

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 September 19, 2023
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of September 19, 2023

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Public Participation - Agenda Items Only

In accordance with Board Policy 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, in the event it appears the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 30 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to three (3) minutes' duration.

IX. President's Report

X. Superintendent's Report

- ❖ NJSLA Spring 2023 Results
- ❖ Week of Respect, and School Violence Awareness Week
- ❖ 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. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Mountainside School District Goals for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:
 - The Mountainside School District will continue to improve its ability to utilize data to inform instructional programming and implement strategies that target individual growth for all students.
 - Mountainside School District will address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, with an emphasis on learning core competencies, including health, wellness, and social awareness.
 - The Mountainside School District will evaluate instructional programs and support services, while analyzing the budget and various grant opportunities to determine the best approach both educationally and fiscally to continuing them upon the expiration of recent Federal Grants.
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2023-2024 Nursing Services Plan. (Attachment #2).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2023-2024 Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist for Beechwood and Deerfield Schools (Attachment #3).

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4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the annual Comprehensive Maintenance Plan. (Attachment #4)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools September 2023 safety, security drill reports, and bus evacuation drills. (Attachment #5)

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 August 2023. (Attachment #6)
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated September 21, 2023, through October 18, 2023 (Attachment #7).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of August 2023, and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of August 2023 ; and

WHEREAS, the 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 August 2023:

RESOLVED THAT, the Board accepts the Treasurer Report for the month of August 2023 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for August 2023 as submitted and certified (Attachment #8).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the shared services agreement for Class II Officer between the Mountainside Board of Education and the Borough of Mountainside for the 2023-2024 school year. (Attachment #9)
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the acceptance of an **MEF** donation, in the amount of \$1,500, and a **PTO** donation in the amount of \$1,455, to be used for Cyber Safety Event for all parents and students in grades 3-8.
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the contract with Annie Taranto, Literacy Consultant, for professional development services, in the amount of \$11,250. (Attachment #10)
7. 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

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

XV. Personnel

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

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of **Jeyanthi Ponnusamy**, to the position of 7th Grade Math Leave Replacement, at the salary of \$57,949, Step 1 MA, prorated, effective approximately October 30, 2023 through June 20, 2024. (Attachment #12)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the re-appointment of **Nicole Tyburski** as a leave replacement teacher for Courtney Yaskinski to provide AIM support in Beechwood and Deerfield, at the prorated salary of \$54,875, Step 1 BA, from 12/12/23-6/20/24.
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff for 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.

Staff Member	Position	Rate
Bryan Young	Girls' Basketball Coach	\$3,189 (1-2 yr. rate)
Madison Phillips	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach	\$2,276 (1-2 yr. rate)
Ferdinando Melo	Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach	\$2,276 (1-2 yr. rate)
Taylor Donato	Art Club (Grades 3) *add'l section due to high enrollment	\$36.00/session NTE 30 sessions

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Allison Hansen**, as a part-time lunch aide at Beechwood School, at a rate of \$15/hour, for the 23/24 school year, pending successful criminal background and paperwork. (Attachment #13)
5. 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 #14)

Substitute's Name	Certification	Rate
Alicia Lang	Sub Cert. 1/31/24 with degree	\$115/day
Heather Kronengold	Teacher Cert	\$125/day
Jack Sildat	Sub Cert 9/25/28 w/degree	\$115/day

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Allison Saia	Sub Cert 2/5/26 w/ degree	\$115/day
Carla Digiorgio	Teacher Cert	\$125/day
Ferdinando Melo	Sub Cert (pending)	\$105/day

6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following staff members to serve as mentors during the 2023-2024 school year:

Staff Member	Assignment (dates are approx.)	Fee Amount
Julie Lima	Nicole Tyburski 30 weeks: 10/9/23-5/3/24	\$1,000 (Limited CE)
Lori Topel	Caitlyn Kube **30 weeks: 10/2/23-4/26/24	\$550 (CEAS)
Natalie Crisafulli	Jeyanthi Ponnusamy 30 weeks: 11/13/23-6/7/24	\$1,000 (Limited CE)

*** this is updated for 30 weeks; previously approved on 9/19/23 for 15 weeks.*

7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the placement of **Gavin Jakositz** with Axl Hirsch from 10/30/2023 - 01/30/2024 for student teaching field experience hours required for Western Governors University towards his Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Education (Middle Grade degree. (Attachment #15)

XVI. Curriculum

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

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

XVII. Policy

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

1. Move the Board of Education suspend Bylaw 0131 and adopt new Policy 1642.01 and new Regulation 1642.01 and revised Policy 2419 and new Regulation 2419 with one reading based on recently approved sick leave legislation that is effective immediately and recent New Jersey Department of Education guidance provided to school districts that is effective September 1, 2023:

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P & R 1642.01	Sick Leave	New/Recommended
R 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams	New/Mandated

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

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

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

0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency	Revised/Mandated
P 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams	New/Mandated
P 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	Revised/Mandated
P 5240	Tardiness	Revised/Mandated

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

P & R 3432	Sick Leave	Abolish
P & R 4432	Sick Leave	Abolish

XVIII. Old Business

XIX. New Business

XX. Committee Reports

XXI. Public Participation

XXII. Adjournment

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____
RC: Dillon _____ Goodwin _____ Guidiciopietro _____
Hyman _____ Pupo _____ Schiano _____ Venes _____