

# 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. Dante Gioia \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Dana Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jordan Hyman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Christopher Minks \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. James Ruban, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Candice Schiano \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carmine Venes \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

RC: Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_  
Minks \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

RC: Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_  
Minks \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Flag Salute**

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

- ❖ Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2018
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of December 18, 2018
- ❖ Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2019
- ❖ Minutes of the Executive Session of January 3, 2019

**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. Chief School Administrator's Report**

1. Introduce Class II officer
2. Grant from the Union County STEM Scholars
3. School Board Recognition Month

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2019 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mountainside Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mountainside Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Mountainside Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2019 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Mountainside Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

4. New Administrative Structure Proposal

**XI. Berkeley Heights Liaison Report**

**XII. Administration**

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

RC: Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_  
Minks \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

1. **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2019-2020 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mountainside Board of Education, desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having one Medicaid eligible classified students and is therefore not required to participate in SEMI.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mountainside Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to accept the waiver approval issued by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Union following submission of an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-5.3 for the 2019-2020 school year.

2. Move to accept the Chief School Administrator's recommendations an HIB incident dated January 18, 2019.
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Memorandum Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials (Attachment #2).
4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff – 2018-2019 School Year (Attachment #3).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance – 2018-2019 School Year (Attachment #4).
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Beechwood and Deerfield Schools December 2018 safety and security drill reports (Attachment #5).

**XIII. Budget and Finance**

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

RC: Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Guidiciopietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_  
Minks \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

1. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the list of budget transfers for the month of December 2018 (Attachment #6).
2. **RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the payment of the bill list dated January 1, 2019, through January 31, 2019 (Attachment #7).
3. **WHEREAS**, the Board has received the Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of December 2018 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for the month of December 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board Secretary, Steve 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 December 2018:

**RESOLVED THAT**, the Board accepts the Treasurer Reports for the month of December 2018 and the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary for December 2018 as submitted and certified (Attachment #8).

4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the shared services agreement between the Mountainside Board of Education and the Borough of Mountainside for the 2018-2019 school year. (Attachment #9).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the acceptance of a \$1,000 grant from the Union County STEM Scholars to be used to support programs at Deerfield. (Attachment #10)
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Golden Arrow Transportation for use as transportation for sports trips at a rate of \$285 for the first 4 hours and \$70/hr. additional overtime. (Attachment #11)
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, 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 for the 2019-2020 school year: \$7,500 for 5 full day sessions.

8. Move to approve in accordance with MBOE policy 6471, School District Travel, and upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the travel and related expenses itemized in (Attachment #12). 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.

**XIV. Personnel**

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

RC: Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Guidici Pietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_  
Minks \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the retirement of Dr. Nancy Lubarsky, Chief School Administrator, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District. (Attachment #13)
2. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Edward Aponte, Custodian, and to thank him for his service to the Mountainside School District. (Attachment #14).
3. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the resignation of Brittney Steitz, Paraprofessional, and to thank her for her service to the Mountainside School District. (Attachment #15).

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4. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, Maternity Disability Leave for Amanda Baker, Grade 1 Teacher, effective April 22, 2019, until June 10, 2019. She will be permitted to utilize any accumulated sick days. It is also recommended that Ms. Baker be granted an unpaid Family Leave from June 11, 2019, until June 20, 2019 in accordance with FMLA and NJFMLA. Ms. Baker anticipates returning to work at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. (Attachment #16).
5. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the extended Maternity Disability Leave for Dayna Carroll, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at Deerfield. It is recommended that Ms. Carroll be granted additional unpaid Family Leave from March 28, 2019 until June 30, 2019 in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA. Ms. Carroll anticipates returning to work on September 3, 2019 (Attachment #17).
6. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the extended appointment of Ramona Dunning, to the position of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher (Leave Replacement), at the per diem rate of \$190, effective March 30, 2019 until June 19, 2019.
7. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following staff members for homebound instruction: Jody Rhee, not to exceed 10 hours (in total) per week, at a rate of \$39.71/hour, beginning in January, end date to be determined.
8. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Margaret Weakley to the 2018-2019 Substitute Teacher List (Attachment #18).
9. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the addition of Anthony Filiaci to the 2018-2019 Substitute Teacher List (Attachment #19).
10. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the request for tuition reimbursement from Suzanne Jenks, taken at College of Saint Elizabeth for the 2018 Fall session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,950.00 (Attachment #20).
11. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the notification to take classes from Adrienne Ridley, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, for class taken at Liberty University for the 2019 Spring Session for three (3) graduate credits in the amount of \$1,845.00 (Attachment #21)

**XV. Curriculum**

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

RC: Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Guidici Pietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_  
 Minks \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following field trips for the 2018-2019 school year:

Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost
5/22/2019	Liberty Science Center	2	Ms. Crilly Mrs. Jamnik	PTO Museum Admission: \$1072.75 PTO -Buses: \$775.25 BW Student Activity Acct – Buses: \$64.75 MEF-IMAX Admission: \$367.50 Chaperones-Admission: \$303.25

**XVI. Policy**

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

RC: Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Guidici Pietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_

Minks \_\_\_\_\_ Schiano \_\_\_\_\_ Venes \_\_\_\_\_

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the following policies for first reading and adoption:

5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities	Revised Mandated
2610	Educational Program Evaluation	Revised Mandated
5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Revised Mandated
2422	Health and Physical Education	Revised Mandated

**XVII. Old Business**

**XVIII. New Business** - Discuss additional Executive Session Board meeting in March for personnel.

**XIX. Committee Reports**

**XX. Public Participation**

**XXI. Executive Session** - Resolution (Attachment #22)

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

RC: Gioia \_\_\_\_\_ Guidici Pietro \_\_\_\_\_ Hyman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruban \_\_\_\_\_

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**XXII. Adjournment**