Borough of Mountainside for the 2019-2020 school year. (Attachment #15A).
18. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, additional special education placements and services as per (Attachment #15B).
19. **Whereas** the Mountainside School District needs transportation for its athletic program,

Whereas multiple companies were contacted, and **whereas** two companies could partially meet the district needs to date,

Resolve to award a contract to Kensington Bus Company Inc. for use as transportation for sports trips on 9/16/19 and 9/20/19, at a rate of \$345 for the first 3 hours and \$105/hr. additional overtime.

Be it further resolved, to award a contract to MUJC for use as transportation for sports trips on 9/18/19, 9/25/19, 10/8/19, 10/16/19, 10/21/19, 10/23/19, 10/25/19, at a rate of \$73.87/hour (estimated 3 hours per game = \$221.61) for use of a 24 passenger van. (Attachment #15C)

Be it further resolved, the district will require more transportation, it remains not settled at this point.

XIV. Personnel

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Personnel #1-23**

Moved: Dr. Guidici Pietro Seconded: Mr. Gioia

RC:

Gioia -yes Guidici Pietro -yes Hyman -abs Ruban -yes
Minks -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Maternity Disability Leave for Janelle Lauterbach, Grade 1 Teacher, effective December 2, 2019, through and including February 25, 2020. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Ms. Lauterbach be granted an unpaid Family Leave from February 26, 2020, until April 10, 2020 in accordance with FMLA and NJFMLA. Ms. Lauterbach anticipates returning to work on April 13, 2020. (Attachment #16).
2. Move to accept upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Paula Pontoriero, effective July 31, 2019. (Attachment #17).

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3. Move to accept upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the agreement between the Mountainside Board of Education and employee # M0000544.
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment and employment contract of Sherifaat Rouleau, Supervisor of Special Services, at a salary of \$93,000 for the 2019-2020 school year, upon successful criminal background check. Salary to be prorated upon start date per contract terms (Attachment #18).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Ann Cooke, The Learning Consultant LLC, for Special Education Services from September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019, at the per diem rate of \$350, not to exceed 12 days.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Dayna Carroll, to the part-time position of AIM teacher, at a salary of \$26,362.80 (40% of \$65,907), Step 9 MA, for the 2019-2020 school year. **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Erica Bell, to the position of LDT-C, at a salary of \$63,590, Step 8 MA, effective September 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020, upon successful criminal background check. Salary will be prorated based on actual start date, anticipated to be October 4, 2019. (Attachment #19). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Jean Van Vliet, to the position of 2nd Grade Teacher, at a salary of \$62,582, Step 7 MA, effective September 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020, upon successful criminal background check (Attachment #20). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA*
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Lauren Hall, to the position of Special Education Teacher (Leave Replacement), at the per diem rate of \$150 for the first 20 days of the assignment, and \$185 per diem for the balance of the assignment, effective September 3, 2019, until March 27, 2020, upon successful criminal background check (Attachment #21). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Jody Rhee, to the position of Middle School Teacher (Leave Replacement), at the per diem rate of \$150 for the first 20 days of the assignment, and \$190 per diem for the balance of the assignment, effective September 3, 2019, until December 1, 2019. **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Elizabeth Carpenter, to the position of Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$22.72 per hour, effective September 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020, upon successful criminal background check (Attachment #22). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
12. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Michelle Saltalamacchia, to the position of Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$22.72 per hour, effective September 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020 (Attachment #23). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*

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13. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Suzanne Tighe, to the position of Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$22.72 per hour, effective September 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020, upon successful criminal background check (Attachment #24). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
14. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Teresa Banks, to the position of Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$22.72 per hour, effective September 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020, upon successful criminal background check (Attachment #25). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
15. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Kiri Williams, to the position of Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$22.72 per hour, effective September 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020, upon successful criminal background check (Attachment #26). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
16. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Heather Kronengold, to the position of Paraprofessional (part time), at a rate of \$22.72 per hour, effective September 1, 2019, until June 30, 2020, upon successful criminal background check (Attachment #27). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
17. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Claudia Shehady, lunch aide, effective July 30, 2019, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District (Attachment #28).
18. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of the following part time Lunch Aides for the 2019-2020 school year, upon successful criminal background check: **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.* (Attachment #29).

Name	Rate
Suzanne Tighe	\$13.00/hr.
Elizabeth Carpenter	\$13.00/hr.
Michelle Saltalamacchia	\$13.00/hr.
Lauren Klein	\$13.00/hr.

19. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following Substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year, upon successful criminal background/history check: (Attachment #30)

Name	Rate
Teresa Banks	\$100/day
Jennifer Polizzi	\$100/day
Robert Gianotti	\$100/day
Melissa Battaglia	\$100/day
Nancy DosSantos	\$90/day

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20. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dana Peterson, for Orton Gillingham evaluation for Student ID #2730742209, for up to 4 hours, at the rate of \$100/hour, from September 5, 2019 through September 27, 2019.
21. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2019-2020 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program (Attachment #31). **salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*
22. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2019-2020 Substitute Teacher List (Attachment #31A)
23. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the re-appointment of Carolee Lavey, part-time Media Assistant, at the rate of \$14/hour, from September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
**salary may be subject to adjustment upon settlement of negotiations for a successor agreement with the MEA.*

XV. Policy

The following motions were approved by roll call vote: **Policy #1**

Moved: Mr. Gioia Seconded: Dr. Guidici Pietro

RC:

Gioia -yes Guidici Pietro -yes Hyman -abs Ruban -yes

Minks -yes Schiano -yes Venes -yes

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

0141.1	Board Member and Term – Sending District	Revised/Recommended
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XVI. Old Business - none

XVII. New Business – Mr. Gioia inquired about the potential use of any unused space at Deerfield, specifically an area previously used as woodshop was mentioned.

XVIII. Committee Reports –none

XIX. Public Participation- none

XX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Gioia at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Minks to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote, 6 ayes - 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Steven DiGeronimo
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary