

Mountainside Board of Education

Meeting Highlights

April 30, 2019



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

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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
Ann Cooke, Interim Supervisor of Special Education

Action Items	Action Taken
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	<p>BOE approved minutes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 26, 2019 Regular and Executive Session April 9, 2019 Special Meeting and Executive Session
<u>CSA's Report</u>	<p>Chief School Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Lubarsky thanked Mr. Wise and Mr. Rosenblum for achievements in the music program which were recently recognized as 2019 Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation; Students from Jazz Band and 7th Grade Acapella Groups performed; Dr. Lubarsky recognized 15 students who performed at the MUJC Music Festival; Dr. Lubarsky recognized 4 art students for their accomplishments in various contests/exhibitions; Dr. Lubarsky introduced Mr. DiGeronimo who reviewed the final budget presentation for the 2019-20 school year.
<u>Berkeley Heights Liaison Report</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gioia announced Dr. Melissa Varley was named the new superintendent at Governor Livingston. He also discussed the testing results from the high school.
<u>Administration</u>	<p>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calendar updates for unused snow days; Safety and security drills for March 2019; Bus Evacuation drill reports for both schools.
<u>Budget and Finance</u>	<p>BOE approved:</p> <p>As certified by the Board Secretary: Budget transfers for the month of March; Payment of the Bill List; Reports of the Board Secretary for March 2019.</p> <p>As recommended by the CSA, the BOE approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the 2019-20 School Year budget; Subscription busing fee of \$450 for 2019-20; Agreement between Union County Ed. Services Commission and the Mountainside BOE for Special Education and Vocational Technical Schools Coordinated Transportation Services for 2019-20; Acceptance of donations from Mr. Singh (\$500), Watts Foundation (\$6,000), and Mountainside Softball Assoc. (used tractor valued at \$4,000); Acceptance of construction bid in the amount of \$184,999 from Altec Inc. and awarded a contract for the Deerfield School science lab project; Contract with Nickerson Corp. in the amount of \$101,543.11 to furnish and install equipment in conjunction with the DF science lab project.

<u>Personnel</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment contract of Suzanne Jenks as Beechwood Principal for 2019-20 SY; certificated tenured personnel list for 2019-20 SY; certificated non-tenured personnel list for 2019-20 SY; secretaries and custodians list for the 2019-20 SY; the addition of Tara Felitto to the 2018-19 substitute list; Maternity leave of Michelle Jamnik from Sept. 5-Nov. 8, 2019; Appointment of Ramona Dunning to the position of 4th grade teacher for the 2019-20 SY; Dana Peterson for Orton training for a student's diagnostic period from May-July 2019; Resignation of Tara Pirozzoli effective June 30, 2019. 															
<u>Curriculum</u>	<p><i>As recommended by the CSA, BOE approved:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="358 615 1572 888"> <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>5/23/19 (revised date)</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>5/31/19</td> <td>Music in the Park Festival- Jackson, NJ</td> <td>Gr. 6-8 Band & Chorus</td> <td>Mr. Wise Mr. Rosenblum</td> <td>Students - \$65/student Buses - \$1950 MEF grant- \$3000 total: \$8,874</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Destination	Grade	Teacher in Charge	Estimated Cost	5/23/19 (revised date)	Spanish Tavern	8	Ms. Contreras Ms. Lavery	Students - \$1,700 BOE Buses - \$280	5/31/19	Music in the Park Festival- Jackson, NJ	Gr. 6-8 Band & Chorus	Mr. Wise Mr. Rosenblum	Students - \$65/student Buses - \$1950 MEF grant- \$3000 total: \$8,874
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<u>Old Business</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 															
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<u>Committee Reports</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Guidiciopietro reported on the Crilly Scholarship Fundraiser and read a letter of thanks from Ms. Crilly's family. • Mr. Minks mentioned that negotiations with the MEA have achieved a settlement, pending completion of salary guides. 															
<u>Public Participation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 															

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