

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

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 October 17, 2023
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of October 17, 2023

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

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IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Recognition of Patriot's Pen Essay and Red Ribbon Poster Winners
- ❖ District updates
- ❖ QSAC overview

XI. Business Administrator's Report

XII. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report

XIII. Administration

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2022-2023 New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Beechwood and Deerfield Schools. (Attachment #2)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance (Attachment #3).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the submission of the District Performance Review (DPR) for NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance – School Year 2023-2024. (Attachment #4)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the updated Mentoring Plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9C regulations. (Attachment #5)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the use of the "New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning Observation Instrument" for administrative staff evaluations for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools October 2023 safety and security drill reports. (Attachment #6)

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 September and October 2023. (Attachment #7)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated October 19, 2023, through November 22, 2023. (Attachment #8)
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the months of September and October 2023 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the months of September and October 2023; 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 September and October 2023:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the months of September and October 2023 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for September and October 2023 as submitted and certified. (Attachment #9)

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the cooperative agreement between the Mountainside Board of Education and Berkeley Heights for a middle school wrestling program. (Attachment #10)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with G2 Athletics, LLC for a 10 session after school tennis program for Beechwood students, to be held January 4th-March 7th, at a cost of \$550 as outlined under Tier 6 usage fees in district Policy 7510.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an agreement with Golden Arrow Transportation to provide transportation for the basketball season, at a rate of \$550.00 per bus. (Attachment #10A)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept an MEF grant in the amount of \$2,800, to be used to enhance the STEAM program with robotics equipment.
8. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the travel, professional development requests, and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #11). 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

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Development Plan. All reimbursements shall be made in accordance with state guidelines 18A:11-12.

9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, special education placements and services as per (Attachment #12).
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve home instruction for **Student #2936698529**, for up to 10 hours per week, provided by Dr. L. Hanes & Associates, at a rate of \$75/hour.

XV. Personnel

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the retirement of **Denise Barone**, Deerfield Secretary, effective January 1, 2024, and thank her for nearly 19 years of dedicated service to the Mountainside School District. (Attachment #13)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a medical leave of absence for **Employee #96953559**, beginning November 2, 2022 through November 27, 2023.
3. 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 Summer/Fall Sessions for twelve (12) graduate credits in the amount of \$2,820. (Attachment #14)
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointments of the following leave replacement teachers as follows:

Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Step	Start	End
Kirsten Post	DF	Gr. 3 Elementary	\$58,451 MA Step 2 (prorated)	11/6/23	12/11/23
JoAnn DiPaola	DF	Gr. 3-8 Phys. Ed/Health	\$54,875 BA Step 1 (prorated)	11/13/23	12/11/23
Kirsten Post	DF	Gr. 3-8 Phys. Ed/Health	\$58,451 MA Step 2 (prorated)	*12/12/23	5/7/24

**this date is revised from the previous approval on August 8, 2023*

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5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff for curriculum writing, at a rate of \$44/hour:

Teacher	Content Area	Grade Level	Hours
Natalie Crisafulli	Civics Curriculum	Grade 8	NTE 10 hours
	Theater Curriculum	Grades K-5	
	Theater Curriculum	Grades 6-8	
Michelle Cruz	Writing Curriculum	Grade 8	NTE 4 hours

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the addition of the following to the 2023-2024 Substitute Teacher List, pending paperwork and successful criminal background check. (Attachment #15)

Name	Certification	Rate
Erimina Hennings	Teacher Cert	\$125/day
Pranathi Aedla	Sub Cert pending w/ degree	\$115/day
Jamie Hibberson	Sub Cert. (pending)	\$105/day
Audrey Cardone	Sub Cert pending w/ degree	\$115/day
Jeni Starinsky (LTS)	Teacher Cert	\$125/day
Carla Rodrigues	Teacher Cert	\$125/day
Victoria Wojcik	Sub Cert. (pending)	\$105/day

7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2023-2024 School Year Stipend Positions, contingent upon student enrollment for those student activities subsidized in accordance with Board Policy 2436, Activity Participation Fee Program.

Name	Position	Salary
Judy Wargaski	Assistant Play Director	\$2,471.00
Victoria Tiscia	Art Club - Grades 5-6 <i>*add'l section due to high enrollment</i>	\$36.00/session NTE 30 sessions
Dawn Bladzinski Nara Sterba Holly Ambrose	Beechwood Green Team Club <i>*2 advisors will attend each session</i>	\$36.00/session NTE 15 sessions

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Michelle Cruz	Reading Club - Grades 3-4 (Title I funded)	\$36.00/session NTE 60 sessions/grade
Sharon Scanlan	Literacy Club - Grade 7 (Title I funded)	\$36.00/session NTE 60 sessions/grade

8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following clubs to be paid out of Title I funding, and not ARP grant funding as previously approved:

POSITION	NAME
Jr. Math Club Grades 1-2	Julia Chirls
Jr. Math Club Grades 3-5	Dayna Carroll - Gr 3 Axl Hirsch - Gr. 4 April Starling - Gr 5
FM Math Club Grades 6-8	Axl Hirsch - Gr. 7 Axl Hirsch - Gr. 8 S. Mlynarczyk - Gr 6
Reading Club Grades 1-2	Stephanie Cuccio

9. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mountainside Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Dr. Fennelly to perform an Examination for Cause pursuant to Policy No. 3161, for **Employee #96953559** to be paid by the Mountainside Board of Education.

XVI. Curriculum

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following curricular documents for Mountainside Schools:

Subject Area	Grade Levels
World Language/Spanish	Grades K-2
Theater	Grades K-5, 6-8
Writing	Grade 8
Civics	Gride 8

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

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XVII. Policy

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

1. Move the Board of Education suspend Bylaw 0131 and adopt the revised mandated policy 2415.04, and new policy 2415.50 and 2415.51 with one reading:

P 2415.04	Title I - District-Wide Parental Involvement	Revised/Mandated
P 2415.50	Beechwood Title I - School Parent and Family Engagement	New/Mandated
P 2415.51	Deerfield Title I - School Parent and Family Engagement	New/Mandated

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

P 1648.15	Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19	New/Mandated
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3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following policies for the second reading and adoption:

P 1230	Superintendent's Duties	Revised/Mandated
P 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	Revised/Mandated
P 8441	Care of Injured or Ill Persons	Revised/Mandated
P 8500	Food Services	Revised/Mandated

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to abolish following policies/regulations:

5512.01	Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
5512.02	Cyber-Bullying
P 8540	School Nutrition Program
P 8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill

XVIII. Old Business

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XIX. New Business

XX. Committee Reports

XXI. Public Participation

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XXII. Executive Session – Resolution (Attachment #)

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XXIII. Adjournment

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

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