

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

March 26, 2019



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.

Our meetings are recorded and can be viewed on our website or on Channel 35.

Mountainside School District Board of Education

James W. Ruban, Jr. (President), Christopher Minks (Vice President)
Dante Gioia, Dana Guidici Pietro, Jordan Hyman,
Candice Schiano, 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>	<p>BOE approved minutes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 26, 2019 Regular and Executive Session March 5, 7, 12, & 18 2019 Regular and Special Executive Sessions
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<p>Chief School Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Lubarsky honored the Teacher/Educational Service Professionals and Support Staff of the Year; Dr. Lubarsky acknowledged the Watts Foundation and Rake and Hoe Garden Club grants; Dr. Lubarsky noted Mountainside was designated as one of the Best Communities for Music Education; 6th grader Gina Fabio won a Union County "I Voted" sticker contest; Our district saw significant improvements on PARCC scores; Dr. Lubarsky mentioned the PTO will host a parent workshop on Safety and Security on 4/1; The April BOE meeting has been moved to 4/30 and the May meeting has been moved to 5/21; 3 unused snow days have been added back into the calendar as follows: 4/22, 5/24 and 5/28, pending no additional emergency closings.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gioia stated that BH is expected to announce the new superintendent on 4/25. He noted there was a discussion on full-day Kindergarten. The high school recognized it's Girls' Swim, JV Girls' Softball and Girls' Track Teams.
<u>Administration</u>	<p>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations of HIB incidents dated 2/5 and 2/11; Safety and security drills for February 2019.
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	<p>BOE approved:</p> <p>As certified by the Board Secretary:</p> <p>Budget transfers for the month of February; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for February 2019.</p> <p>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance of a \$5,800 Watts Foundation grant for stage curtain; Acceptance of a \$2,000 grant from the Rake and Garden Club of Westfield for outdoor learning center; Special Education placements and services; School district travel.

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recognition of Janine Cardone and Amanda Somers-Guerrasio as Teacher/Educational Service Professionals of the Year award recipients; The recognition of Susan Gerakaris and Marilyn Nacci as Support Staff Members of the Year award recipients; the addition of Lisa Circelli and Monica Tarabocchia to the 2018-19 Substitute List; Jeanne Albanese, Rachel Halek and Maria DeAnna for homebound instruction; Barbi Higinbotham for homebound instruction; Stephanie Iannello to mentor Colleen Kelly; the release of Christina Orozco from her duties and official position; the reinstatement of the Supervisor of Special Education position; Appointment of Ann Cooke as Interim Supervisor of Special Education; Appointment of Dana Peterson as Orton Gillingham Reading Instructor; the request for tuition reimbursement for Adrienne Ridley for \$1,845. 																				
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 657 1563 1100"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Destination</th> <th>Grade</th> <th>Teacher in Charge</th> <th>Estimated Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5/31/19</td> <td>Spanish Tavern</td> <td>8</td> <td>Ms. Contreras Ms. Lavery</td> <td>Students - \$1,700 BOE Buses - \$280</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5/14/2019 Rain date: 5/21/2019</td> <td>Staten Island Zoo</td> <td>1</td> <td>Jodi Groth</td> <td>PTO Admission: \$480.00 PTO Buses: \$960.00 Chaperones will pay at the door. Their admission is not included.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5/8/2019</td> <td>Jenkinson's Aquarium</td> <td>K</td> <td>Ms. Ianniello</td> <td>PTO Admission: \$602.00 PTO Buses: Chaperones will pay at the door. Their admission is not included.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost	5/31/19	Spanish Tavern	8	Ms. Contreras Ms. Lavery	Students - \$1,700 BOE Buses - \$280	5/14/2019 Rain date: 5/21/2019	Staten Island Zoo	1	Jodi Groth	PTO Admission: \$480.00 PTO Buses: \$960.00 Chaperones will pay at the door. Their admission is not included.	5/8/2019	Jenkinson's Aquarium	K	Ms. Ianniello	PTO Admission: \$602.00 PTO Buses: Chaperones will pay at the door. Their admission is not included.
Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost																	
5/31/19	Spanish Tavern	8	Ms. Contreras Ms. Lavery	Students - \$1,700 BOE Buses - \$280																	
5/14/2019 Rain date: 5/21/2019	Staten Island Zoo	1	Jodi Groth	PTO Admission: \$480.00 PTO Buses: \$960.00 Chaperones will pay at the door. Their admission is not included.																	
5/8/2019	Jenkinson's Aquarium	K	Ms. Ianniello	PTO Admission: \$602.00 PTO Buses: Chaperones will pay at the door. Their admission is not included.																	
<u>Policy</u>	<p><i>BOE had second reading and adoption of the following policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 1155 1563 1438"> <tbody> <tr> <td>7440</td> <td>School District Security</td> <td>Revised / Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8860</td> <td>Memorials</td> <td>Revised</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5756</td> <td>Transgender Students</td> <td>Revised / Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5111</td> <td>Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students</td> <td>Revised / Mandated</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>BOE had the first reading of the following policies:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="391 1476 1563 1623"> <tbody> <tr> <td>5600</td> <td>Student Discipline/Code of Conduct</td> <td>Revised / Mandated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5611</td> <td>Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses</td> <td>Revised / Mandated</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	7440	School District Security	Revised / Mandated	8860	Memorials	Revised	5756	Transgender Students	Revised / Mandated	5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Revised / Mandated	5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct	Revised / Mandated	5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses	Revised / Mandated		
7440	School District Security	Revised / Mandated																			
8860	Memorials	Revised																			
5756	Transgender Students	Revised / Mandated																			
5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Revised / Mandated																			
5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct	Revised / Mandated																			
5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses	Revised / Mandated																			
<u>Old Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 																				
<u>New Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 																				
<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Guidici Pietro mentioned the upcoming Spring Fling event on 3/29. The 50/50 will donate 25% towards a scholarship in honor of Ms. Crilly. Mr. Minks mentioned after 2 meetings, negotiations with the MEA have so far been successful. 																				
<u>Public Participation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A community member congratulated Teachers and Staff Members of the Year and noted disappointment with personnel changes. 																				

Our Website: www.mountainsideschools.org

Please contact the Offices of the Mountainside Board of Education if you need additional information or if you have any questions: 908-232-3232.