

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

December 18, 2018



This newsletter provides a monthly summary of discussions and actions taken at the Mountainside Board of Education meetings.

These are not the official minutes. Please check our website for the official minutes and additional information.

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Mountainside School District Board of Education

James W. Ruban, Jr. (President), Christopher Minks (Vice President)
Dante Gioia, Dana Guidici Pietro, Kate Motz, Jeane Parker, Carmine Venes

Administrative Team

Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D., Chief School Administrator
Steven DiGeronimo, Interim Business Administrator
Kimberly Richards, Principal - Deerfield School
Christina Orozco, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Instruction

Action Items	Action Taken
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	<i>BOE approved minutes for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 27, 2018 Regular and Executive Session.
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<i>Chief School Administrator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Lubarsky recognized and honored retiring Board members Kate Motz and Jeane Parker and former Board member Cathy Jakositz; Other Board members thanked them for their contributions and accomplishments; Dr. Lubarsky presented the district's Strategic Plan for 2019-2024, which is posted on our website.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Parker reported that the Girls' Soccer Team was recognized; the school play was a success; Berkeley Heights Superintendent search in ongoing.
<u>Administration</u>	<i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolutions honoring Kate Motz, Jeane Parker and Cathy Jakositz; the 5-year Strategic Plan; safety and security drills for November 2018.
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	<i>BOE approved:</i> <i>As certified by the Board Secretary:</i> Budget transfers for the month of November; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for November 2018. <i>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home instruction provided by Trinitas Regional as part of the agreement with UCESC not to exceed \$5,360; School district travel

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April Starling and Kathy Goldbeck for home instruction; extended maternity leave for Brittney Steitz; Bridget Lawrence and Susan Gerakaris, Paraprofessionals to cover Ms. Steitz' maternity leave; Jeanne Albanese to the position of Special Education teacher (Medical Leave Replacement); Jody Rhee to the position of part-time Basic Skills Teacher (Leave Replacement); the addition of Jeanne Albanese and Jody Rhee to the substitute list for 2018-19; notification to take classes from Suzanne Jenks. 			
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th grade Trailside Nature and Science Center; 6-8 grade Student Council to Hillside Community Food Bank 			
<u>Policy</u>	<p><i>BOE had second reading and adoption of this policy:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="505 543 1539 613"> <tr> <td data-bbox="505 543 618 613">5512</td> <td data-bbox="618 543 1360 613">Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)</td> <td data-bbox="1360 543 1539 613">Revised Mandated</td> </tr> </table>	5512	Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)	Revised Mandated
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<u>Old Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Motz and Jeanne Parker addressed the board, thanked them and the district for the opportunity and acknowledged the pride of their accomplishments. 			
<u>New Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Lubarsky announced that the BOE Reorganization meeting date will be Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Deerfield School, and may include executive session. The Board agreed to hold the Regular January Board meeting on January 29th, instead of the 22nd. 			
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Venes reported that at the NJSBA conference, there was a push to support programs for non-college bound students in the state. 			
<u>Public Participation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A community member commented on the Strategic Plan, teacher's professional development, the Beechwood parking lot plans, and suggested 8th graders from BH and Mountainside participate in activities together before entering high school. 			

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